

Regular Meeting 46 Co. Rt. 11 Town Hall

September 9, 2004 7:30 PM West Monroe, NY

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

Town Clerk, Christine Shaw, Deputy Town Clerk Louise Herbert

Oswego County Legislator Art Gearsbeck

15 people in the audience

Mr. Hickey moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting and public hearing, Mr. Green seconded the motion with the vote of the board: Mr. Ross abstaining, Mr. Green-yes, Mr. Hickey-yes, Mr. McCarthy abstained, Mr. Manchin-yes, motion approved.

Mr. Ross moved to deny the Tanner area variance, Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion with a comment from Mr. Ross explaining that this is a self imposed hardship. The vote taken was all board members unanimous in denying the area variance.

Martha Cosselman, 23 Woodworth Dr explained that 3 years ago the lot next to her was sold and a trailer moved on to the lot which is about 50' wide. (With public sewers and public water there are no limits to the lot size) On August 23, 2004 an additional Camping trailer was moved onto this lot. Mrs. Cosselman explained that the lot is so small her neighbor had to run across her front lawn (without her knowledge) in order to place the camper on the lot. There was a pad built for this trailer and the neighbors have said they are moving a family member into the camping trailer. Mrs. Cosselman has contacted the Code Enforcement Officer who told her that the neighbor is allowed to have the camper there. Mrs. Cosselman explained that this camper is approximately 12' from her home and requested the board look into this. The board insured Mrs. Cosselman that they would check with the

Code Enforcement Officer and get back to her.

Mrs. Judith Weeks, 135 County Route 84 presented the town board with copies of the accusatory and additional documentation against the residents of 133 County Route 84 regarding constant barking dogs and generator noise. Mrs. Weeks explained that while the resident of 133 Co. Rt. 84 is away from the home she ties her dogs out side and they bark constantly. She has contacted the dog control officer who has issued appearance tickets and the resident has gone to court and yet 2 months later the dogs still are tied out and continue to bark. In addition to that a tractor trailer took out the power pole in front of the home, Niagara Mohawk has explained that it is the owners responsibility to replace the pole (cost approx. \$900). The owner of the property apparently does not have the money to replace the pole so the residents run a generator for power. Mrs. Weeks explained that

between the barking dogs and noise from the generator they have had no peace in months at their home.

Ann Ineich of County Route 84, (across the road) stated that she can not open her front door or windows because of the noise.

Tim Cassa, 145 County Route 84 stated that he can hear the noise at his home and expressed a concern of fire hazard from the constant running of the generator.

Lynn Southward, 122 County Route 84 also hears the noise and stated there are 2 children in that home and worries about their safety.

Mr. Ralph Weeks, 135 County Route 84 explained that he contacted all agencies in Oswego County and NYS and all say it is the town's responsibility regarding the barking dogs, as well as the generator.

Mr. Manchin explained that he felt that it was the County's jurisdiction. Mr. Weeks explained again that he already contacted other agencies and they tell him it is up to the town's dog control officer and justice and code enforcement officer. He explained that in the Town's dog ordinance in Section 7A it allows for the Dog Control officer to seize the dogs and was asking that the board to please do something to help them. Mr. Manchin explained that he would contact the town attorney and get back with the Weeks within the next week.

Mr. Ross LaCombe asked the board for a detailed summary of the cost of the proposed Central Water District. Mr. Manchin said the thought he submitted that in the July meeting but must have forgotten to mention that it was in the correspondence. He would have it available in the morning.

Mr. Robert Esker, 2226 County Route 37, explained that he has presented his plan for moving Central Square Agway on to the property on County Route 37 (where the Hartline Archery was located) to the planning board and it was suggested he talk with the town board regarding future expansion plans. Mr. Esker would like to purchase a 2.4 acres from the Harts across the private road. The board explained that the 2.4 lot is an illegal lot as it was not part of a subdivision and the Harts would need to file for a subdivision in order for the 2.4 acre lot to be recognized as a separate lot and any permits to be issued.

Mr. Manchin explained that he contacted the DEC's consulting engineer regarding the question Mr. Loughnot had about the run off of the tire yard on Pinnacle Rd. Mr. Chris Glander, DEC, explained that here is not considered to be any primary health concerns from materials in tires leeching into ground water. A copy of the notes of the phone conversation are available in the town clerk's office. If anyone needed additional information they should contact the Oswego County Health Dept.

New business:

West Monroe Fire Dept. requested help from the Town Highway Dept. with the paving of the fire dept. driveway. It was explained that the Fire Dept. could save by purchasing the material and then with the help of the town highway dept equipment and manpower more than half of the cost to contract the job out. Mr. Manchin contacted the town attorney regarding the legality of an intermunicipal agreement between the town and the fire dept. for this purpose. The attorney's response was mixed. The town clerk stated that she just attended an "Intermunicipal Co-operation" workshop that was presented by Oswego County which stressed that working together saves taxpayers money. Remarks from residents in the audience, Ann Ineich, Ross LaCombe and Art Gearsbeck (Oswego County Legislator) were in favor of the town helping out the fire dept since the taxpayers are the ones who support them. Art Gearsbeck (Oswego County Legislator) remarked that the town should just do it. After some discussion Mr. Green moved that the Town of West Monroe Highway Dept. assist the fire dept Mr. Ross seconded the motion. All board members voted to approve the assistance.

Mr. Manchin reminded the board members of upcoming scheduled meetings:

Sept. 22 regarding the highway dept. labor contract

Sept. 13 workshop with Planning Board and Tug Hill Commission

Mr. Manchin also stated that the budget needed to be presented to the board and all were in agreement to meet on Sept. 29th at 7:00PM for that purpose.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Received from the town clerk with a check in the amount of \$2470.

Supervisor Financial Report

Supervisors' Bank records

Highway Supervisors report

Code Enforcement Officer's report and request for permission to attend Fire Code School on Sept. 28 & 30th. Mr. Green moved to approve Mrs. Swistak's schooling, Mr. Hickey 2nd the motion, with the vote of the board: Mr. Ross-no, Mr. Green-yes, Mr. Hickey-yes, Mr. McCarthy-no and Mr. Manchin-yes, motion approved.

Mr. Manchin moved to approve the payment of the bills as audited, Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

GENERAL FUND, abstract #9, vouchers #271 to #302, in the amount of \$6,834.95

BIG BAY SEWER FUND, abstract #9, vouchers #85 to #97 in the amount of \$7,861.32

HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #9, vouchers #281 to #308 in the amount of \$20,086.75

All board members voted in favor of paying the bills.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Letter from Oswego County DPW explaining that there will be no changes in the snow and ice control agreement with the towns.

Assemblyman Townsend informing Mr. Fisher that he was successful in obtaining funding for the Town of West Monroe Highway's purchase of a GPS unit

Oswego County Self Insurance Plan for Workers' Compensation amended Local Law which changes their way of calculating the level of contribution and then bill bell the school districts and villages directly. The towns and cities will be reflected on the County's Tax Bill..

A copy of the NYS Highway Superintendent's 75th Annual Conference publication which features the town of West Monroe and Mr. Elwin Fisher, Present of the NYS Association of Town Superintendents of Highways on the cover.

Tug Hill Commission's ATV Issue Paper Release dated 8-16-04

Quarterly Statement of the Justice Court Fund from 6-30-04 to 8-31-04

The OLWSA interim Report

Various newsletters and publications

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM