

Present: Supervisor Ross; Councilors Michael Hickey, Timothy McCarthy and Debra Macdougall
Town Clerk Christine Shaw, Deputy Clerk Louise Herbert
Randall Shaw, Highway Superintendent
Code Enforcement Officer Mike Yerdon
Dog Control Officer, Karen Ashley
Oswego County Legislator Arthur Gearsbeck
12 people in the audience

Supervisor Ross called the meeting to order, leading everyone present with the pledge to the flag.

Mr. Ross moved to approve the minutes of the June 14th meeting, Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion and the board voted as follows: Ms. Macdougall abstained because she did not read them, Ms. Davis-yes, Mr. Hickey-yes, Mr. McCarthy-yes and Mr. Ross-yes

Mr. Ross moved to approve the minutes of the special meetings held June 19th & 26 with the second from Mr. Hickey and the vote of the board: Ms. Macdougall-yes, Ms. David-yes, Mr. Hickey-yes, Mr. McCarthy-abstained because he was unable to attend and Mr. Ross yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Ross moved the payment of the bills as audited.

GENERAL FUND, abstract #7, vouchers # in the amount of \$
HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #7, vouchers # in the amount of \$
BIG BAY SEWER FUND, , abstract #7, vouchers # in the amount of \$

Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

Mr. Ross mentioned that the Town of West Monroe Master Plan needs to be updated. He asked that board members please give thought to how to address this update and the Master Plan update will be discussed again at the August meeting.

Superintendent of Highways Shaw explained the rising cost in the Big Bay Sewer pumps. After a brief discussion, Mr. Ross moved to increase the cost of the grinder pumps fee for new construction with the district to \$3,500.00 effective immediately, Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

Ms. David moved to accept the supervisor's reconciliation report, Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

Mr. Ross moved that the town board give him permission to cut checks for the Youth programs as needed over the next few weeks. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

The board then discussed the public water informational meeting. Ms. Macdougall asked if the residents on County Route 11 up to the fire department were sent the survey sheets. Mr. Ross responded that they did not however they were sent notification of the informational meeting. Ms. Macdougall questioned if it is fair that these home owners were not included in the survey. Mr. McCarthy responded that the surveys were only intended to be a gauge to use for a reference. The town clerk mentioned that one of the resident in question did approach her to ask if they could get the water.

REPORTS:

Town Clerks report for June
Dog Control Officers report
Superintendent of Highway's report
Supervisor's financial report

CORRESPONANCE

Notification that Mr. Ross, Ms. Davis and Mr. Shaw passed stage 1 of the NIMS training.

July 24th there will be a training class by Tug Hill Commission regarding "Red Flags for Fraud"

Tug Hill Times

Sales Tax Check in the amount of \$55,593.56

NYSDEC renewal of Jack Brown's mining permit.

NYSDEC notification that they will be revising DAM safety regulations. The board felt that it would be beneficial to the town residents of this info would be available on the town site and asked the town clerk to be sure to ask Paul Baxter to post it on the town's website.

The town clerk notified the town board that it was brought to her attention during the absence of the CEO that West Monroe's building permit fees were considerably lower than that of surrounding towns. The board decided that during the budget process the fees be compared and adjustments made if needed at the Organizational Meeting.

Mr. Hickey then suggested that there should be a usage deposit collected for the use of the town park. Mr. Hickey thought that perhaps \$100. deposit of which \$25 would be non-refundable and the remaining \$75.00 if park is left in acceptable condition. Superintendent Shaw mentioned that the folks using the park are now bringing plug in coolers, hot plates and even having bands all plugging into the pole. In fact, recently a breaker tripped at the park

caused by the number of items which were plugged into the socket. After a brief discussion, the board also decided that budget time would be the time to initiate this if decided.

Ms. Macdougall address the other members of the board regarding statements which were made resulting from the June meeting's discussion of the Town's Code of Ethics law. Ms. Macdougall explained that she has researched the law and has gotten opinions from the Association of Towns, which she feels, raises questions as to Ms. Davis' voting ability on certain items. Mr. Ross explained that before Ms. Davis was even appointed the town attorney was contacted and given the facts and in the opinion of the town attorney there is no conflict. After a short discussion, Mr. Ross reminded the board that sometime in September it will be time to meet with the fire dept. as to their 2 year contact with the town.

The town board meeting was closed at 8:40 PM.