

Present: Supervisor Ernest Manchin; Councilors Gary Ross, Tim McCarthy, Ned Green and Michael Hickey
Town Clerk Christine Shaw; Deputy Clerk Louise Herbert
Code Enforcement Officer Gail Swistak
Superintendent of Highways, Elwin Fisher
Dog Control Officer, Karen Ashley
Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission Representative
5 people in the audience

Meeting was opened at 8 PM, with the pledge to the flag followed by a motion by Mr. Ross to approve the minutes of the June 9th meeting, seconded by Councilor Hickey with unanimous approval of the board.

The Dog Control Officer addressing the board. Ms Ashley requested that the Town Board increase the mileage allowance, stating the state reimbursement is \$.37 per mile while the town's allowance is \$.30. She continued that with the price of gas she feels the board should increase her allowance. The Code Enforcement Officer agreed with Ms. Ashley. The board explained that the allowance for 2004 has been set and Ms. Ashley should address this situation with her budget request for 2005.

Carl Hoyt of Kellar Rd asked what the status of the future plans for water, sewer and gas lines for the Town of West Monroe. Supervisor Manchin responded that the gas lines are through a private company and as far as the town knows there are no plan in the works. As far as sewer and water, there are no plans at this time. Mr. Hoyt remarked that to promote growth in the town (to help residents with the tax base) the board needs to plan and work to get water and sewers into additional parts of the town. Mr. Hickey explained that water is not a dead issue but the town board does not have any intentions of shoving a water district down the residents' throat. The water district was voted down by a large margin. The town board however, will always be looking into other more affordable options.

A petition containing 21 signatures was received requesting **lowering the speed limit on Pinnacle Rd.** Mr. Hickey moved to pursue the lowering of the speed limit on Pinnacle Rd from County Route 11 to State Route 49. Mr. Green seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

Marvin Bisbo's Variance was approved on a motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, and was unanimous approved by the board. The board then approved a Negative Declaration on a motion by Mr. Ross and seconded by Mr. McCarthy and unanimous approval of the board.

The board requesting a report from Code Enforcement Officer regarding the **Fortino Property**, Pinnacle Road. The deadline to clean up the property was July 1st. Mrs. Swistak stated that the property is not completely cleaned up, however much progress has been accomplished. She also reported that on July 12th, the Town Justice extended the deadline to September 13th, 2004. Mrs. Swistak also informed the board that Jim Fortino is no longer responsible for any additional clean up on the property, it will be handle by his brother.

An agreement has been reached in the **Hobbs (State Route 49)** matter. Mr. Hobbs has 45 days from the execution of the agreement, to remove vehicles and material, which the Code enforcement officer listed as "junk". The agreement stated 43 of the vehicles presently on the property could stay (per the Code Enforcement Officers inspection); and 9 vehicles would be removed along with items listed. There will be no more vehicles brought onto the property and no dismantling done on the site. Mr. McCarthy questioned why the difference in the number of vehicles to be removed, from the number of vehicles the CEO showed the board during the executive session in June. Mr. Ross continued that he agreed to enter into the agreement with Mr. Hobbs based on the CEO's list presented during the executive session which listed many more than 9 to be removed. Code Enforcement Officer Swistak said she was told by Attorney Dwyer to back to the yard and re-inspect as Mr. Hobbs is alleging that the town board made the list of "junk" vehicles. Mr. Ross questioned how would Mr. Hobbs come to that conclusion, as this was all handled in executive session. Several Board members disagreed with the attorney's direction and after a lengthy discussion Mr. Manchin moved to have the boards approval to sign the agreement with Mr. Hobbs. Mr. Green seconded the motion and the vote of the board was Mr. Green – yes, Mr. Hickey – yes; Mr. McCarthy – no; Mr. Ross –no; and Mr. Manchin – yes motion carried. Mr. Ross asked what is going to happen how, the Code Enforcement Officer said 45 days from June 29th she will go back to the property and if he is not in compliance with the agreement she will issue a ticket and he will go back to Supreme Court.

Unger Violation – the Code Enforcement Officer sent a Violation Notice dated 7-01-04 to Bruce Unger, (Chester Canale property) 95 Camic Rd. The notice gives him 30 days to bring the property into compliance. The Code Enforcement Officer stated that if he fails to do so she will issue an appearance ticket and cease business order.

Leo & Jamie Morey property, County Route 37, has come into compliance. The Code Enforcement Officer stated that an agreement has been reached between the attorney for the Morey's and attorney for the town and the agreement was signed by the town justice. Mrs. Swistak explained that the Morey business is selling mobile homes not dismantling.

Mike Tanner, 1273 Co. Rt. 11 violation (placing a mobile home on a lot which already has a mobile home on it). Mrs. Swistak reported that Mr. Tanner needs to go to the planning board to either subdivide the property or apply for a mobile home park permit. She stated that if he does not comply, the fine is \$150 per week. His court date is August 2nd. Mr. Ross made a motion to send a letter to the Planning Board requesting that Mr. Tanner come into complete compliance before being considered for a subdivision or mobile home park. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion. The vote of the board was Mr. Ross-yes, Mr. Green-yes, Mr. Hickey-no, Mr. McCarthy-yes, and Mr. Manchin-yes; motion carried.

Hadwin Bisbo, Co. Rt. 11 has removed all items, which were in violation, except one and has until Aug.2 to move that.

Kelley Davis, Planning Board member submitted **her letter of resignation**:

It is with sadness that, due to personal reasons, I must resign my position on the Town of West Monroe Planning Board. The July 2004 meeting will be my last. I thought it best to try to make this transition before we get any further into our current projects and while we have a pool of applicants to choose from. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you need clarification on current issues affecting the Planning Board.

I have been honored to serve our town and hope to one day have more time to devote to this type of endeavor. Should a vacancy arrive in the future when I am more able to commit to the board, I would be interested in serving again.

Mr. Hickey moved to **commend Mrs. Green for the great job she has done serving on the Planning Board** and that her absence will be a great loss to our town. She will be greatly missed. Mr. Green seconded the motion with unanimous board acceptance.

The Oswego County **Board of Elections requested the use of the hall on August 4th** for election inspector's school. Mr. Hickey moved to grant the Oswego County Board of Elections request for the use of the town hall, Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

Clarification on the cost in regards to **Variance from the Sanitation ordinance** was requested. Since the price is set by town board resolution, Mr. McCarthy moved that **the \$10.00 charge is per lot**. Mr. Green seconded the motion with unanimous board approval of the cost.

There has been a **variance request from Thomas & Anne Thorward**, County Route 23A. Mr. Ross moved to hold the public hearing at 7:30 on August 11th, Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

Mr. Manchin moved to hold workshop for the board members to discuss the union contract for the highway workers on July 21st and another meeting with the union officials on August 4. Both workshops will be at 6:30. Mr. Green seconded the motion and unanimous approval of the board.

A workshop with the town board, planning board and Phil Street of the Tug Hill Commission will be held on Monday September 13th at 6:00 PM to discuss the town laws.

Mr. Manchin moved to **eliminate the position of Special Attorney for the Town**, Mr. Ross seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to eliminate that position and work exclusively with the Attorney for the Town, Firm of Ferrara, Fiorenza Larrison, Barrett and Reitz.

Mr. Green moved to pay the bills as audited. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion:

GERENAL FUND, abstract #7, vouchers #205 to #234, in the amount of \$9,073.82

HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #7, vouchers #230 to #262 in the amount of \$39,616.99

SEWER FUND, abstract #7, voucher #62 to #75 in the amount of \$5,148.66

The board unanimously approved the payment of these bills.

Paul Baxter reported on the OLWSC, Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor Committee and the Third Annual Leaders Institute, which will be presented by the Tug Hill Commission

CORRESPONDENCE:

Assemblyman Townsend letter regarding Medicaid

Memorandum regarding complaints about Paula Greens' horse getting loose and getting out near/on the Road which has caused accidents

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Foreign Fire Insurance premium tax distribution notification for the West Monroe Fire Dept.

Various publications and newsletters

Mr. Hickey moved to adjourn at 10:00 PM