

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 8, 2011

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 7PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present were: Supervisor Scee, Councilmen: Stephen Lee, Todd Farrington, David Cobb, and Vincent Battista.

Sealed bids were opened for a used hydraulic excavator: \$99,000 from Yacano's Gradall Service, Norwich, NY, \$94,000 also from Yacano's in Norwich, and \$31,000 from Carters Trucking & Blacktopping, Morrisonville, NY. The Highway Superintendent was asked to review these bids to see if they are within the specs.

Supervisor's comments: He stated that the public comment section of the meeting is not a question and answer session and asked that comments be addressed to the Board only. He also asked that the regular Board meetings not be used for any campaigning.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve minutes of the May 18, 2011 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Correspondence: Supervisor Scee received a notice from Association of Towns for Board training, a letter from DEC to make the Board aware that the paper mill on Paddy Hill made application to retool the mill, and an email from Kathy Snyder resigning from the Planning Board. Supervisor Scee and the Board agreed to take names of interested persons for two weeks and then hold interviews for the vacant position on the Planning Board. Ads will be posted and a thank you letter will go out to Kathy.

A request was made by the Sackets Harbor Planning Board that the Town Board name them lead agency for a PDD review in Madison Barracks a motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to do this in a letter. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

In a response to an earlier request, Supervisor Scee explain to Ms Jane Bardon of Military Road that the roadside in front of her home does need to be mowed for

for the safety of motorists.

The Supervisor's Report was given: Total receipts were \$666,673.11, total disbursements were \$111,523.36, total in checking accounts \$714,998.74, and total investments \$726,903.51. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to accept the Supervisor's Report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Battista to pay bills in Abstract #6, vouchers #268-345: General Fund A \$13,656.81, General Fund B \$81.30, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$13.98, Highway Fund A \$9,307.62, Highway Fund B \$11,412.36, Water District 2 \$5,228.00, Water District 1 \$564.90, Water District 4 \$514.05, Water District 3 \$1,746.11, Water District 5 Capital Fund \$405,205.09, Totaling \$447,730.22. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he attended the Water Committee meeting and they discussed billing for Water Districts 2 & 5 and they agreed that any extra cost for District 5 would stay in District 5. The quality report is in on the well water and it is very good quality. The hardness level is 10 and it is calcium but it is not bad enough to treat. C'man Battista added that Sackets Harbor water hardness level is only 3.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Cobb to make a change to the Town Water Standardization Policy. A change to use the Sensus I Pearl meter will be made. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Cobb had no report.

C'man Battista reported he attended the Fire Dept. meeting and a letter was received from State Senator Ritchie about a law she introduced called Mark's Law which is named for a north country EMT killed in the line of duty. This law would give a sentence of life imprisonment, without parole, for murder of a volunteer firefighter, EMT or any other volunteer in the line of duty. Therefore C'man Battista made a motion and 2nd by C'man Lee for Resolution #11-20 authorizing the supervisor to send a letter of support for Mark's Law. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Battista also reported that the Fire Dept. received a notice from Homeland Security that Garrett Loomis name was selected to be added to the memorial wall of fallen firefighters and an invitation to the dedication of a new fire station on Fort Drum to Garrett.

C'man Farrington reported that he researched the Tiger III grant and there is no information yet.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for May.

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

Kris Dimmick of Bernier Carr Group was present with a Water Dist.5 update and reported that in final testing of the well fields there was a yield of 100 gals. per minute and the DEC easement has been submitted.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to add wording to the water IMA with the City of Watertown for Water District 5 where the term of the agreement be thirty years, but revisiting rates in three years. In discussion, C'man Battista opposed using the wells and the IMA with the City of Watertown and wanted to have a public hearing for more information for District 5 residents. C'man Cobb wanted a public hearing because purchasing water from the City changes the source, cost and quality of the water for Dist. 5 residents. C'man Farrington stated he wants to move on with Dist. 5 because there is a strict time line for receiving funding and Supervisor Scee reminded the Board that a public hearing is not the motion on the table at this time. A roll call vote was taken: C'man Battista voted no, C'man Farrington voted yes, C'man Lee voted yes, C'man Cobb voted no, and Supervisor Scee voted yes. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee reported that it will cost \$600 for a 2 hour comprehensive plan training session. A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Cobb to go ahead with this training which would provide 2 credit hours to board members and Town and Village officials who attend. All voted aye and the motion was carried. A date will be set for this training.

The floor was opened for public comment and some residents spoke in favor of another public hearing for Dist 5 water, other residents were not in favor of having one. A comment was made on renting or borrowing a gradall instead of buying one and a suggestion was made to have an independent firm conduct an audit of the Town if the state is unable to do so now. Another suggestion was made to ask the funding agency for Water Dist. 5 to give the Town more time on the funding schedule.

Supervisor Scee stated that he is in favor of holding a public hearing for district 5 water rates but no rates have been established yet.

Since C'man Lee and the Town Clerk are both involved in Jefferson County Fair, the Board agreed to move the July meeting to July 6, 2011 at 7PM.

The Supervisor announced that the Yellow Barn Winery will have a meet and greet for the Chamber of Commerce in September and the Town of Hounsfield will co-host this event.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk