

Present: Supervisor Manchin; Councilors Ned Green, Michael Hickey, Timothy McCarthy and Gary Ross
Town Clerk Christine Shaw, Deputy Clerk Louise Herbert
Gail Swistak, Code Enforcement Officer
Oswego County Legislator Gearsbeck
5 people in the audience

Following the pledge to the flag, Mr. Ross moved to approve the minutes of the October regular board minutes. Mr. Green seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all members voting yes except Mr. McCarthy who abstained.

Mr. Ross moved to approve to the minutes of the Public Hearing held on November 3rd. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with the vote of the board being yes with the exception of Mr. McCarthy who abstained.

Mr. Ross LaCombe, Monroe Blvd. asked the board about the temporary part time position being created for a clerk for Code Enforcement, whether a West Monroe resident would fill it. The board was not sure if it would, but responded more then likely.

Ken Wood, Farm Drive informed the board that the water district was being extended 230' to service the new house on Farm Drive and according to OCWA he must put in a fire hydrant. Mr. Wood asked the board if the town could help with the cost of this project. Being that Farm Drive is a private road the town board felt that it is Mr. Woods responsibility.

Donna Schrader, Camic Rd contacted the Supervisor concerning the residents in Big Bay area who supply electric to the grinder pumps which supplies two (or more) homes. Since one residents pays the electric bill for the grinder pump, it is the responsibility of the other neighbor to pay the estimated \$10.00 per year to the person paying the electric. In many cases, it has never been paid to the resident and it is awkward to go next door and ask for it. Ms. Schrader felt that even though \$10.00 is not very much, over 10 years that equals \$100 and wanted the town to look into alternative solution. Mr. Manchin explained that for each household to have their own grinder pump would be too costly for the sewer district. Comparing the cost of the electric used by the grinder pump with today's rate equals approximately \$9.95 per year. The board felt that there is no easy solution to this problem.

Mr. Hickey moved to pay the bills as audited. Mr. Green seconded the motion
GENERAL FUND, abstract #11, vouchers #329 to 373 in the amount of \$8,909.37
HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #11, vouchers #331 to #363 in the amount of \$13,090.00
BIG BAY SEWER FUND, abstract #11, vouchers #111 to #117 in the amount of \$1,801.63

The board was unanimous is the approval of the bills.

Mr. Ross then moved to adopt the 2005 Preliminary Budget. Mr. Green seconded the motion with unanimous vote of the board to adopt the budget as presented in the Preliminary Budget.

Mr. Ross moved to approve the 2 year contract with the West Monroe Fire Dept. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

In regards to the Fire Hydrant that Mr. Wood is to install on Farm Drive, OCWA requires that the West Monroe Town Board approve the addition of this hydrant into the Big Bay Water District. Mr. Green moved to accept this hydrant into the Big Bay Water District, Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

A letter was received from Mr. Dougherty, Superintendent of Schools, requesting town involvement in periodic meetings with school district representatives and representatives of all area communities. Mr. Ross and Mr. Manchin agreed to attend the first meeting which is scheduled for November 30th and the item for discussion is traffic control.

Monthly reports were received from:

Town Clerk with a check in the amount of \$1904.95 and \$2500.00
Supervisors Financial Report as well as reconciliation statement
Superintendent of Highway Fisher's report in which he requested that the Town Board allow the town clerk to advertise for fuel bids. Mr. McCarthy moved to advertise for fuel bids for the year 2005, with the bid opening to be 11 am on December 2, 2005. Mr. Green seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the town board members.
Code Enforcement Officers report for October

Mr. Hickey questioned as to why the town board had not been notified that the DEC was advertising for bids and is about to begin the cleaning of the Fortino Tire Yard. The Code Enforcement officer said that the bids will be opened very soon and construction of the road in the yard is schedule to commence in early December. Mr. Hickey felt strongly that the town board should be keep informed. It was discussed that the engineers have been into the town hall, have spoken with the Code Enforcement Officer, Superintendent of Highways, Supervisor and planning board. Mr. Manchin will contact the engineers and ask them to attend the December meeting. Mr. Green wanted to know who owns the property where the tire yard is, after some discussion it is believed that the NYSDEC now owns it.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Office of Real Property Distribution of 2004 State Administrative Aid with a check in the amount of \$1,626.16 (which represents \$1.18 application processing fee)

NYSDOT establishing a 45 MPH on the entire length of Pinnacle Rd

Oswego County's results from the water samples collected at the Town Park in July

Notification from the West Monroe Fire Dept of the renewal of their liquor license

11-10-04 Regular Meeting

Communications continued:

Letter from the Town Clerk to Gladys Purdy (and a copy of Mrs.. Purdy's letter) regarding the upkeep of the Nutting Cemetery

Local Government Conference notification and a copy of the Tug Hill Commission Strategic Plan 2005-2009

Town of Parish proposed amended Zoning Law draft.

List of Misc. newsletters and publications on file in the town clerk's office.

Mr. Hickey questioned the Code Enforcement officers' monthly report of violations. He asked that she clarify properties which are in violation due to operating an unlicensed junkyard and properties accumulating junk.

Mr. Hickey then brought up the situation of the Nutting Cemetery as well as the abandoned cemetery in Toad Harbor. Mr. Hickey insisted that if the state law requires that the town maintain this property that it is our responsibly to do so. He suggested that perhaps the boy scouts could do an initial clean up as a community service project and then the town mow it as required by law (3 times per year).

Mr. McCarthy moved to go into executive session at 9:05 to discuss possible litigation regarding Saccocci, Mr. Ross seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

The board returned at 9:32 and reopened the meeting to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:32.