

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL 46 COUNTY ROUTE 11

April 13, 2005
WEST MONROE, NY 13167

8:00 PM

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

Town Clerk Christine Shaw, Deputy Clerk Louise Herbert

Elwin Fisher, Superintendent of Highways

Legislator Arthur Gearsbeck

10 people in the audience

Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission

Mr. Manchin opened the regular town board meeting leading everyone with the Pledge to the Flag. Mr. Ross then moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting, Mr. Hickey seconding the motion with the vote of the board being: Mr. Ross-yes, Mr. Green-yes Mr. Hickey-yes, Mr. McCarthy-abstained and Mr. Manchin abstained, motion carried.

Mr. B. Richard Bowland from Woodland Manor request that the board grant him a variance from the mobile home law. He stated that he has a 1984 mobile home in the park and would like to purchase some property to move this home onto. The mobile home law would not allow this home to be moved due to the age. Mr. Bowland presented pictures of his home and stated that he takes very good care of the home and felt that he should be allowed to move it onto a private lot. Mr. Hickey explained that the law was adopted for a reason, and several other people have requested exemption from the law and the board has not approved it. The board did not take action on this matter.

John Armani made the request for a child at play sign to be placed on Toad Harbor near his home, along with no dumping signs and a bus top sign. Mr. Fisher will look into the request.

Ron Lougnot of 25 Wedgeworth Dr expressed that he felt that the permit to Deer Run Mobile Home Park should not be renewed due to the crime and violence in this Park. He also requested that the Veterans exemption from last months meeting be explained. Mr. Manchin said that the board was looking into the possibility of increasing the exemption. Due to the time factors of the real property laws there is no rush as it would not go into effect until the 2007 tax roll and the board wanted to be sure of the effect an increase in this exemption would have on the rest of the town residents.

James Taylor manager of Deer Run Mobile Home Park was present and the board wanted to know why it was going to take so long to remove a trailer which has collapsed. Mr. Taylor explained that he gave a "worse case scenario" so that he would not have to tell Code Enforcement that he could not meet the deadline date. He said that as it looks the home would be out within a couple weeks. The board expressed that they expect it to be removed ASAP. Mr. Ross then moved to approve the issuance of the 2005 Mobile Home Park Permit for Partridge Acres, Mr. Green seconded the motion, all in favor. The board will address the renewal of Deer Run once the park is up to code.

Mr. Hickey moved to re-appoint Mr. John Wegerski to the Board of Assessment Review, Mr. Ross seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

Mr. Manchin reported that the Assessor Patrick Duffy has not been able to give the board the information requested regarding the Veterans exemption, explaining that with the Tax roll due by May 1st that the assessors office is very busy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Superintendent of Highways Elwin Fisher requested that the board approve and authorize the expenditure of highway moneys for the sum of \$253,280. Mr. Ross moved to approve the agreement; Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board. Also Mr. Fisher made the board aware that he has contacted CDM to do the necessary narrative for the Annual report to DEC for the storm water permit for the Big Bay area.

Committee to oversee the law consolidation project was then discussed. Planning Board members Tim Bensen, Michael Donegan and Michael Perry have volunteered to sit on that committee and after some discussion Mr. Ross moved to appoint these three to the committee, with Mr. Green seconding the motion and unanimous approval of the board. The board also request that one of the committee members, report to the town board on the progress each month at the regular board meeting.

The board scheduled the Annual audit for the Supervisor, Town clerk and Justices for April 25th at 7:00 P.M. and May 2nd at 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Ross reported on the meeting with the area governments including school district regarding shared services and felt that there are many very good and interesting ideas that are being discussed. One of these items is that the Towns can designate the schools as disaster centers as the school district can't designate themselves.

Monthly reports were received from

Town clerk with a check in the amount of \$1,068.49, along with the tax collectors report

Supervisor's financial report

Code Enforcement officer

Planning board minutes from February meeting and public hearing

Mr. Ross moved to approve the bills as audited:

GENERAL FUND, abstract #4, vouchers #93 to #123 in the amount of \$16,684.48

HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #4, vouchers #118 to #152 in the amount of \$27,601.24

BIG BAY SEWER FUND, abstract #4, vouchers #43 to #49 in the amount of \$3,005.92

Seconded by Mr. Green, and unanimous approval of the board.

CORRESPONDANCE

Response from Oswego County Public Utility Service notification that West Monroe's energy accounts do not meet the minimum threshold usage to be eligible for the program.

Time Warner, 3-8-05, regarding programming affiliate agreements

Office of the State Comptroller, 3-16-05, regarding distribution adjustments resulting from Legislative Repeal of Find Distribution Method

NYS Environmental Facilities Corp., April 2005, regarding 2006 federal budget reductions in funding the Clean Water State Revolving Fund

NYSDEC regarding SPDES Permits changes

NYS Dept. of Labor, 4-5-05, information about contracts for public work/prevaling wage

Letter from Ms. Perry of the AA Cole PTO, requesting addresses of the taxpayers of West Monroe to use to request donations to raise money for the play ground equipment discussed at the March meeting. After some discussion Mr. McCarthy moved that they should obtain this information from the school district or the entire town from the town clerk. Mr. Green seconded the motion. The board was unanimous in favor of this motion.

Misc. newsletters and publications

Mr. Hickey reported that he has been in contact with the boy scouts of West Monroe regarding the Nutting Cemetery and they will be cleaning it up this spring as a group project.

Mr. Hickey also questioned the Code Enforcement officer about her report where she is listing violations as "operating a junk yard" for residents who have unlicensed vehicles or misc. junk on the property. Mrs. Swistak said that the attorney told her she needed to list them that way. Mr. Hickey also questioned why people are listed three or four times on the list. Mrs. Swistak explained that they would clean up and then have the mess/violation again.

Mr. Ross requested that the town advertise for interested people for the Youth Program the Town of West Monroe will be having this summer. He requested that anyone interested in working for the program send their letter/resume to the town clerks office by May 6th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM