

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD BOARD MEETING
September 9, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Town of Hounsfield Town Board was called to order by Deputy Supervisor, Councilman Stephen Lee at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66 at 7 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

C'man Lee began the meeting with a moment of silence for former Supervisor Jean H. Derouin, who recently passed away.

Board members present were: Councilman Stephen Lee, Councilman Todd Farrington, Councilman Richard Young, and Councilman Carson Lennox. Supervisor Tim Scee was absent because he was in the hospital and he was wished a speedy recovery.

Correspondence received was a report from Barton & Loguidice on the proposed water district 6 meeting.

C'man Lee read the Supervisor's Report for August 2015: Total receipts \$45,892.21, Total disbursements \$149,158.30, Total cash in bank \$170,078.79, Total investments \$800,000. A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Young to accept. All ayes. Carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to pay bills in abstract #9, vouchers #488-542 as presented: General Fund A \$12,859.65, General Fund B \$92.17, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$900, Highway Fund A \$23,581.13, Highway Fund B \$1,353.89, Water Dist. 2 \$2,856.64, Water Dist. 5 \$3,433.94, Water Dist. 1 \$403.97, Water Dist. 4 \$10,874.09, Water Dist. 3 \$6,204.07, Abstract Total \$62,559.55. All voted aye. Carried.

C'man Lee reported that he attended the Planning Board meeting.

C'man Young reported that he attended the Hay Memorial Library meeting.

C'man Farrington reported that he attended the Village Board meeting.

C'man Lennox reported that he attended the proposed water district 6 public hearing, the ZBA meeting, the Joint Recreation Commission meeting, the Water Committee meeting, the Planning Board meeting, and the Industry Business meeting. He also volunteered for traffic control at the 1812 race.

The Highway Superintendent was absent, but the Board members have a copy of his report for the month of August. The crew has been working on the Cady Road construction.

The Zoning Officer gave a report.

ZBA Chairperson, Christine Eggleston, was present to report that there will be a two hour training session, "Land Use Ethics", on Thursday, September 24th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm here at the Town Hall for members of Planning Boards, ZBAs, Clerk and appointed or elected officials of Hounsfield and Sackets Harbor.

A motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve a two hour credit for Town and Village board appointees, clerks and elected officials who attend the Land Use Ethics Training. All voted aye and the motion carried.

A Comprehensive Plan training will be planned for a later date.

The Water Operator reported that a credit request was received by a user on NYS Rt 3 in water district 2 for \$324.50 in usage which is much higher than usual and \$38 late fee for the billing in May. They said they never received the bill. The Water Operator reported that he checked and the usage reading on the meter was incorrect in May so the credit for usage reflects a corrected bill. The Board asked about the late fee and the Water Operator indicated that the high usage bill caused the high late fee.

After a discussion of the Board members a motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Lennox to approve the water credit request for account # 630 in the total amount of \$362.50. All voted aye and the motion carried.

The Water Operator also reported that the quarterly disinfection byproducts testing has been completed and the Town received a violation from DOH for high levels of TTHMs. The water has not change but the State testing has changed to put our disinfection levels over the maximum. He is researching procedures that will lower the containment levels for compliance.

Another report from the Water Dept. is that one water pump at the Burton Road pump station has failed and the Water Operator is receiving written quotes to rebuild it. Water distribution is not affected by this.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to hold a public hearing on October 14th at 7pm to hear comments on proposed Local Law #1 of 2015, to override the New York State Tax Cap of .73% for the 2016 Town Budget. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

During public comment section a comment was made that the meeting room and bathroom are still not being cleaned and is anything being done about it. C'man Farrington will speak to the Highway Superintendent about it.

At 7:39 pm a motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Lee for the Board to go into executive session to discuss upcoming contract negotiations. All ayes. Carried.

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The Board returned from executive session at 8:04 pm.

A representative from the Rhode Center food pantry in Henderson was present to give the Board information on the help they give to the community and to ask continued support from the Town of Hounsfield.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk