

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 10, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Town of Hounsfeld Town Board 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, Councilman Carson Lennox, and Councilwoman Victoria Pritty-Pitcher. Councilman Corry Lawler and Councilman John LaDuc were absent.

A motion was made by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher and 2nd by C'man Lennox to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on December 13, 2017. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by Supervisor Scee to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on December 28, 2017. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee announced that he had notification that Spectrum will be installing broad band internet here in the highway building sometime in the next twelve months.

The Supervisor's Report for December 2017 was read by the Clerk to the Supervisor: Total receipts \$373,911.33, Total disbursements \$277,947.68, Total cash in bank \$427,469.78, Total investments \$716,206.26. A motion was made by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher and seconded by C'man Lennox to accept the Supervisor's Report for December 2017. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher to pay bills in Abstract #1A and 1B, vouchers #101420-101454: General Fund A \$20,230.21, General Fund B \$1,677.65, Highway Fund A \$46,581.64, Highway Fund B \$29,233.70, Water District 2 \$105,028.88, Water District 5 \$4,777.45, Water District 1 \$5,716.25, Water District 4 \$989.61, Water District 3 \$2,542.80, Abstract Total \$216,778.19. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Council members gave monthly reports at this time.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for December.

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher to allow the Highway Superintendent to sell the boring machine and purchase an enclosed trailer for the water department to keep equipment in. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Dustin Clark was present from Barton & Loguidice and he reported on the funding for proposed water district 7 and on the proposed sewer district.

A motion was made by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher and 2nd by C'man Lennox to enter into an agreement with Barton & Loguidice for design to build Water District 7, for \$232,000. All voted aye. Carried.

A Planning and Zoning report was given by the Zoning Officer.

A permanent disconnect fee was discussed by the Board for water users and a motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher to set a fee of \$75 for a permanent water line disconnection (removal of meter). All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A discussion was held by the Board about the phone system in the Highway Building and a motion was made by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher and 2nd by C'man Lennox to table this topic. All voted aye. Carried.

A motion was made by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher and 2nd by C'man Lennox for Resolution #18-01, annually adopting policies, approving appointments, establishing salaries and wage rates, and authorizations. All voted aye with a change on page 3, Seasonal with CDL rate \$16.50 hr. and page 5, a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) will be charged for returned checks. Motion carried.

Supervisor Scee reported that the NYS Tug Hill Commission 29th Annual Local Government Conference is scheduled for March 29, 2019 at JCC in Watertown and the registration date for a fee of \$50 is 3/8/18. The Supervisor suggested that any Town official who would like to go to this conference let the Town Clerk know by 3/5/18 so she can make the registrations by the due date. If a late registration is made, the Town will reimburse the first \$50 only to the official.

C'man Lennox made a comment that the Water Committee, Cemetery Committee, and the Ethics Board are suffering from a shortage of members. He asked for anyone's ideas or suggestions on this matter.

A motion was made by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher and 2nd by C'man Lennox for Resolution #18-02, to adopt a blanket undertaking bond covering all Town of Hounsfield employees as required by Section 25 of the Town Law, and further resolved, that the Town Justices are specifically covered under said Blanket Undertaking, as required by Public Officers Law Section 11(2). All voted ayes. Carried.

The Supervisor announced to the Board that the Justices books are available for their inspection and signature. He asked the members to do this at their earliest convenience.

At this time the Supervisor opened the floor for public comment and comments were made on the Fire Department's report to the Town and the cleaning schedule at the meeting room.

The next Board meeting will be 2/14/18.

This meeting was then adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk

