

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 17, 2013

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfeld 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, C'man Todd Farrington, C'man Vincent Battista, and C'man Richard Young.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Young to accept the minutes of the June 12, 2013 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Young to accept the minutes of the June 24, 2013 special meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Correspondence received: A brochure was received from Bernier, Carr & Associates, introducing interns that are currently working with the firm. An invitation for the Board to attend 1812 Battlefield events was received from Connie Barone and also a request to use the Town parking lot at the Court Building for 1812 reinactors to park for events. The Board gave permission for this request. Supervisor Scee reminded the Board members that they need to be at the school at 10:30 am this Saturday if they wish to march in the Can Am parade which starts at 11 am.

The Clerk to the Supervisor read the Supervisor's Report for June: Total Receipts \$181,137.82, Total Disbursements \$145,767.36, Total in checking account \$71,640.23, Total Investments \$701,384.45.

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

Abstract #7, vouchers #374-438 was presented: General Fund A \$18,501.17, General Fund B \$53.88, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$1,350.00, Highway Fund A \$16,789.41, Highway Fund B \$117,464.54, Water District 2 \$12,222.70, Water District 5 \$1,659.53, Water District 1 \$346.39, Water District 4 \$1,765.09, Water District 3 \$14,776.52, Abstract Total \$184,929.23.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Battista to pay the bills in abstract #7, vouchers #374-438. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A presentation was given by Wayne Vanderpool, with Double Vision Racing, who would like to have triathlon races and other sporting events in Sackets Harbor and the Town of Hounsfield over two days on September 13th and 14th, 2014. He discussed the course throughout the Town and answered questions from the Board.

C'man Lee reported that he attended the Water Committee meeting and it was reported that there is a leak in a lateral in district 2. Our water law states that any leak past the meter pit is the responsibility of the home owner. The home owners have not attempted to repair the leak and have requested a water credit. The Water Committee recommends that this credit request be denied. The homeowners have asked the Town to repair the leak to their lateral. A discussion was held and the Board agreed that the responsibility of the repairs and the water bill belongs to the homeowner.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to deny the water credit request, referring to our water law. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee also reported that the computer at the Burton Road pump station for district 2 needs replacing again. The Water Operator explained to the Board the two systems that could be installed and a discussion was held.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to install a newer and simpler system for \$7,342 from 34 and Co. which would be more economical in the long run. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Young reported that he attended the Hay Memorial Library meeting and East Hounsfield Library did not meet this month.

C'man Battista reported that another Bed Tax Committee meeting was held to allocate extra funds and it was divided as follows: \$1500 to Can Am Committee, \$500 to Hay Memorial Library, \$1000 to the Greater Chamber of Commerce, \$1000 to the Battlefield Alliance, and \$1000 to the Society for Preservation of Madison Barracks. A Fire Department meeting was scheduled for July 2nd at Station 2 but there were not enough members present to hold a meeting. The new truck has been delivered and is housed at Station 2.

C'man Farrington reported that he attended a Recreation Commission meeting and noted that 90% of the community garden spaces have been rented and the Commission is searching for a person to head the tennis court project. He also attended an MRB Group meeting about village disillusionment.

A June work report was given by the Highway Superintendent.

A collection report was given by the Town Clerk for June and she added that she attended a Lakeside Cemetery Committee meeting and a Water Committee meeting.

The Zoning Officer gave a report for June. She added that she and her husband will be working on a few projects at their home this summer that will require permits. Supervisor Scee agreed to sign these permits and the Board agreed also.

Supervisor Scee gave a brief Economic Development report.

Corey Reid of Bernier, Carr gave an update on progression of Water District 5. Mr. Reid also mentioned to the Board that BCA can submit a grant application for a sewer district for the Airport if they desire.

Supervisor Scee reported that the transfer of property to Robert Ritz has taken place and the fees for the transaction came to \$915. The Town received a thank you card from Mr. and Mrs. Ritz for the help and guidance given by the Town Board.

A discussion was held about the water hydrants in district 5 that are quite far from the highway (outside the NYS right of way). The Water Operator will identify which hydrants need an access drive to them.

The floor was opened for public comment and the new fire chief, Randy Lynd gave a short report.

A motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Lee to go into an executive session for a personnel issue. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Board returned from the executive session at 9 pm and immediately adjourned this meeting.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk

