

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 8, 2010

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 7 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Supervisor Scee reminded the public of meeting procedures that were implemented last month and added that he has met with a number of residents with questions and was able to answer their questions prior to this meeting.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve the minutes of 8/11/10 meeting with a change in the first paragraph of page three: the motion for the appointments to the recreation commission should read Russell Williams instead of Todd Farrington. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee asked that in the future Board members clearly state the motion they are making for the official minutes.

The Supervisor reported on the correspondence received this month. A letter was received from Rural Development with notification that Water District 4 has been closed out with a balance of \$30,372.16 which will be returned after October 1, 2010. A Thank You letter was received from the Battlefield Alliance to the Town Board and Highway Dept. for help with their 1812 Grand Tactical event. Another Thank You letter was received from Bedford Creek Campgrounds for the Town completing the property restoration from Water District 3.

The Supervisor's Report was given: Total receipts were \$499,202.89, Total disbursements were \$995,937.66, Total in checking accounts was \$324,642.82, and Total investments were \$651,902.94.

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

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to pay bills in Abstract #8, vouchers #520-583: General Fund A \$18,690.07, General Fund B \$2,527.11, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$1,423.75, Highway Fund A \$9,627.50, Highway Fund B \$13,066.25, Water District 2 \$1,172.63, Water District 1 \$3,778.40, Water District 4 \$11,513.33, Water District 3 \$653.57, Water District 3 Capital Fund \$36,494.00, Totaling \$98,946.61. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Steve Lee reported that at a joint Village/Town Board meeting, the Town Board committed \$110,000 of Water District 5 funding towards the Village water plant upgrades and this will help them to receive further funding for this project. The Town received approval by EFC for a main water line extension on District 3 from the Robbins farm to the District boundary to enable an outside user to hook on at their cost. C'man Lee also reported that the Town received two additional requests to be included in Water District 6 which is in the planning stages.

C'man David Cobb reported that he did not attend the latest Fire Dept. meeting. He stated that he will confer with FD Chief Steve Sullivan on a possible Dexter/Brownville Fire District being formed. C'man Cobb stated that he has had negative response from the public about moving a single public comment session to the end of the Board meetings. C'man Cobb has also had a complaint from Tony Biggs who received a bill of \$1012.98 from the

Town for repairs of damage that Mr. Biggs caused to the Town water tower on Tower Road on 10/23/09. Mr. Biggs says the bill was too high and he did not receive it in a timely manner. C'man Cobb remarked that some of the repairs should have been done by Town employees to reduce costs. The Town Board discussed details with Mr. Biggs and the Water Operator and Highway Superintendent. Supervisor Scee wanted to set up a meeting with Mr. Biggs, C'man Farrington and the Highway Superintendent to discuss a reduction in the bill and payment but C'man Cobb wanted a decision immediately.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Battista to charge Tony Biggs \$500 as payment in full for damages he caused to the Town water tower, to be paid in 15 days. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Vincent Battista reported that he met with the Justices and discussed budget concerns.

C'man Todd Farrington reported that he attended the Joint Recreation Commission meeting and they received the By Laws. He has spoken to Mary Pennock and assured her that her yard will be restored soon. He also reported that the highway grant has been submitted and he thanked Marlene Lennox and Sandy Farrington for their help.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for August and added that the "No Overnight Parking" signs have been installed at the rear of the Public Safety Building.

The Town Clerk gave a collection report for August.

Kris Dimmick and Rachel Barnat were present from Bernier, Carr. Kris explained the Town's \$110,000 support of upgrading the Village water plant, which will benefit all water users in the Town and Village. Rachel gave an update of Water District 5.

Supervisor Scee reported that the Galloo Island lawsuit brought by the Town of Henderson has been resolved in our favor. He also reported that, in litigation with Sackets Meadows, an assessment reduction offer was accepted. A proposal for F & L Developers for an assessment reduction will be discussed by the Board and submitted to the developer's legal team.

Supervisor Scee has had requests to move forward on the Zoning Law amendment and he would like the new members of the Board to familiarize themselves with it.

The Supervisor also reported that the Residential Energy Law will need to be prepared for Public Hearing by legal and an Ethics Law draft will need work.

A discussion was held on drawing up a contract between the Town and Village for joint management of the Public Safety Building.

Mayor Eric Constance reported that a meeting of the Joint Recreation Commission will be held on 9/20/10 and spoke on what he hopes the commission will be able to accomplish.

A discussion was held about preparing a Town parcel on the Storrs Road for sale. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Cobb to have a survey and description done of this parcel and prepare it for accepting bids. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee reported that in researching a portion of Derouin Drive and the dead end road called Brent Lane, he discovered that these two roads were never filed with the County Clerk by the attorney who completed the transfer of ownership. The Board asked Attorney Renzi to work on this situation.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Cobb, for resolution #10-37, amending Lakeside Cemetery Rules & Regulations to include corner post regulations. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Board agreed unanimously to table resolution #10-38, for By Laws of the Joint Recreation Commission.

In a Public Comment session, comments were made about a public hearing for the Zoning Law Amendment, a training session on comprehensive plans, the sale of the Town parcel on Storrs Road, a certified welder working on the water tower, the status of Town wells on Rt. 180, and ball fields at the school. Also mentioned was the fact that Water District 2 will be paying the balance of the bill for damages at the water tower, also abandoned roads, the status of the new boiler, and the status of two new air conditioners that were donated to the Town.

C'man Lee stated that C'man Farrington and himself will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Pitcher to explain how their water hook up to Water District 3 will be handled.

Announcements were: Muskalonge Cemetery work date is 9/11/10, Budget work session is 9/22/10 at 6 PM, and once the new budget is finished a Public Hearing on the 2011 Budget will be held on 11/3/10 at 6:30 PM with a regular Town Board meeting following at 7 PM.

C'man Battista asked if a letter could be sent to Muskalonge Bay Lane residents reminding them that it is their responsibility to ensure that they have a contractor that will be able to sand the hill on their private road if needed because the Town is not authorized to work on private roads. Supervisor Scee and the Board agreed that a letter will be sent.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk

