

**REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2006**

**TOWN HALL
8:00 PM**

**46 CO RT 11
WEST MONROE, NY**

Present: Supervisor Gary Ross; Councilpersons Tim McCarthy, Michael Hickey, Kelley Davis and Debra Macdougal
Deputy Town Clerk, Louise Herbert
Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission representative
Oswego County Legislator Art Gearsbeck
Terry Bennett, Oswego County Emergency Management
9 people in the audience

Supervisor Ross opened the meeting with the Pledge to the flag and then explained that the PA system had to be sent out for repairs.

Supervisor Ross made a motion to approve the minutes of 7-19-06 with the addition of Kelley Davis being present and the minutes of 7-25-06 Informational meeting correcting the Engineers name from Hann to Pond. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion, with unanimous approval of the board.

Supervisor Ross moved to pay the bills as audited. Ms. Macdougal seconded the motion.

GENERAL FUND, abstract #8, vouchers #202 to #233 in the amount of \$10,478.04
HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #8, vouchers #206 to #221 in the amount of \$9,999.47
BIG BAY SEWER FUND, abstract #8, vouchers #76 to #85 in the amount of \$5,104.77

The board unanimously approved the payment of vouchers.

Terry Bennett from Oswego County Emergency Management stated that she works for Pat Egan, who planned on attending but ended up with extra training sessions and could not be here. Ms. Bennett spoke about the National Incident System. It is a national program put together by the Federal Emergency Management Dept. to insure that people would be trained the same way. She explained that Municipalities must have some kind of Emergency Plan in place and must be trained to a certain level. If the town meets the requirement criteria that would open it up for funds to be used for training. One of the most recent town to become involved is Hastings (including the Village of Central Square). Ms. Bennett reminded everyone of the train derailment in 2005 and the great emergency response which occurred. Town officials and the School Districts took part in the Emergency response preparing to transport the Senior Citizens to a shelter if necessary, which turns out it was not necessary. She continued to explain that the Comprehensive Plan includes the Town Board, Highway Superintendent, Assessor and even the Historian could be helpful (explaining how things were done in the past). The Primary people would be your Fire Dept., Ambulance Service and Law Enforcement. The plan would be updated annually.

Mr. Ross stated that the Town of West Monroe is prepared to become involved.

Norma Howard, Pinnacle Rd. asked if there was a cost for this plan, which there is not.

Mr. Hickey commented that if the Town of West Monroe does not get involved with this, the town could miss out on available grant money to implement a plan.

Ms. Howard asked who would respond if something happened at the tire dump. Mr. Ross explained

that the Fire Dept would be the first responder. DEC, Oswego County and NYS would all have an input on what would be done. Ms. Davis explained that she is aware that the West Monroe Vol. Fire Dept. has given a lot of thought and have a plan should something happen at the tire dump.

Mr. Al Gerisch, Co. Rt. 11, mentioned that the West Monroe Fire Dept is an Emergency Shelter and with the plans to bring public water to the facility, when the water line goes out there would be no water so there needs to be a back up plan.

Mr. Ross stated that he would like to thank Randy and Chris Shaw and the West Monroe Highway Dept. for the use of the picnic tables so the youth program could keep going. Also he wanted to thank the public for the great response. Mr. Ross then read to the those present the letter sent to the Donald Dodd, Oswego County DA explaining that the town should not incur the expense of repairing and replacing the damage at the park. Mr. Ross requested on behalf of the town that we be reimbursed for those expenses.

Mr. Ross then wanted to thank Mary Lesnau and Chris Shaw for the work on the Veterans Wall and mentioned to the audience that they can still bring in pictures.

Mr. Ross then explained that last month the State Comptroller had a workshop for audits and He and Kelley Davis attended. It was a great presentation. He said that there were three things that need to be addressed:

1. Opening of the mail. As of September 1st Mary Lesnau would be opening the mail addressed to the supervisor or town board.
2. Blank checks which are in the Supervisors Office need to be in a locked cabinet
3. Once every quarter he will audit the Highway time cards

Mr. Ross then made the motion for budget transfers:

Due to the problems with the fuel pump system which had to be replaced in the spring therefore there is a need to transfer \$19,370.08 to DA5110.4 Highway Equipment from Account Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion, all councilpersons voted yes to the transfer of funds.

Mr. Ross asked the town board what they wanted to do with the Master Plan, as mentioned at the last town board meeting. Tim Bensen, who chairs the Zoning Committee, has said he would like a committee outside of the Zoning Committee. Mr. Hickey said it will take a few months to get this together. The board needs to get something in the Citizen Outlet so that town residents can get involved. Mr. Ross suggested that there could be 1 person from the Planning Board, 1 person from the Zoning Commission and 1 from the Town Board. Tim McCarthy suggested to take time to think about it. Paul Baxter informed the board that he talked to the Zoning Chairman, Tim Bensen about the Master Plan. It might be useful to do some quick updating for example putting in the 2000 Census information and then take a little more time to compile.

Mr. Ross discussed that the time is coming to work on the 2007 Budget. He will be distributing the forms and has asked all departments to submit their requests by September 10th.

The Youth Summer program ended on August 10th and was a great success. The program was approved by Oswego County Health.

REPORTS:

Town Clerks report for July with a check in the amount of \$1,701.52
Planning Board minutes of June 28, 2006
Zoning Commission of July 10, 2006 minutes
Highway Superintendent Shaw's report from July
Supervisors Financial Report

COMMUNICATION:

National Grid

William Nichols, project manager for the Fortino Cleanup Project, sent an email reporting that 6,000 tons of tires have been processed at a rate averaging approximately 130 tons per day.

Ft. Brewerton/Greater Oneida Lake Chamber of Commerce newsletter

Altmar-Parish-Williamstown School District's current school board members, along with regular meeting schedule and school calendar.

At 8:50 Mr. Ross moved to enter into executive session to discuss current litigation. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

The board returned at 8:56 and Mr. Ross reopened the meeting giving Mr. Paul Baxter the floor to report on the Oneida Lake Watershed Advisory Committee. Mr. Baxter explained that no meeting was held in July and therefore he had nothing to report. He did explain that Tug Hill Committee will be holding a workshop in Camden on Legal Issues that town's deal with.

Mr. Ross informed the board that he has received 5 copies of the proposed water project and they are in his office on his desk.

Mr. Hickey commented on the Nutting Cemetery work which has been done. Good job.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04