

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 13, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Town of Hounsfield Town Board was called to order by Supervisor, Timothy Scee at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66, at 7 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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 Young to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4/8/15. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee received correspondence: An invitation was received for the Town Board to attend a dedication of Fort Pike Park in Sackets Harbor on May 25th at 1 PM. Also May 25th is the Memorial Day Parade and Supervisor Scee encouraged the Board members to march as a group in the parade.

A letter was received from Mrs. Powell from Hess Shore Drive with concerns and opposition to the proposed wind farm on Galloo Island.

A letter was received from the DEC notifying the Town of a 2nd violation in 5 years for bulk gasoline storage at the Sackets Harbor Country Mart.

Supervisor Scee received a call today from Julie Covey of the Ontario Basin Initiative about a 25 acre land locked parcel near the Jericho Road. This parcel was left to the initiative a few years ago and they have no use for it so they are offering it to the Town. Some questions came up from Board members so the Supervisor will call Ms Covey and get the answers.

Councilman Young had a letter from Robert E. Aliasso Jr., Co Chair of the Coalition for the Preservation of the Golden Crescent and 1000 Islands Region, opposing the proposed wind farm on Galloo Island.

The Supervisor's Report for April 2015 was read by the Clerk to the Supervisor: Total receipts \$286,080.28, Total disbursements \$234,678.40, Total cash in bank \$207,043.09, and Total investments \$900,000.00. It was also mentioned that the Town did receive sales tax of \$139,000 which was down 7% from last year, received \$9042 from the State for the storm last fall, and received a rebate from Sackets Harbor Chamber of Commerce of \$3625. C'man Lee asked about the Consolidated Health that was collected in January and the Clerk responded that the Town has not yet received that from the County. C'man Young asked about the audit that was approved and the Clerk responded that auditors were here yesterday to collect information and they will return next week to complete the audit of 2009 and 2010. C'man Lee made a motion and C'man Lennox 2nd to approve the Supervisor's Report of April 2015. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by C'man Lee to pay bills in abstract #5, vouchers #237-308 as presented: General Fund A \$36,255.49, General Fund B \$185.46, Highway Fund A \$15,043.17, Highway Fund B \$10,280.64, Water District 2 \$5,141.30, Water District 5 \$1,990.40, Water District 1 \$3,369.76, Water District 4 \$182.42, Water District 3 \$634.84, Abstract total \$73,083.48. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he was unable to attend the last Water Committee meeting. He did however attend a conference at Blue Mountain Lake where he met with funding agencies and discussed opportunities for Water District 6 here in Hounsfield.

C'man Young reported that he also attended the conference at Blue Mountain Lake and he was interested in the information on recycling and solar power. He attended the Hay Memorial Library meeting and he noted that he did not get any notice of an Economic Development Committee meeting.

C'man Farrington reported that he also attended the conference at Blue Mountain Lake and he learned that there is State funding available for the ambulance if the Fire Department would like to start a stand alone service.

He also opened the bids for mowing at Lakeside Cemetery: Yard by Yard, Chaumont, NY bid \$450 per mow, and Rob's Lawn Care, Philadelphia, NY bid \$400 per mow.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to accept the low bid of \$400 per mow made by Rob's Lawn Care of Philadelphia, NY for mowing of Lakeside Cemetery for 2015. After a discussion, all voted aye and the motion was carried. The owner will drop off his proof of insurance to the Town Clerk.

C'man Lennox reported that he attended the Planning Board meeting, the review meeting with the engineers for proposed water district 6, the Water Committee meeting, and the Joint Recreation Commission meeting for April. He also attended the conference at Blue Mountain Lake and he thought it was very informative.

A work report was given by the Highway Superintendent. A discussion was held about the water tower: The repairs are finished and the tower is now open. The repairs cost about \$4,000. A quote was received for spray foam insulation for the inside lower portion of the tower. The Board decided to get another quote also.

A monthly report was given by the Zoning Officer.

The Water Operator informed the Board that he received a letter from EJP saying that they are no longer reps for Sensus meters. The company representing Sensus meters now is HD Supply and there were reps present to assure the Board that they will find the problem with so many meters not reading with the hand held device.

Supervisor Scee reported that he also attended the Blue Mountain Lake conference. The law suite update is that the attorneys have a six month period from the end of April for the discovery process.

Supervisor Scee talked to Don Alexander of JCIDA about the Industrial Park and a potential warehouse tenant.

Supervisor Scee and the Town Assessor met with the developer of a proposed wind farm on Galloo Island.

Supervisor Scee explained that the purchase of a Bob Cat skid steer that was approved at the last meeting did not happen because the Town was unaware that there would be about \$8000 in finance charges on the lease. Board members decided to put this purchase on hold and wait until budget season to discuss this again.

Eric Pond and Manasseh Burt from Barton & Loguidice were present to discuss Water District 6 project. C'man Lee asked how the Filley Road was taken out of the project and the response from Mr. Burt was that he didn't know but it was not intentional.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to include the Filley Road in the proposed Water District 6 project. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2nd by C'man Young to add Co. Rt. 66 from intersection with Co. Rt. 62 to Adams town line and Parker Road and West Martin Road to the proposed Water District 6 project. After a discussion Supervisor Scee rescinded this motion.

A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2nd by C'man Young to add Co. Rt. 66 from the intersection with Co. Rt. 62 to the Adams town line or the last residence and the Clark Road to the proposed Water District 6 project. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2nd by C'man Lee to have the section of Parker Road and West Martin Road considered an add/delete of proposed Water District 6 project and be built if funds are left after construction of core district. All voted aye. Carried.

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A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by Supervisor Scee to have the section of Co. Rt. 62 from Jericho Road to Co. Rt. 63, including four residences past the intersection, considered an add/delete of proposed Water District 6 project and be built if there are funds after the construction of the core district. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

An update was given on proposed water district 7 timetable, the water tower, and sewer system.

At this time Supervisor Scee opened the floor for comments and Sharry Rogers thanked the Highway crew for cleanup at Lakeside Cemetery, she asked about repairs on the building at Lakeside, and commented on the water district add ons. She also asked about the ambulance service.

A resident of the Filley Road thanked the Board for adding it into proposed Water District 6.

The next Town Board meeting is June 10, 2015.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk

