

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 14, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfield was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at 7:00 pm, at the Town hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66 and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by C'man Young to approve the minutes of the 4/9/14 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Correspondence received was: An invitation was received from the Battlefield Alliance for the Town Board members to attend a dedication of a monument for 1812 soldiers. It will be on August 3rd at noon. RSVPs are required.

A letter was received from State Senator Patti Richie to notify the Town that due to the extra expense of removing storm debris this year, there will be an extra \$10,500 added to the CHIPS funding for Hounsfield.

A letter was received from the Village of Brownville (water supplier for Water Dist. 1) to notify the Town that DANC has lowered the EDU charge by \$7 and the Village of Brownville has lowered their rate for water \$.40 per thousand.

A letter was received from the Village of Sackets Harbor (water supplier for Water Districts 2,3,and 4) to notify the Town that their water rate is increasing \$.50 per thousand.

C'man Lee reported that he received correspondence from the MRB Engineering and Architect Group offering assistance on projects in the future.

The Supervisor's report for April was read by the Clerk to the Supervisor: Total receipts, \$373,027.30, Total disbursements \$155,066.31, Total in checking account \$329,593.49, and Total investments \$800,000.00. Sales Tax and Bed Tax are included in this report.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lennox to accept the Supervisor's Report for April 2014. 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 #269-334: General Fund A \$18,657.06, General Fund B \$213.94, Highway Fund A \$23,416.78, Highway Fund B \$12,630.43, Water Dist. 2 \$1,578.87, Water Dist. 5 \$73,792.00, Water Dist. 1 \$6,813.03, Water Dist. 4 \$225.67, Water Dist. 3 \$703.97, Abstract Total \$138,031.75. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he attended a Water Committee meeting, he met with the engineer for proposed Water Dist. 6, he spoke to RD and EFC representatives, and he attended the Minnowbrook Conference.

C'man Young reported that he also attended the Minnowbrook Conference, he attended an Economic Development Committee meeting, and he also reported on the Hay Memorial Library poetry contest reception.

C'man Lennox reported that he attended a Joint Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and he attended a Solar Alternative Energy seminar at JCC.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to authorize the Supervisor to write a letter of support to a CFA Grant application for the Health Club in Madison Barracks. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for April, he also reported that the extra \$10,500 from the State for cleanup of the winter storm debris must be spent on roads. Mr. Alcombrack also reported that most people are very patient when waiting to pass on a road where storm debris is being picked up by the Highway crew but recently a motorist got out of his car and started screaming at the flagman. Supervisor Scee revealed that it was Dr. Robert Johnson of Sackets Harbor that caused the scene, a surgeon at Samaritan Medical Center.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lennox to get three quotes each on two new 48" rider mowers and one new 60" zero turn mower. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

At this time the sealed bids were opened for mowing of the Lakeside Cemetery:

Ray Ray's Lawn Care, Dexter, NY	\$1150 per mow
Gilmore Lawn Care, Watertown, NY	\$ 475 per mow
Yard by Yard, Dexter, NY	\$ 450 per mow
Dan Monroe and Sons, Antwerp, NY	\$ 440 per mow

After a discussion, a motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to accept the bid of Yard by Yard for mowing of Lakeside Cemetery at \$450 per mow and about 16 mows. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Due to a house on Morin Lane repeatedly flooding, permission was given by landowners next door, the Davis', to remove clogged culvert pipes with option to replace.

Supervisor Scee reported that the organizer of an event called the Incredible Run that is planned for this year has no approvals from the Village of Sackets Harbor, Town of Hounsfield, or the County of Jefferson. Supervisor Scee has a meeting planned with the organizer of the event and two Village officials later this month.

C'man Young asked what is the status of having a Town audit done and the Supervisor replied that he and the Clerk to the Supervisor meet with an accounting firm and they received a estimate of \$6,000 to \$15,000 for an audit. A discussion was held on the options of the Town.

A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2nd by C'man Lee to have a Public Hearing for comments on a Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Hounsfield at the next regular meeting 6/11/14 at 7 pm. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Lennox to amend resolution #14-1 for mileage reimbursement to \$.56 per mile. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Public comments were given on the Incredible Race and the Town's historic bridges.

Announcements: 1812 Run meeting in June, Cable Carry Reenactment 200th Anniversary will be held in June. Memorial Day parade will be held 5/26/14 at 11 am.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to contribute \$250 to the Cable Carry Reenactment event. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk