

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

Town Clerk Christine Shaw, Deputy Clerk Louise Herbert
Dog Control Officer Karen Ashley
Code Enforcement Officer Gail Swistak
Elwin Fisher, Superintendent of Highways

Supervisor Manchin opened the meeting at 8:00 PM and those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Hickey moved to approve the minutes from 3-10-04, 3-31-04 both the public hearing and special meeting.

June Wood, MEKO, addressed the board explaining that she has submitted plans for a subdivision at 183 County Route 11 and 5 of the lots (#2, 4, 5, 11 & 13) require an area variance from the Sanitation Law as they are not 200' at every point on the lot. All the parcels would have in excess of the required footage. After some discussion and review of the SEQR short form Ms. Wood submitted, the board set the public hearing date for 7:30 on May 12 on a motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. McCarthy and unanimous board approval.

Mr. Manchin explained that at the last regular meeting there had been some complaints regarding dogs running loose and he requested the DCO to explain how she handles the problem. Karen Ashley, DCO, explained that when she receives a call many times by the time she arrived at the location the dog(s) are gone. If the resident does not wish to sign a complaint there is really not much she can do. She explained that live traps don't really work too well. She reported to the board that she (on an average) receives about 40 calls per week about West Monroe dog problems.

The board rescheduled the Audit Workshop for April 26 at 6:00 PM

Assessor's Clerk Mary Lesnau requested permission to attend school in Cornell July 19-23 which are being offered to meet the educational needs of assessors. Permission to attend and expenses paid, was approved on a motion by Mr. Ross seconded by Mr. McCarthy and unanimous board approval.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Town Clerk's March report with a check in the amount of \$860.36

Supervisor's Financial Report for March

Superintendent of Highways March Report which informed the board that Kevin Davis passed the state exam for a 2A treatment plant operator. Also included in Mr. Fisher's report was information regarding the towns' involvement with the Storm Water Regulations of the Federal Clean Water Act. Mr. Fisher wanted the board to realize that in the years to come the board needs to take into account the requirements of these regulations when they prepare the town's budget.

Code Enforcement Officers Report for March

Dog Control Officers report for March

The town received the Quarterly Statement of the Justice Court Fund with a check in the amount of \$6,525.00.

Also a copy of the Annual Report of the Oswego County Treasurer Oswego County Self-Insurance Plan Section 72 of the Workers Compensation Plan for the Year ending December 31, 2003

Supervisor Manchin informed the board that the Insurance Bid resulted the lowest pricing from Trident Insurance coverage through Cronk Insurance Agency in the amount of \$29,974.64. Mr. Green moved to accept the coverage from Trident, Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with unanimous approval. This coverage results in a savings of \$31,240.34 for the town.

Mr. Hickey questioned the information which Superintendent Fisher included in his monthly report regarding the Storm Water regulations. Mr. Fisher explained that it is mandatory and that presently the town has a SPDS permit for Big Bay. The law does not just include Big Bay however, it applies to the entire town. If a developer or resident works on an acre or more of land they need to have a plan for the storm water run off.

Regular Meeting 4-14-04

Mr. Hickey then moved to pay the bills as audited. Mr. Ross seconded the motion

GENERAL FUND, abstract #4, vouchers #109 to #144 in the amount of \$13,374.17

HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #4, vouchers #117 to #168 in the amount of \$18,578.50

BIG BAY SEWER FUND, abstract #4, vouchers #34 to #39 in the amount of \$2,528.83

The vote of the board was Mr. Hickey-yes

Mr. Ross-no

Mr. McCarthy-yes

Mr. Green-yes

Mr. Manchin-yes

The bills were approved for payment as audited.

COMMUNICATIONS:

NYS DOT reduction of the speed limit on Potter Rd. to 40mph

Notification the Superintendent Fisher has applied and been approved for \$11,605.07 for Snow Emergency money.

NYS Office of Real Property Residential Assessment Ratio on the 2004 roll of 4.38

Notice of Tentative Special Franchise Assessment from NYS Real Property Services

Oswego County information regarding Residential Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

Board of Elections information regarding Help America Vote Act. Explaining that it would save the town money and time to place responsibility for all election administration with the county board of elections.

Also a letter notifying the town that NYS Office of the Advocate for People with Disabilities intends to conduct polling place accessibility survey of all polling sites this fall.

NYS Emergency Management Office informing the town that the municipality is subject to an independent audit if the town receives \$300,000 or more in federal emergency funding.

Hardy construction Services requests copies of board meeting minutes

Councilor Ross moved to go into Executive Session at 9:21pm for the purpose of discussing current litigation regarding the junk ordinance. Mr. Green seconded the motion with unanimous board approval. The Code Enforcement officer was invited to attend.

The Regular Meeting was reopened at 9:34

The town clerk reported that the town clerk's office has completed collection of land taxes and that the amount collected was \$2,162,021.57.

The meeting was closed at 9:25.