

**TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2014**

Immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance was said, a Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at 7 PM, at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66, for the purpose of hearing any public comment regarding proposed 2015 Town Budget and Water District Rates. Supervisor Scee reviewed highlights of the budget, announced that the Town tax rate remained the same at \$1.28 and also announced that rates for the Water Districts 1 ó 5 remained the same as last year. There were no public comments and this public hearing was declared closed.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lennox to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on October 8, 2014. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Correspondence received: Supervisor Scee received a letter from Jeannie Brennan, Town Historian, requesting that she no longer be paid for the position of Town Historian. Councilmen Lee and Young reported that they each had conversations with residents at Storrs Road extension for and against a water line going in on that road.

Supervisor Scee made a motion and C'man Young 2nd that the Town Historian position will continue to be a paid position, which at this time is \$208.00. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Clerk to the Supervisor read the Supervisor's Report for the month of October: Total receipts \$315,404.94, Total disbursements \$176,794.58, Total cash in bank \$216,862.43, Total investments \$600,000.00. A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee to accept the Supervisor's Report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by C'man Farrington to pay bills in Abstract #11, vouchers # 640-694, which was presented: General Fund A \$42,821.02, General Fund B \$6,533.08, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$1,350.00, Highway Fund A \$29,332.83, Highway Fund B \$68,924.72, Water Dist. 2 \$3,955.90, Water Dist. 5 \$2,162.32, Water Dist. 1 \$4,607.86, Water Dist. 4 \$179.15, Water Dist. 3 \$4,121.37, Abstract Total \$163,988.25. A question was asked about the repair on the Water Dept. pick up truck. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Councilman Lee reported that he attended a Water Committee meeting where they discussed the proposed water district 7, he attended a meeting with the county EMS director along with Supervisor Scee to discuss EMS services by Sackets Harbor Fire Department to see what could be done to improve them. He also met with Christine Eggleston and Jan Maas on the schoolhouse project to identify them, and look into historical preservation for them.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve the new assessors program where the cost to the Town of Hounsfeld will be \$750 for the license, \$750 a yr. operation and maintenance and the cost to be shared with the Town of Henderson will be \$40 a month for air card and the tablet. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee reported that the paperwork is completed for funding on proposed Water Dist. 7 and on November 12, 2014 at 7 PM an informational meeting will be held here at the meeting hall. District 7 customers will be notified.

Councilman Young reported that he attended the Hay Memorial Library meeting.

Councilman Farrington reported that he spoke to the Village about a joint Board meeting to discuss the EMS situation and he was told that at the next Fire Department Board of Directors meeting this will be addressed.

Councilman Lennox reported that he attended the Water Committee meeting and the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report and added that there is an extra billing from Yard by Yard for the cemetery mowing in the abstract this month for \$450 that should be approved.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve an extra bill for \$450 from Yard by Yard for cemetery mowing. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee announced that the County has changed its policy for collecting electronics and there is a charge for some items now and because of this, the Town will not be able to accept electronics at the recycling center anymore. A discussion was held on posting signs and an ad in the newspaper to inform residents of this or having surveillance cameras and a local law to prosecute violators. The Highway Superintendent will post signs at the recycling center and the landfill.

In regard to a credit request from the Allison estate on the Foster Park Road, Supervisor Scee reminded the Board that they were asking for \$206.18 to repair a damaged underground electrical line to their boathouse that they claim was damaged during installation of water lines for Water District 5. After further investigation from the funding agency, the engineer and contractor for this water project, this credit was denied due to lack of information that proved it was done by the contractor. Therefore a motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lennox to deny the credit request for \$206.18 by the Allison estate on Foster Park Road. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to pay an amount of \$7,242.75 to Bruce Alcombrack through payroll for personal and vacation time he was due at the time that he was appointed Highway Superintendent in 2003. C'men Lee, Farrington, Young and Supervisor Scee voted aye. C'man Lennox abstained because Mr. Alcombrack is his brother-in-law. Motion was carried.

In regard to the sick time that was due to Mr. Alcombrack when he was appointed Highway Superintendent, the Town needs to belong to the 41J retirement plan for the sick time to be added to his retirement. The clerk to the Supervisor will write a letter to the Retirement System to ask how much it will cost to belong to the plan.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young for Resolution #14-15, to call for a Public Hearing to amend Local Law #2 of 2002 on December 10, 2014 at 7 pm, which is proposed changes for the Zoning Law in regard to the Arterial Corridor. All voted aye and the motion was carried. These proposed changes are posted on the Town website.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to reappoint Ken Lawrence Jr. to the Board of Assessment Review for a 5 year term starting 10/1/2014 and ending 9/30/19. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lennox to approve the proposed 2015 Town of Hounsfield Budget as presented. A vote was taken and C'men Lee, Young and Lennox, and Supervisor Scee voted yes. C'man Farrington voted no. The motion was carried.

Attorney Renzi asked the Board the status of a water leak on Military Road and Supervisor Scee replied that the leak in the lateral has been repaired at the Town's expense and the unpaid water bill has been relieved to the Town & County tax bill which is due in January.

After public comment, the Town Board went into executive session at 8:07 on a legal matter.

The Board returned from executive session at 8:29 and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier