

REGULAR MEETING
May 11, 2005

8:00 PM

TOWN HALL 46 COUNTY ROUTE 11
WEST MONROE, NY 13167

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

6 people in the audience

Mr. Manchin opened the regular town board meeting leading everyone with the Pledge to the Flag. Mr. Hickey then moved to approve the minutes of the April meeting, Mr. Ross seconding the motion with the vote of the board unanimous in approving the minutes.

Carl Hoyt of Woodworth Rd. questioned if the town board was working on extending the water district into the Town of West Monroe. He explained that there is property just yards from the end of the West Side Water district boundary that is going to be developed. Mr. Manchin replied that there are no plans being discussed and that the board felt the residents of West Monroe made it clear that they are not interested in bring public water any further into the town. Mr. Ross added that should funds become available from the state to make the cost of water more acceptable to the public he would at that time look into the possibility.

Mr. Hoyt asked the town board if there is anything the town could do to clean up the property next to the West Monroe United Methodist Church. Supervisor Manchin stated that if he had a complaint he should contact the Code Enforcement officer, which Mr. Hoyt said he already did. After some discussion Mr. Hickey asked that Mrs. Swistak take a look at the property and get back to the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Manchin reported that he received correspondence from Ms. Inman regarding Justice Court Grants. The West Monroe town justices would like to apply for a grant and needs a Resolution from the town board stating the board is in agreement with the justice court applying for a grant. Then Mr. McCarthy moved the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Justice Court of the Town of West Monroe has planned improvements to the court facilities and has made application for Justice Court Grant monies to accomplish and implement these changes,

as noted in the attached application,

AND WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of West Monroe is in full agreement with these plans and supports the Justice Court in their application for this grant to accomplish the improvement,

THEREFORE be it resolved this 11th day of May, 2005, that the Town Board of the Town of West Monroe has, by the following vote of all members present on this day given its support to this Justice court grant application.

Mr. Ross seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Ross - yes

Mr. Green - yes

Mr. Hickey – yes

Mr. McCarthy – yes

Mr. Manchin – yes

Report of the completion of the audit of the 2004 records by the town board was submitted and signed by the board members who completed the audit.

Mr. Mike Herbert informed the board his son would like to take over the mowing of the grass at the town hall. The board members were in agreement that this would be acceptable.

Supervisor Manchin moved that the assessor file his personal financial disclosure with the town clerk by May 15th as required by NYS Law. Mr. Ross seconded the motion and unanimous approval of the board.

Tim Bensen, representative of the committee to oversee the law consolidation project reported that the committee has been working on this task and though they will not hold a formal meeting until later next week, the committee has been in contact via email with each other as well as attorney Dodd. Mr. Dodd submitted the frame work on the consolidation of 9 of the town laws. Mr. Bensen explained that the consolidation process will NOT change any of the laws as to the “content”. The purpose of the consolidation is to eliminate any duplication and or conflict, in order to clarify the laws. Mr. Bensen explained that the committee felt that the project will be close to complete within the next month.

Councilor Hickey reported that he spoke with Wayne Long regarding the Boy Scout’s project of cleaning the Nutting Cemetery, which will be done as a group effort. Once the cemetery is cleaned up, it will be up to the town to maintain the cemetery on a regular basis.

Reports received from the town clerk for the month of April with a check in the amount of \$1081

Supervisor

Superintendent of Highway

Code Enforcement Officer

Dog Control Officer

Councilor Ross moved to pay the bills as audited, Seconded by Mr. Green:

GENERAL FUND, abstract #5, vouchers #124 to #145 in the amount of \$11,057.22

HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #5, vouchers #153 to #177 in the amount of \$31,720.94

Big Bay Sewer Fund, abstract #5, vouchers #50 to #58 in the amount of \$6,874.05

The vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the payment of the bills

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CORRESPONDENCE:

NYS Real Property notification of 2005 residential assessment ratio of 4.01 %

Onondaga County Water Authority new hydrant use policies and procedures

NYS Assemblyman Dave Townsend memo regarding Chips Allocation for 2005-06 for the Town of West Monroe of \$50,134 which is an increase of \$1,586. NYS Senator Bruno letter of 5-2-05 confirming this increase

Time Warners 2004 Franchise fee for the Town of West Monroe, check in the amount of \$6,102.23

Conflict of interest statement from Ernest Manchin, who also serves on the Board of Directors at S O V A C

Various publications and newsletters

Mr. Ross reported Mr. Ross explained that he has spoken with Dr. Dougherty, Central Square School District who explained that no written agreement is necessary for Shared Services. Dr. Dougherty suggested that the town create of "bill" for any services the town does for the A A Cole playground. Submit for reference only, to the school district, and then at the time in which the school district can be of service to the town, they would do the same (exchange of services).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM