

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 14, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Town of Hounsfield 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 and Councilman John LaDuc. Councilman Corry Lawler was absent.

A motion was made by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher and 2nd by C'man LaDuc to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on February 14, 2018. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Correspondence: Supervisor Scee announced that he received a brochure from the Rohde Food Pantry.

The Supervisor's Report for February 2018 was read by the Clerk to the Supervisor: Total receipts \$256,696.56, Total disbursements \$914,945.49, Total cash in bank \$586,531.04, Total investments \$1,216,384.43. A motion was made by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher and seconded by C'man Lennox to accept the Supervisor's Report for February 2018. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by C'man LaDuc to pay bills in Abstract #3A and 3B, vouchers #101533-101587: General Fund A \$48,804.57, General Fund B \$1,293.82, Highway Fund A \$47,686.92, Highway Fund B \$1,957.92, Water District 2 \$2,757.67, Water District 5 \$4,070.02, Water District 1 \$179.03, Water District 4 \$143.26, Water District 3 \$584.89, Abstract Total \$107,478.10. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Council members gave monthly reports at this time.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for February.

Taylor Jennings was present from Barton & Loguidice and he reported that The Town of Hounsfield was awarded a Rural Development grant of about \$48,000 for construction of water district 7. This makes the proposed cost of water district 7 about 85% grant funding and 15% RD loan. He also reported that there will be a meeting with JCIDA for the proposed airpark sewer project.

A Planning and Zoning report was given by the Zoning Officer. She also asked the Board for a copier/fax machine for the meeting room for the Planning and Zoning Boards and the Assessor to use when the Town Clerk's office is closed.

A motion was made by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher and 2nd by C'man LaDuc to approve a budget of \$700 to purchase a copier/fax machine for the meeting room. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man LaDuc and 2nd by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher for Resolution #18-3, that the Board of Assessment Review will hear grievances on the second Wednesday from the fourth Tuesday in May. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A work session was set up for the Assessor and Town Board members for April 18th at 6 pm at the town hall meeting room.

A motion was made by C'man LaDuc and 2nd by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher to approve the Legal Services Agreement for Water District 7 between the Town of Hounsfield and Brown, Dierdorf & Renzi, attorneys at law. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man LaDuc and 2nd by C'man Lennox to approve a Bond Counsel agreement with Attorney Douglas E. Goodfriend for the establishment of Water District 7. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'woman Pritty-Pitcher announced the Bed Tax funds that are being awarded this year: Sackets Harbor Chamber of Commerce \$6,000, Can Am Committee \$5,000, YMCA \$4,000, Hay Memorial Library \$1,750, Hooville in the Harbor \$2,750, Center of the Arts \$500, Seaway Trail Center \$250, 1812 Shootout \$2,000, The Battlefield Alliance \$250, and The Historical Society \$500. Supervisor Scee thanked C'woman Pritty-Pitcher and C'man Lennox for taking on this job.

At this time the Supervisor opened the floor for public comment and Jerry Vecchio of Water District 1 was present to ask the Board for some relief from his water bill of the last quarter (Aug. to Nov.) with a very high reading. Mr. Vecchio told the Board that the former Water Superintendent and the current Water Superintendent have inspected the premises and have not found any problems.

A motion was made by C'man LaDuc and 2nd by C'man Lennox to approve a credit of the late fee for water account #77 and have the water department monitor the usage for a period before making a decision on a credit for usage. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

There were two credit requests received for late fees when it involved the postal service deliveries to the Town last quarter. One was for account #829 and the other #589. A discussion was held that the Town is not responsible for the late postmark date on payments by the postal service and a motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2nd by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher that these two credit requests be denied. Voting yes was C'man Lennox, C'woman Pritty-Pitcher, and Supervisor Scee. C'man LaDuc abstained from voting and C'man Lawler was absent. The motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee received a request from T-Mobile to install an antenna on the Town water tower. A motion was made by C'man LaDuc and 2nd by C'woman Pritty-Pitcher to investigate this request, all voted aye and the motion was carried.

The next Board meeting will be April 11, 2018.

This meeting was then adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk

