

REGULAR MEETING
October 11, 2006

8:00 PM

TOWN HALL 46 CO RT 11
WEST MONROE, NY

Present: Supervisor Gary Ross; Councilpersons Tim McCarthy, Michael Hickey and Kelley Davis
Town Clerk Christine Shaw, Deputy Town Clerk Louise Herbert
Superintendent of Highways, Randall Shaw
Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission representative (arrived about 8:15)
Oswego County Legislator Art Gearsbeck
5 people in the audience

Supervisor Ross opened the meeting leading those present in the Pledge to the Flag. Mr. Ross explained that Ms. Macdougall could not attend the meeting due to surgery she had done last week on her foot.

Daniel Harkins presented to the board a check for the repairs to the town park. The board accepted the check and wished Mr. Harkins the good luck for his future.

Mr. Hickey then moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting, Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

Supervisor Ross moved to pay the bills as audited. Mr. Hickey seconded that motion.

GENERAL FUND, abstract #10, vouchers #235 to #256 in the amount of \$7184.81
HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #11, vouchers #249 to #269 in the amount of \$40974.37
BIG BAY SEWER FUND, abstract #11, vouchers #95 to #103 in the amount of \$8232.31
BIG BAY WATER FUND, abstract #2, voucher #2, in the amount of \$592.48
WESTSIDE WATER FUND, abstract #2, voucher #2, in the amount of \$3158.75

The Board members present were all in favor of paying the bills as audited.

Mr. Hickey moved to approve the Supervisors reconciliation report for August, 2006. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion with the vote of the board: Ms. Davis-yes, Mr. Hickey-yes, Mr. McCarthy-yes and Mr. Ross-abstaining.

Norma Jean Howard stated that she attended the Fire Department's Safety night and it was great. Mr. Ross and Mr. McCarthy commented that they also attended the event and they agree the fire department did a great job.

Superintendent of Highways Randall Shaw presented the town board with the specifications for a truck with snow plow equipment available under state bid in the amount of \$151,000. He explained that as part of the equipment rotation he was requesting permission to purchase this truck. After some discussion, Supervisor Ross moved to allow Superintendent Shaw permission to order the Sterling Truck with the snow plow equipment as presented, Ms. Davis seconded the motion. All board members present vote yes to approve the purchase of a new truck.

Superintendent Shaw also informed the board that the deposit paid by Mike and June Wood for Slocum Drive should be returned to them. The one year period is over and the road has held up according to the specification which was in place at the time the road was built. Superintendent Shaw also stated

that he has updated the road specifications which is now required for any new roads in a subdivision. Superintendent Shaw also asked the board to consider abandoning the east end of Pulver Rd. Mr. Shaw explained that he has checked with the state and the town does not receive any CHIPS money for this stretch of road and that it would be in the town's best interest to abandon it. Should the town board decide to abandon this road there will be 1 year for residents to address the board as to their objection to this abandonment and a 6 year waiting period before the bridge can be removed. Councilwoman David suggested that the board have the town attorney give his opinion and write the resolution as to the abandonment to insure that the board fully understands this procedure. The board was in agreement to have the information from the town attorney.

Supervisor Ross explained to the board that one of the justice computers needs to be updated or replaced. Judge DeMong talked with the professionals at A & S Computers in Central Square and has found that a new computer would be the way to go. The justices have most of the cost of a new computer in their 2006 equipment line and the remainder could be transferred from the contractual portion of their budget. Supervisor Ross moved to approve the purchase of the computer as quoted from A & S Computers; Councilman McCarthy seconded the motion with unanimous board approval by those members present.

Monthly reports were received from the Town Clerk, Superintendent of Highways and Justice Court.

CORRESPONDANCE

NYS DOT informed the town that during the work on the Route 81 bridge over County Route 37 next summer the road will not be closed as previously suggested.

\$33,941.37 in Sales tax revenue was received

Fort Brewerton Chamber of Commerce newsletter

Tug Hill Times

Oswego County Business

Supervisor Ross moved to hold an **additional budget workshop on October 24th at 6:30**, to make any final changes needed and to be sure that all councilpersons understand the entire budget. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion, with unanimous approval of the board.

Mr. Ross also moved to hold the Preliminary Budget Public Hearing on November 8th at 7:00 PM. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and unanimous approval for the date of the public hearing.

The regular meeting of the West Monroe Town Board was closed at 8:40 PM.