

REGULAR MEETING  
December 14, 2005

8:00 PM

TOWN HALL 46 COUNTY ROUTE 11  
WEST MONROE, NY 13167

Present: Supervisor Manchin; Councilors Michael Hickey, Timothy McCarthy, Ned Green, Gary Ross  
Town Clerk Christine Shaw, Deputy Clerk Louise Herbert  
Councilwomen-elect Debra Macdougall  
Elwin Fisher, Highway Superintendent  
Randall Shaw, Highway Superintendent-elect  
Code Enforcement Officer Gail Swistak  
Dog Control Officer Karen Ashley  
Legislator Arthur Gearsbeck  
16 people in the audience

Immediately following the pledge to the flag, Mr. Hickey moved to **approve the minutes** of the November 16 public hearing and regular meeting. Mr. Green seconded the motion with the vote of the board as follows:  
Mr. Ross-yes, Mr. Green-yes, Mr. Hickey-yes, Mr. McCarthy-abstained and Mr. Manchin-yes, motion carried.

**An area variance was submitted by James Ricelli**, being represented by Brownell Surveyor Dave Bardone who explained that he had appeared before the Planning Board and before he filed for the subdivision he and Mr. Ricelli felt that they should apply for the variance for the lots. (Variance is needed due to lot area from the Sanitation Ordinance and road frontage from the Subdivision Regulations) After some discussion, the town board was in agreement that they could not consider the variance until the subdivision was filed with the planning board due to the number of lots in question. Mr. Bardone said that he would file the subdivision at the next Planning Board meeting at the end of January and they return to the town board.

Mr. Doug Fuegel, Breckheimer Rd., informed the board that his area of town has been experiencing "low power" several times this fall (this being the 4<sup>th</sup> time in the past 3-4 months) and hoped the town board would contact National Grid to request that they address the problem.

Norma Howard, Pinnacle Rd., suggested that a speaker system should be used at town board meetings.

The town board reviewed the **2006 Fuel Bids** and per the Highway Superintendents recommendation, voted to **award the bid to Oneida Lake Energy** as they were low bidder of all fuel. Mr. Ross made the motion, with Mr. McCarthy seconding, and unanimous approval of the board. The November monthly report from the Superintendent was also read.

The **town law consolidation next phase** was discussed. The board requested that the committee, which was made up of 3 planning board members, Tim Bensen, Mike Donogan and Mike Perry, address the concerns that were discussed during the consolidation process. Mr. Bensen, who is heading the committee, reported that they would contact the attorney to address the issues.

The State of New York has approved **Multi-year licensing of dogs** beginning on January 15, 2006 and the town clerk informed the board that they have the option of approving the issuing of licenses for up to three years duration. It would not be required that a resident purchase a multi year (up to 3 years as long as the rabies vaccination is current) however, the resident would have this option. The cost would be doubled for a two-year license, tripled for a 3-year license. The owner however, would not receive a refund if the dog status changes i.e. dies or changes ownership. After some discussion Mr. Hickey moved to approve the multi-year licensing for dogs, and Mr. Green seconded the motion. The vote of the board was unanimous in the approval of the multi-year license.

The town clerk presented a town fee schedule to the town board for their review.

The Code Enforcement Officer requested permission to attend a conference in Verona February 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> at the Turning Stone. Mr. Hickey moved to give permission to the Code Enforcement Officer to attend the NYSBOC conference in Verona, Mr. Ross seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Reports:

Town Clerks November report with a check in the amount of \$845.89  
Supervisor's Financial Report as of December 9, 2005  
Planning Board minutes from October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
Code Enforcement Officers November report as well as a Yearly report as of 12/14/05

The Following **Budget adjustments** addressed:

**HIGHWAY FUND**

Supervisor Manchin moved to increase the Highway Revenue by \$58,368.37 and increase the following items:

- \$3,157.00 to DA5130.4
- \$ 585.00 to DA5110.1
- \$11,252.00 to DA5130.1
- \$2,363.00 to DA5110.4
- \$41,011.37 to DA5148.1

Mr. Ross seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

Supervisor Manchin moved to transfer:

- \$ 1,800 from DA5112.4 to DA5110.4
- \$12,000 from DA5130.2 to DA5130.4

and to loan \$47,238.32 (for billed snowplowing & remaining sales tax not received as yet) from the General Fund to Highway Fund and the billed services are received deposit in the General Fund as payment of loan. Decrease DA1120 by \$4,285.09 and Increase DA2300 by \$15,415.14.

Mr. Ross seconded the motion and the board was unanimous in the approval of the motion.

**BIG BAY SEWER FUND**

Supervisor Manchin moved to:

- Correct the charge of \$25,000 against SS8130.1 not SS88130.4
- Transfer \$504 from SS8120.2 to SS8120.4
- Reduce Contingency SS1190.4 by \$451 and apply as follows:
  - \$37 to SS8130.2
  - \$333 to SS9030.81
  - \$81 to SS9030.82

Mr. Green seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board

## GENERAL FUND

Supervisor Manchin moved to:

Increase A1120 by \$4,285

Increase A291 by \$42,953.32 to reflect the money due from Highway Fund for loan.

Decrease A3005 by \$47,238.32 since this is a repayment not added income

Increase budget by \$20,000 (amount borrowed for new boilers) and increase account A1620.4 by \$20,000

Transfer from A1990.4 \$8,470 as follows:

\$1,650 to A1010.4

\$450 to A1110.4

\$300 to A1420.4

\$500 to A1620.4

\$3,250 to A1910.4

\$300 to A3510.4

\$350 to A3620.4

\$120 to A4020.4

\$600 to A5010.4

\$100 to A6110.4

\$700 to A7140.4

\$150 to A8020.4

This motion was seconded by Mr. Ross with unanimous approval of the board members.

## WEST SIDE WATER FUND

Increase budget due to revenue exceeding budget by \$4,230.89, which will equal \$42,160.89 and apply the \$4,230.89 to SW-2 8340.4 was the motion presented by Supervisor Manchin, seconded by Mr. Ross with unanimous approval of the board.

Councilman Hickey moved to **pay the bills** as audited, Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion:

**GENERAL FUND**, abstract #12, vouchers # 359 to #397, in the amount of \$12,270.47

**HIGHWAY FUND**, abstract #12, vouchers #330 to #347, in the amount of \$11,825.36

**BIG BAY SEWER FUND**, abstract #12, vouchers #122 to #128 in the amount of \$28,758.51

The board was unanimous in approving the audited vouchers for payment.

Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission Representative, submitted the Economic Impact Study of ATV's in Oswego County as requested by the town board. He also reported that there will be a NORCOG meeting 1/26/06 in Constantia at 7:00 at the Town Hall and OLWAC meeting will be in January and he plans to attend that as well.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Gail Keller, 159 Shaw Rd regarding the closing of the Central Square Health Center

Response from Mr. Manchin to Ms. Keller dated 12-11-05

Letter of 12-8-05 Scicchitano law firm regarding a joint meeting with Clay, Cicero, Hastings and West Monroe regarding Rural Metro not continuing to supply medical services to the towns.

Notification that a grant has been awarded to the West Monroe Justice Dept. in the amount of \$2,500, as well as a listing of items that are to be purchased with the grant money.

News release of the Train derailment that happened in November

District  
NYS Comptrollers office notification of the limits for the costs for County and Town Special Improvement

Law.  
Notification of Public Hearing on the Town of Constantia's proposed amendments to the Land Development

Tug Hill Commissions Strategic Plan 2005-2009

Mr. Manchin then presented Supervisor-elect Ross with a gavel and nameplate and wished everyone the best in the years to come.

Supervisor-elect Ross, along with the members of the Town Board presented Mr. Manchin with a plaque, which stated:

*With deepest appreciation of his long and dedicated service,  
The Town of West Monroe  
Wishes to thank and recognize  
ERNEST MANCHIN*

*Planning Board  
July 9, 1979 to 1989  
Councilman  
October 9, 1989 to April 26, 2000  
Supervisor  
April 26, 2000 to December 31, 2005*

Mr. Hickey added that it has been a pleasure to work with Mr. Manchin and appreciated his dedication to the Town of West Monroe.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.