

PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 6, 2003

5:30 PM

TOWN HALL 46 COUNTY ROUTE 11
WEST MONROE, NY 13167

Present: Supervisor Manchin; Councilors Michael Hickey, Timothy McCarthy, Ned Green and Gary Ross
Town Clerk Christine Shaw, Deputy Clerk Louise Herbert
6 people in the audience

The Public Hearing was opened at 5:40 PM. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all comments regarding the 2004 Tentative Budget. Supervisor Manchin explained that the town board has opted to hold one public hearing to include the emergency services rather than 4 separate public hearings.

Supervisor Manchin explained that since SOVAC serves only the area covered by the West Monroe Fire Dept. that the entire town should not be taxed for these services therefore has combined both the Fire Dept.'s budgeted amount and SOVAC's budgeted amount and that amount will be listed together as one line on the property tax bill. Richard Wicks, Route 49, questioned if the town could put the West Monroe Fire Dept. tax line separate from SOVAC's so the town's people do not interpret the amount on the tax bill to be all that is going to the Fire Dept. After some discussion it was suggested that the supervisor check into whether or not that line could be called EMERGENCY SERVICES. Mr. Ross suggested that the West Monroe Town Board print a PRESS RELEASE in the Town's Official paper explaining the two services' budget.

Mr. Manchin remarked that the Bewerton Fire Fund had a 6.3% increase, which equals to be \$717.

The public hearing was closed at 5:58 PM