

**REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL
WEST MONROE, NY**

**46 COUNTY ROUTE 11
JUNE 14, 2006**

Present: Supervisor Gary Ross, Councilwomen Macdougall and Davis,
Councilmen Hickey and McCarthy

Deputy Town Clerk Louise Herbert and Town Clerk Christine Shaw

Dog Control Officer Karen Ashley

15 people in the audience

Supervisor Ross made the following Resolution:

The Town Board of the Town of West Monroe held a public hearing June 14th, 2006 to hear all comments either for or against the West Monroe Volunteer Fire Dept. received the tax exempt status on the borrowing of funds for a new pumper. Since there were no objections received during the public hearing the Town Board of the Town of West Monroe hereby approves the tax exempt status for the borrowing for the West Monroe Volunteer Fire Dept.

Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with the vote of the Town Board unanimously approving the resolution.

Mr. Hickey moved to approve the minutes of the May 10th and May 31st meetings. Ms. Davis seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

The bills were approved for payment as audited on a motion made by Mr. Ross, Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion.

o GENERAL FUND, abstract #6, vouchers #137 to #163, (#152 voided), in the amount of \$9,941.25

o HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #6, vouchers #153 to #181 in the amount of \$37,636.42

o BIG BAY SEWER FUND, abstract #6, vouchers #59 to #66 in the amount of \$3,052.82

All board members votes yes to pay the bills as audited.

Mitch Longley of 244 Tanner Road questioned the board as to how to get a 4-way Stop sign on the corner of Smith & Tanner Road. He explained that on a few occasions there have been some near accidents at this intersection and he feels that a 4-way stop sign is warranted. Mr. Longley was instructed that he should get a petition

signed by the residents in the area requesting the stop sign and present it to the town board and they will follow through.

Donna Schrader, Camic Road, informed the board that the street sign at Camic Road on County Route 37 was missing. Superintendent of Highways Shaw responded that he was aware of that and has already contacted Oswego County DPW as they are responsible for those street signs.

Councilperson Hickey then made the motion to approve the area variance submitted by Glenn Green for the division of land into 3 lots at 393 Toad Harbor Road. Councilperson McCarthy seconded the motion, the board then voted unanimously to approve the area variance.

The board then discussed the dates for interviews for the open position of Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Ross said that he felt they should interview all the certified candidates first and then if the board was not happy with any of those then interview the next best qualified candidates.

After some discussion, Tim McCarthy moved that on 6-19-06 at 6:30 to hold a Special Meeting to interview candidates for CEO. The interview would take place in executive session. On 6-26, 2006 at 6:30 to hold a Special Meeting for additional interviews and/or to make the appointment. Mr. Ross seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

Supervisor Ross reported that he has received a letter of compliance from the IRS in regards to their notification that the Town of West Monroe was in the arrears with the Workers Compensation Payments from a previous year. As reported at the March 2006 meeting. Supervisor Ross and Bookkeeper Parrotte submitted cancelled checks and other needed information to the IRS to prove payment was made. The IRS is satisfied with the proof and now must check with their bank etc.

Supervisor Ross then explained that he and Mr. McCarthy met with representatives from OCWA and B & L Engineers regarding the public water coming through West Monroe to accommodate the Town of Constantia residents. They were informed that the cost to West Monroe Residents, should they choose to form a water district now, would be \$480 to \$520 per year which includes water usage. This is lower than predicted in the past year when water was proposed. Mr. Ross has sent out a questionnaire to residents of State Route 49, Lower Rd, Toad Harbor Area roads, West Rd. and Luther Rd. for the residents' input on whether or not they would like to form a water district at this time and where those residents are that want public water. Only the residents on Route 49 and south were canvassed to be considered for public water. Mr. Ross said he has already mailed the

survey and the board will review the results before making any decisions.

REPORTS :

- o Supervisors Financial Report for May 2006
- o Town Clerk's May report with check
- o Superintendent of Highways May report

CORRESPONDANCE

- o NYS Dept. of Real Property indicating the tentative equalization rate for 2006 is 3.95%
- o Tug Hill Times
- o Oswego County Probation regarding litigation
- o Newsletter from the Brewerton/Greater Oneida Lake Chamber of Commerce
- o State Comptrollers regarding the Justice financial report.

Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Representative extended the invitation to all Board members to attend the SuperCog meeting to be held at Kate's & Karl's Restaurant in Camden on 6/28/06. He also explained that he has been working with Councilpersons Tim McCarthy & Kelley Davis on the Emergency Preparedness Program for West Monroe.

Mr. Hickey mentioned that the Nutting Cemetery looks great and what a super job the West Monroe Highway Dept. and boy scouts did to clean up the property. He did say that according to New York State Cemetery Law, it is required that an abandon cemetery has a fence and therefore he feels that the Town should erect a fence at this cemetery. Superintendent of Highways Shaw said if that's what the town board wants, his department will put up a fence.

Ms. Davis moved to accept the Supervisors Bank Reconciliation report for May, 2006 and Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board to accept.

Ms. Macdougall brought up that the Town of West Monroe does not have a Board of Ethics committee which is required by the Town's Code of Ethics law, dated 1970. She feels that perhaps the law should be updated and that if it requires a committee one should be appointed. Mr. Ross said he became aware of this back in January when he took over as Supervisor and agrees, however he had to prioritize what needed to be done and he has not gotten to that as yet. Ms. Macdougall said she will be checking further into this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.