

**TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**July 16, 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 Todd Farrington, Councilman Richard Young, and Councilman Carson Lennox.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to approve the minutes of the 6/11/14 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee called a Public Hearing to order for the purpose of ratifying 6-1 of the current water law, enacted on March 19, 2014, that meters for water billing will be read in February, May, August and November and to amend 6-3 of the current water law to read that the water bills shall be due within 30 days of each quarterly billing date. There were no comments and the Public Hearing was closed.

Attorney David Renzi read Local Law #2, which will ratify the Town of Hounsfield Water Law 6-1 and amend the Town of Hounsfield Water Law 6-3 as explained at the Public Hearing that just closed. A motion was made by C'man Young and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lennox for resolution #14-10, to adopt Local Law #2. Voting aye were, C'man Young, C'man Lennox, and Supervisor Scee. Voting nay were, C'man Lee and C'man Farrington. Motion carried.

Correspondence received was: A thank you note from Mike Campbell for use of a Town generator for the Made in New York Festival, a letter from Fort Drum to notify the Town of a significant troop reduction by year 2020. Emails have also been received about the Comprehensive Plan and cleanup at the hydrants on the Storrs Road.

The Clerk to the Supervisor read the Supervisor's Report for the month of June: Total receipts \$160,184.97, Total disbursements \$122,960.13, Total cash in bank \$309,421.62, Total investments \$600,000.00. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to approve the Supervisor's Report as read. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Abstract #7, vouchers #392-453 was presented: General Fund A \$10,206.71, General Fund B \$945.58, Cemetery Fund \$1,385.91, Highway Fund A \$21,217.22, Highway Fund B \$8,466.77, WD 2 \$6,755.05, WD 5 \$2,557.75, WD 1 \$271.96, WD 4 \$611.56, WD 3 \$15,644.54 and Abstract total \$68,063.05.

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to pay bills presented in abstract # 7. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Councilman Lee reported that he attended a Water Committee meeting.

Councilman Young reported that he was unable to attend Hay Memorial Library meeting so Christine Eggleston made a report on the meeting. C'man Young asked if there is an up to date equipment inventory and is there an equipment disposal list for the highway department and the Highway Superintendent replied that the inventory was not up to date and there is no disposal report.

Councilman Farrington reported he received an email from Justice Sherry Derouin that the Court Clerk has given her two week notice that she is resigning and she and Justice Gary Loomis would like to recommend the appointment of Susan Horr as court clerk. The Justices are asking the Board to reduce the court clerk weekly hours worked from 25 to 20 to alleviate the need for the new clerk to have taken the civil service test. The justices would like the Board appointment tonight because the new appointee needs to attend annual training which will be held soon. A discussion was held by the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to table the appointment of a new court clerk until the Board receives more information to make a decision and the Town Clerk receives a letter of resignation from the present court clerk. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Farrington also reported that the Fire Dept. asked about the status of a hydrant near the Youngs Road and the Water Operator replied that it needs to be fixed and will be as soon as possible.

Supervisor Scee reported that the Fire Dept. had been training out at the Village Tower and drained to a low level which impacted the Town water system. He asked C'man Farrington to please inform the Fire Dept. officers to send a text or to call the Water Operator when training with water as a courtesy.

Councilman Lennox reported that he attended a Recreation Commission Committee meeting, a Water Committee meeting, a water dist. 6 meeting with the engineers and a meeting concerning proposed water district 6 with Knobby Knoll association.

C'man Lennox made a motion and C'man Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> to appoint Anthony LaBrake as a summer recreation councilor to replace Ruth Mintz. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee made an announcement that volunteers are need to help with the soap box derby being held at CanAm weekend.

The Zoning Officer gave a report for May and June.

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

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to close the recycling center on Hill Street at 10 am on July 19<sup>th</sup> because of the CanAm parade. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to sell the zero turn mower by sealed bid. The bids must be in to the Town Clerk by July 30<sup>th</sup> and opened on August 1<sup>st</sup>. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The organizer of the Incredouble Man Triathlon event, scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, was present to answer any questions the Board might have about this event.

A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to give Town approval to hold the Incredouble Man Triathlon event on September 13 & 14, 2014 under the condition that all other approvals and permits are obtained. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee reported that he had a call from Rural Development and discussed with them the issue of the lateral water leak off Military Road in District 2. The officials at Rural Development made a decision that since the Town used funds from them to install the lateral in question, that the Town is responsible for the repair of the leak. A discussion was held on how this repair should be done. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Young to approve hiring North Country Contractors to repair a water lateral in District 2, off Military Road, by boring under a marshy area and replacing the copper lateral with plastic line for \$5,000, which will be paid from the Water District 2 fund. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee received a letter from the Storrs Road Extension Association requesting that the Town plow the road for about ten year round residents and for emergency vehicles. After a discussion was held, Supervisor Scee agreed to write a letter to the Association informing them that it is illegal for the Town to work on private property and this is a private road that is in question and offer to have representatives of the association to come and talk with the Board on this matter. An option that is available to these residents is for the property owners in the association to share in the cost of building a road to the Town specs and turn it over to the Town as a public road, which would enable the Town to plow and maintain this road. The Highway Superintendent gave an estimate of about \$185,000 as the cost of a new road to these residents several years ago, but the cost would be higher now.

August 13, 2014 at 7 pm was set as the time to hold a public hearing for the renewal of the Time Warner contract with the Town of Hounsfield, immediately before the monthly meeting. A legal notice will be published.

Supervisor Scee reported that at the last Lakeside Cemetery committee meeting, a discussion was held on the repairs that are needed on the storage building. After a Board discussion, a motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Young to have a list of what repairs are needed to the building at Lakeside Cemetery and advertise for bids to complete these repairs. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Public comments included, an invitation to a reception at the Seaway Trails building on Friday at 5-7 pm to kick off CanAm weekend events. Also a comment was made on the smaller amount of fire and ambulance calls that are answered by the Sackets Harbor Fire Department and the funds that are given by the Town need to be accounted for. Supervisor Scee would also like an accounting for the extra \$5000 given to the SHFD to be used solely for repairs on the Sulphur Springs building.

At 9:11 pm a motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Young for the Board to go into executive session. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

At 9:46 pm the Board returned from executive session and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier  
Town Clerk

