

**TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**June 13, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfield was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at 7 PM, 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, and C'man Vincent Battista. C'man Todd Farrington and C'man Richard Young were absent.

Supervisor Scee reopened the Public Hearing on a proposed Town of Hounsfield Ethics Law, Local Law #2 of 2012, for any comments. There were no comments and the hearing was then declared closed.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Battista to approve minutes submitted for the May 9, 2012 meeting. 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 to approve minutes submitted for a special meeting held on May 16, 2012. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee reported that he received a certified letter from the Teamsters Union 687 notifying the Town that contract negotiations should start soon since the contract with the Town ends on 12/31/12.

The Supervisor's Report was read by the Clerk to the Supervisor: Month of May, Total Disbursements were \$784,975.79, Total Receipts were \$643,605.27, Checking account balance was \$38,304.87, and Investment balance was \$976,904.28.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Battista to accept the Supervisor's Report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Abstract #6, vouchers #304-376 was presented: General Fund A \$13,721.83, General Fund B \$151.93, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$1,970.98, Highway Fund A \$15,583.36, Highway Fund B \$8,618.53, Water District 2 \$3,172.26, Water District 1 \$364.91, Water District 4 \$2,122.28, Water District 3 \$1,480.22, Water District 5 Capital Fund \$6,132.26, Abstract Total \$53,318.56.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to accept and pay bills in abstract #6, vouchers # 304-376. 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 to pay an extra bill of \$77.86 to Watertown Daily Times. 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 to approve a water credit request for \$73.15 due to a defective meter on act. # 502. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that the Water Committee meets next week. He met with the Village Mayor and the Chamber President to interview applicants for the Economic Development Director. C'man Lee introduced their selection for the job, Peter Bryant.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Battista to approve hiring Peter Bryant for the Economic Development Director position. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Battista reported that he attended the Fire Dept. meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>. There were 7 fire calls and 17 ambulance calls (some mutual aid for Henderson). A very successful chicken Bar-B-Q was held at station 2 by the Ladies Auxiliary. Steve Pechey was appointed as Training Officer.

Supervisor Scee reported on the ISO review meeting and he said that when the Village increased their capacity to produce water the Fire Department moved a reserve truck into a pumping status to fulfill the increase. The training records will be caught up to date by the next review in October and the ISO rating should increase to it's original status.

Supervisor Scee received a report from C'man Farrington that Attorney Dave Renzi has reviewed the deed for East Hounsfield Library and it would be acceptable that the Town lease property there for a ball field.

The Highway Superintendent presented a work report for May. Mr. Alcombrack asked the Board to authorize him to hire a third part time laborer for the summer at \$10.40 hr. This would help fill in for vacation times of full time highway employees.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to authorize the Highway Superintendent to hire a third part time laborer for the summer at \$10.40 hr. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Town Clerk gave a collections report for May and she reported that she attended a Cemetery Committee meeting.

The Zoning Officer gave a report.

Cory Reid was present from Bernier Carr Assoc. with an update on Water District 5, a ground breaking ceremony and the start of construction. He also reported that the DEC wetlands permit has not arrived yet which will allow the boring under Muskalong Creek and Supervisor Scee asked Mr. Reid to verify that DEC has received all that they needed for this application.

At this time the new Economic Development Director, Peter Bryant, spoke on what his plans are for this new job. C'man Lee offered to supply Mr. Bryant with a zoning map, zoning law and a water district map.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to table the adoption of Local Law #2 of 2012 (Ethics Law) until next month's meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee reported that some renewed interest in replacing some of the fence around Lakeside Cemetery has come about and there are residents willing to donate \$60,000 to \$62,000 to replace the fence on the Military Road side and the end towards the center of the Village. Also, research is ongoing on adjacent property that is for sale because the purchase of this land would enlarge the cemetery which is needed. This discussion will also be tabled until the full Board is present.

Supervisor Scee said that C'man Young would be an excellent choice to be the Board member to be involved in the upcoming union negotiations, with his experience in this area. C'man Young has agreed to do this and a formal motion will be made at the next meeting.

Jeff Kenney, Water Operator, mentioned to the Board that the company that built both Town water towers is offering free tank inspections and he will set that up with them. He also reported to the Board that the Booster Club at school has donated \$5,000 to the Recreation Commission for work on a new ball field at the school and asked the Board if the highway department could be authorized by them to do the work on the field as a shared service project.

Mr. Kenney announced that the Recreation Commission is sponsoring a soap box derby to be held on Main Street in the Village on Can Am weekend, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, for children ages 5-13. Instructions and entry forms will be available here and in the Village.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Scee to change the Town Board meeting date for July to the 18<sup>th</sup> which is the third Wednesday. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier  
Town Clerk

