

**TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**December 28, 2011**

A special year end meeting of the Town of Hounsfield Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at 7 PM at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66, for the purpose of acting on final financial issues for 2011 and any other issues coming before the Board. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Board members present were: Supervisor Scee, Councilman Stephen Lee, Councilman Todd Farrington, and Councilman Vincent Battista. Councilman David Cobb was absent.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Battista to pay bills in Abstract #13, vouchers #692-728: General Fund A \$9,535.12, General Fund B \$1,008.87, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$50.00, Highway Fund A \$23,405.96, Highway Fund B \$4,566.02, Water District 2 \$17,538.67, Water District 1 \$1,041.57, Water District 4 \$680.71, Water District 3 \$1,396.32, Abstract Total \$59,223.24. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Battista for Resolution #11-24 to approve year end budget transfers. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A discussion was held on the purchase of a new dump truck and plow equipment. The Highway Superintendent explained the situation with the State Bids ending on 12/31/11 and new emissions on trucks in 2013 as he did last month. He went over the pricing and specifications of two different trucks, a Mac and a Western Star, which are very similar. He recommended to the Board purchasing the Western Star truck which would cost less in the end and more discussion was held.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee for Resolution #11-25, to authorize the Town Highway Superintendent to purchase a new Western Star dump truck for \$118,333, with a two year payment plan, and to advertise for bids for the plow equipment. A roll call vote was taken: C'man Battista voted yes, C'man Farrington voted yes, C'man Lee voted yes and Supervisor Scee voted yes. The motion was carried.

The floor was opened for public comment and Tim Queior from Foster Park Road

asked a question about emissions for trucks and then addressed the Town Board.  
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Mr. Queior spoke to the Board about the way they have not worked together very well for the past two years and issues that have cost the Town more money than they needed to, like the boiler system bids and the Water District 5 project. He also commented that some Board members will go to the County authorities about a quarter collection issue instead of working it out with our Water Department and now it will cost the Town more money to have a card swipe system for the water tower. Mr. Queior said that he would not ask C'man Battista for his resignation, but he would like Mr. Battista to consider what and how he votes on this Board in the future and that he think about the good of the whole Town instead of just the good of the Village.

Yvonne Podvin also commented that she is glad that Mr. Queior spoke about these issues to show that she is not the only resident that feels this way and she hopes that the new Board in 2012 will work together in a more positive way.

C'man Farrington apologized for bad decisions he has made but he said he has learned from them. He also suggested that Mr. Queior make his comments to the Village Board also.

Supervisor Scee announced that a swearing in ceremony will be held on January 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 PM for reelected officials and a newly elected official. A special Town Board meeting will then be held on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM to make organizational appointments for the year 2012.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier  
Town Clerk