

INFORMATIONAL MEETING 46 COUNTY ROUTE 11

February 25, 2004 WEST MONROE, NY

Present: Supervisor Manchin, Councilors Gary Ross, Mike Hickey, Ned Green and Timothy McCarthy

Town Clerk Christine Shaw

Joe Shields Attorney for the Town

Jon Franz, engineer

Representatives from Onondaga County Water Authority

Approximately 215 people in the audience

Proof of publication having been submitted, Supervisor Manchin opened the informational meeting on the proposed establishment of a central water district in the Town of West Monroe at 7:33 p.m.

Supervisor Manchin explained that the town board received a petition to look into supplying public water to residents of the Town of West Monroe and that is what the board has done. The engineer who compiled the information will give a presentation. Questions will be taken after that. The attorney for the town was present to answer any legal questions and representatives from the Onondaga County Water Authority were also present to answer any questions pertaining to OCWA. It was explained that the reason the town needs to make action on this proposed district is that until October of 2004 the town can use the income figures from the 1990 census which will qualify the town for a lower interest rate and more grant dollars. (A \$500,000 grant is expected to be received if the town qualifies under the 1990 census.) Additional grants and state aid would be applied for once the water district is formed.

Jon Franz, engineer, explained that this is a 9.6 million dollar project; the maximum cost per resident within the proposed district would be \$553.95. This amount would drop with additional grants, and growth within the town. The financing would be for 39 years, with a fixed interest rate. The residents would also be responsible for the hook up from the "curb stop" into their home as well as the quarterly usage fee (for water they use).

Joe Shields, the town attorney, explained that in order for the town board to create a water district one of three things had to occur:

1. Permissive referendum
2. Referendum
3. Petition from the residents within the proposed district

Mr. Shields also explained that in order for the district to be formed, 51% of the residents within the proposed area and 51% of the assessed value must be in favor of the district. The attorney also suggested that with the need to proceed quickly with this possible district it would more than likely mean the board would have to have a referendum rather than the other two options.

It was mentioned that the residents should remember that if their home is located within a water district, in most cases their home owner insurance would go down because of having public hydrants.

The board reminded the residents that no decision was to be made that evening and at the March 10th Regular board meeting the town board would only be deciding on whether or not to continue to the next step, to hold a referendum or the petition process.

Residents addressing the board and/or wanted to go on record either for or against the proposed water district are as follows:

Bill Winks, 185 Pinnacle Rd- undecided

Francis Kunzelman, 134 Dutch Rd undecided

Bill Walker, 127 Shaw Rd undecided  
Joe Winks, Gulf Bridge Rd undecided  
Gene Stevener, 219 Morey Rd undecided  
Ron Loughnot, 25 Wedgeworth Dr. in favor  
Susan Morey, Morey Rd against  
Dale Eppich, 16 Co. Rt. 84 undecided  
Jerry Stiversleski, Morey Rd undecided  
Dave DeLong, Co. Rt. 11 against  
Kurt Heiselman, Gulf Bridge Rd against  
David Hanson, Helinger Rd undecided  
Dave Loveless, Co. Rt. 84 against  
Penelope Thompson, Helinger Rd undecided  
Jim Ball, Dee Char Lane against  
Ross Lacombe, Monroe Blvd. against  
David Kite, Co. Rt. 37 against  
Pete McKittrick, Shaw Rd. undecided  
Jonathan Armani, Toad Harbor Rd undecided  
Steve Paul, St. Rt. 49 undecided  
Mel Drake, Whig Hill Rd against  
Joseph Cicari in favor  
Bill Meyer, Shaw Rd undecided  
Mike Shippee, Lower Rd against  
George Stupp, Woodland Dr. in favor  
Clair Wilkins, Gulf Bridge Rd  
Butch Champentier, Pinnacle Rd against  
Ron Reeves, Lower Rd in favor  
John Herlosky, 254 Dutch Rd  
Tim Perkins, Whig Hill Rd  
Mike Fidler, 84 Co. Rt. 84  
Alida Corsette, Co Rt. 37  
Marc DeCuffa, Gulf Bridge Rd in favor  
Gail Kellar, 159 Shaw Rd  
Ron Kingsley, Toad Harbor Rd

Michele Scrimale, Toad Harbor Rd

Chuck Roberts, Brookside Dr.

Steve Cornell, Co Rt. 11 in favor

Eldora Miller, Co Rt. 11

Reginald Mahar, West Rd. against

Neil Brownell, Gulf Bridge Rd

Rich Simms in favor

Jim Gallager, Wedgeworth Dr.

Others who could not attend the meeting but called or stopped into the town hall to state their view:

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Wood, 2058 Co. Rt. 37 in favor

Emma Alekel, 154 Whig Hill Rd against

John DeMong, Gulf Bridge Rd in favor

Carl Elsner, Shaw Rd. against

Carl Shaw, Morey Rd in favor

Ralph Vessey, Morey Rd. against

John Christian, Monroe Blvd. against

Jason Christian, Monroe Blvd against

Nichole Perry, Wedgeworth Dr. in favor

Marc Campbell, Co. Rt. 11 in favor

Supervisor Manchin suggested that he would post the information on the town's web site so that people can examine the information at will.

The meeting was closed at 9:15 PM