

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 13, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Town of Hounsfeld Town Board was called to order by John LaDuc Deputy Supervisor at 7 PM at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Board members present were Councilwoman Diane Nier, and Councilwoman Jessica Hart, Councilman Chris Lee, and Councilman John LaDuc. Supervisor Beth Arthur was absent.

A motion was made by Board member Nier and 2nd by Board member Hart to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on 8/9/2023 as written. All voted aye, motion carried.

Correspondence

Letter from Attorney Burrows office regarding Storage Battery Fires/Solar Farms.

Notice from National Boarder Region Program that the Town's application was not selected for funding.

A thank you card from the family of Sherry Derouin.

Supervisor's Report

The Supervisor's Report for August 2023 was read by Clerk to the Supervisor: Total receipts \$220,993.48. Total disbursements were \$527,295.10. Total cash in bank \$845,994.75. Total investments \$2,029,070.26 Total Reserve Funds \$446,444.13 and ending Capital Projects Fund \$150,920.37.

A motion was made by Board member Hart and 2nd by Board member Nier to accept the Supervisor's Report for August 2023. All voted aye, motion was carried.

A motion was made by Board member Nier and 2nd by Board member Hart to approve **Resolution-#23-24** Budget Transfers & Amendments. Roll Call vote: Diane Nier – YES, Jessica Hart – YES, Chris Lee – YES, and C'man John LaDuc- YES, Supervisor Arthur – Absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Board member Nier and 2nd by Board member Hart to pay bills on Abstract #8P & 9 as paid. voucher #'s 23-00486 - 23-00535. General Fund A \$40,655.98 General Fund B \$112.40 Highway Fund A \$9,235.68 Highway Fund B \$11,583.08 Water District 2 \$3,901.24 Water District 5 \$11,182.27 Water District #7 119.07 Water District 1 \$3,755.79 Water District 4 \$468.97 Lakeside Cemetery \$2,201.24 Water District 3 \$8,511.56 Trust and Agency \$1,173.60 Water Improvements 2 Capital Projects \$618.75, Sewer District 1 Capital Project \$0. Abstract Total \$93,519.63. All votes aye, motion carried.

All Board members were given a copy of the Revenue/Appropriation Analysis Report.

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Council members gave monthly reports.

- Board member Lee –Water Committee meeting.
- Board member LaDuc- Nothing to report.
- Board member Nier –Nothing to report.
- Board member Hart – Planning Board
- Supervisor Arthur – Absent

Highway Superintendent Report.

Highway Superintendent Todd Farrington gave a monthly report.

Barton & Loguidice

Taylor Jennings was present. Updates were given Water Tower Recoating has started and is moving along very well. The tower should be back in service within the next 2 or 3 weeks.
Sewer Dist. #1.

Zoning Report was read by Zoning Officer.

New Business

A motion was made by Board member Jessica Hart and seconded by Board member Chris Lee to approve Supervisor Arthur to sign the agreement and pass **Resolution #25-23** giving NYS Department of Transportation approval to relocate the Town of Hounsfield water main from the old bridge on Bridge Street, Brownville, NY to the new utility structure. Upon a roll call vote of the Board was adopted as follows:

Supervisor Arthur – Absent, Daine Nier – YES, Jessica Hart – YES, Chris Lee – YES, John LaDuc – YES. All present voted aye, motion carried.

Attorney Jim Burrows introduced **Resolution #26-23**, Clarifying the 2018 Formation and 2021 Alteration/Amendment to the Town of Hounsfield Sewer District. A motion to adopt the foregoing Resolutions and Order was made by Board member Diane Nier and seconded by Board member Jessica Hart and upon a roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows: Supervisor Arthur – Absent, John LaDuc – YES, Diane Nier – YES, Christopher Lee – YES, & Jessica Hart – YES.

Jerry Tackley with the Rhode Center Food Pantry was present to speak about the services they provide. Contact, The Rhode Center, 2 East Church Street, Adams, NY 13605 or call 315-232-2621 for information.

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Unfinished Business

The Memorandum of Understanding with Sackets Harbor to purchase water for TOH water area 8 was talked about by Attorney Burrows and will need to be addressed by the Town and the Village of Sackets Harbor.

A discussion on the use of ARPA funds to be utilized by East Hounsfield Library. Board member Jessical Hart will contact EH Library for more information.

Public Comment

Gerald Shelton a volunteer with New York Citizens Audit was present to discuss New York's 2020 General Election. A summary sheet was provided to the Board members.

Next meeting
October 11, 2023

Adjourn

A motion was made by Board member Hart and 2nd by Board member Nier to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye, motion carried.

Adjourned @ 8:16 PM

Submitted by,

Brenda Bockus
Town Clerk

