

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 19, 2014

A Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66 at 7PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Supervisor Scee explained that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear comment on the proposed Local Law #1 of year 2014, which would amend the Town of Hounsfield Water Law, (Local Law #1 of 2013) and change the water billing dates to: the 15th of February, May, August and November of each year. The floor was opened for comments and a question was asked if the first new quarter would be prorated. The Clerk to the Supervisor was asked for her recommendation and she answered that the budgeted amount for water districts would be short if this was prorated. There were no other comments and the public hearing was closed at 7:05PM.

The regular meeting of the Town Board was immediately called to order.

Board members present were: Supervisor Scee, Councilman Stephen Lee, Councilman Todd Farrington, Councilman Richard Young, and Councilman Carson Lennox.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve minutes of the Town Board meeting held on February 12, 2014. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Supervisor's Report for February was read by the Clerk to the Supervisor: Total receipts \$198,514.08, Total disbursements \$342,760.35, Total in checking account \$894,398.68, and Total investments \$365,000.00.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lennox to approve the Supervisor's Report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Abstract #3, Vouchers #126-199 were presented: General Fund A \$46,464.58, General Fund B \$7,625.00, Highway Fund A \$33,978.96, Highway Fund B \$1,610.94, Water District 2 \$1,434.14, Water District 5 \$3,407.33, Water District 1 \$38.00, Water District 4 \$17,014.05, Water District 3 \$1,084.92, Fire Protection \$73,000.00, Abstract Total \$185,657.92.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Young to pay bills in abstract #3, vouchers #126-199. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Councilman Lee reported that he attended a Water Committee meeting and a Planning Board meeting.

Supervisor Scee reported that, in answer to the card machine at the water tower freezing, it has been suggested that the tower be closed to haulers from December through February. After a discussion, this suggestion will be tabled until the Water Committee can discuss options at their next meeting, Wednesday March 26th.

Councilman Young reported that he attended the Hay Memorial Library Board meeting and a meeting with the Economic Development Committee for a presentation of the Boston Design Alliance for a proposed health care facility in the Town of Hounsfield.

Councilman Farrington reported that he also attended the health care facility presentation, the monthly Village Board meeting, and the regular Fire Dept. meeting. C'man Farrington was told that the Fire Dept. matched the \$5,000 from the Town, for a total of \$10,000 to repair the building at Sulphur Springs. He also reported that the Court has received \$3615 in grant funds from OCA to use for equipment and there have been problems with the sewer at the court building this winter.

Councilman Lennox reported that he also attended the health care facility presentation. He attended the Bed Tax Committee meeting and the new ðat large member from the Town will be Bob Overton, the new ðat large member from the Village will be Alice Holman. He listed the disbursements of Bed Tax funds that were allocated to non profit groups who applied. C'man Lennox reported he also attended the Recreation Commission meeting.

Dave Mosher was present to report on the new business park that is planned for the Airport.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for February.

Kris Dodson was present with a draft copy of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town and he spoke about the process to this point.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young for approval that the Comprehensive Plan draft copy be sent on to Jefferson County Planning for comments and that the SEQR process be scheduled. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Lennox for Resolution #14-4, to adopt Local Law #1 of 2014 which would amend the Town of Hounsfield Water Law, (Local Law #1 of 2013), changing the months that meter readings are read and billed to the 15th of February, May, August, and November of each year. In a roll call vote, Councilman Lennox voted aye, Councilman Farrington voted nay, Councilman Lee voted nay, Councilman Young voted aye, and Supervisor Scee voted aye. Motion carried and Local Law #1 of 2014 was adopted.

Supervisor Scee explained that the bridge over Black River between Town of Hounsfield and the Village of Dexter on NYS Rt. 180 will be replaced this year and several issues associated with that project need to be acted on by the Town Board tonight.

A motion was made by Supervisor Timothy Scee and 2nd by C'man Stephen Lee for Resolution #14-5, That the Town of Hounsfield is not responsible for maintenance or removal of snow or ice from sidewalks on the NYS Rt. 180 bridge over Black River, Village of Dexter and Town

of Hounsfield. Project Number 7012.10. In a roll call vote all members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by C'man Richard Young and 2nd by C'man Farrington for Resolution #14-6, to authorize the Supervisor of the Town of Hounsfield to enter into an agreement with the NYS DOT to commit the Town to maintain, at its own expense, the lighting system, in its jurisdiction, on the bridge project #7012.10. In a roll call vote, all members voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to approve a Utility Work Agreement between Town of Hounsfield and State of New York in regard to bridge replacement project # 7012.10. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve an agreement between Town of Hounsfield and State of New York, for energizing of highway lighting for a State Highway 180 on a bridge over Black River. Project #7012.10. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee to approve the estimated cost of \$600 to relocate utilities for public use in connection with project #7012.10 on NYS Rt. 180, structure over Black River. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lennox to authorize Supervisor Scee to sign the summary sheet which includes all the above agreements in connection with project # 7012.10, bridge on NYS Rt. 180 over Black River. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter at 8:30 PM. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Board reconvened this meeting at 9:00PM and Attorney Renzi was asked about naming a private drive for 911 addressing purposes and he replied that the parcel owner needs to come before the Town Board with a request that they approve the name for his private drive.

A discussion was held on consolidation of courtroom and court offices with offices at the Town Hall building. C'man Farrington and C'man Young will meet with the Town Justices to discuss this.

A discussion was held on the GIS system for the highway dept. trucks. It was decided that the Highway Superintendent could contact the Towns that have this system and they might be able to answer some questions that the Board has about it.

The Water Operator reported that a hydrant was damaged on Storrs Rd. and repaired.

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A discussion was held on the replacement of 4 or 5 computers in the Town offices due to loosing support by Microsoft for Windows XP on or after April 8, 2014. Information will be gathered on this and three quotes and recommendations will be presented next month.

A discussion was held on planning an audit of the Town finances.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:41 PM.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk