

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 12, 2013

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

Board members present were: Supervisor Scee, C'man Stephen Lee, C'man Todd Farrington, C'man Vincent Battista, and C'man Richard Young.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Battista to open a public hearing at this time for the purpose of hearing public comment on the transfer of tax parcel # 81.14-1-46.9 which is vacant land on Storrs Road from the Town of Hounsfield to Robert J. Ritz for the purpose of combining it with his pre-existing lot, via a Quit Claim Deed. All members voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee opened the floor for public comments and after hearing none, a motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to close the public hearing. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

After a discussion that Robert Ritz will be responsible for any fees pertaining to the transfer of tax parcel 81.14-1-46.9, a motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2nd by C'man Lee to approve the minutes of the 5/8/13 Town Board meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee to amend proposed resolution #13-29 to provide that Mr. Ritz will be responsible for any fees involved in the transfer of parcel 81.14-1-46.9. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Battista for resolution #13-29, which provides for a transfer of parcel # 81.14-1-46.9 from the Town to Robert Ritz. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

In correspondence, a notice was received for a seminar on pros and cons of a disillusionment of a village, being held in Watertown on June 20th.

The Clerk to the Supervisor read the Supervisor's Report for May: Total Receipts \$148,122.91, Total disbursements \$62,310.02, Total in checking account \$36,269.76, Total investments \$801,384.45.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to accept the Supervisor's Report for May. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Abstract #6, vouchers # 302-373 was presented: General Fund A \$16,511.21, General Fund B \$484.80, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$3,466.10, Highway Fund A \$11,124.73, Highway Fund B \$7,498.60, Water District 2 \$3,374.40, Water District 5 \$3,069.85, Water District 1 \$302.45, Water District 4 \$221.75, Water District 3 \$839.10, Water District 5 Capital Fund \$48,750.43, Abstract Total \$95,643.42.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Lee to pay the bills in abstract #6, vouchers #302-373. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he attended a Water Committee meeting, an Economic Development Committee meeting, and met with Jim Rounds who is interested in being our next Assessor.

C'man Young reported that he attended the Economic Development Committee meeting, and Hay Memorial Library meeting. East Hounsfield Library had no meeting last month. He marched in the Memorial Day parade and attended a Senior Citizen's dinner honoring Sue Brockman. He also reported that the Ethics Board has met several times and the members appointed him as chair.

C'man Battista reported that he attended the Sackets Harbor Fire Dept. meeting and there were 17 fire calls in May, 17 ambulance calls (responded to 11), the new truck is active, and the Chicken Bar-B-Q at Station 2 was a success. The antique pumper was taken to the Jefferson County Historical Society for a day of display.

C'man Farrington reported that he attended a Recreation Commission meeting, and a special meeting at East Hounsfield Library about grants and repairs that need to be done. He also met with the Highway Superintendent and the rest of the Town Board to discuss road conditions.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for the month of May.

The Town Clerk gave a collections report for the month of May and reported that she attended the Lakeside Committee meeting.

A report was given by the Zoning Officer.

A report was given by Dave Altieri for the Economic Development Director.

Corey Reid was present from Bernier, Carr with a report on Water District 5, DEC program for storm water flooding, and a workshop on 6/28 for EFC funding.

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A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee that a letter be sent to New York State DEC and ask to be exempt from their storm water shed program. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to eliminate the EDU charge of \$500 to New York State DEC at Muskalonge Creek in Water District 5 and reimburse Jefferson County for this charge on the 2013 taxes. All voted aye. Carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to appoint Jim Rounds as Town Assessor, starting August 1, 2013 at a rate of \$9 per parcel. This will give Mr. Rounds 60 days to work with retiring Assessor Jean Rogers. All voted aye. Carried.

Due to an error in distribution in bed tax funds, the Town of Hounsfield has received an extra \$23,200. The Board agreed to have the Bed Tax Committee hold another round of applications and distribution of \$5,000 in bed tax funds immediately. Letters will go out to first round applicants

In public comment, Water Operator Jeff Kenney announced that as of July 15, 2013, the Town water tower on Tower Road will operate only with the card swipe system and cards are available at the Town Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2nd by C'man Young to hire Attorney Scott Chatfield at \$200 per hr. with a cap of \$10,000 to represent the Town of Hounsfield in a litigation summons that was received. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee announced that the regular meeting of the Town Board for July will be held on July 17, 2013.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk