

REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 2007

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WEST MONROE, NY

Present: Supervisor Gary Ross; Councilwomen Kelley Davis and Debra Macdougall,
Councilmen Michael Hickey and Tim McCarthy
Town Clerk, Christine Shaw; Deputy Town Clerk Louise Herbert
Highway Superintendent Randall Shaw
Oswego County Legislator Arthur Gearsbeck
Tug Hill Representative Paul Baxter
8 people in the audience

Supervisor Ross opened the meeting at 8:00 PM and after the pledge to the flag moved to accept the minutes of the March Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Ross then moved to pay the bills as audited, which was seconded by Ms. Macdougall with unanimous approval of the board members.

GENERAL FUND, abstract #4, dated 4/11/07, vouchers #95 to #124, in the amount of \$15,141.67
HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #4, dated 4/11/07, vouchers #98 to #123, in the amount of \$11,437.34
BIG BAY SEWER FUND, abstract #4, dated 4/11/07, vouchers #34 to #40, in the amount of \$3,407.90

Mr. McCarthy moved to accept the Supervisors' reconciliation report for the month of March, Ms. Macdougall seconded the motion and the vote of the board was:

Ms. Macdougall-yes, Ms. Davis-yes, Mr. McCarthy-yes. Mr. Hickey-yes and Mr. Ross-abstained.
Reconciliation report accepted.

Norma Jean Howard, Pinnacle Rd., asked if there was another way the town board could notify the public when something important like zoning was before the board, as not everyone gets the local paper. Mr. Ross explained that the notice is published in the town's official newspaper (Citizen Outlet) and is posted in two other public places, post office and Good Golly's Restaurant. Someone in the audience suggested a sign board in front of the town hall. After a brief discussion, Ms. Macdougall agreed to look into another alternative for keeping the residents informed.

Donna Schrader mentioned that County Route 37 needs to have the litter cleaned up again this year. It was mentioned that the town has been notified that there is a small group that will be working to clean up during Earth Week, however it is not known which roads they will be working on. Oswego County Legislator Gearsbeck explained that Social Services has people available to work, maybe that is something they could do. The board asked if Mr. Gearsbeck would check into that.

The audit work shop was rescheduled for Tuesday April 17 at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Ross explained that the **Zoning Commission** held a public hearing on the proposed zoning law, which they were charged with creating from the current laws and ordinances and the commission has now presented the proposed zoning to the town board. Mr. Ross moved to hold a **public hearing on the proposed Zoning Law on Wednesday May 2, 2007 at 6:30 with a special board meeting immediately following the public hearing.** Ms. Macdougall seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

Mr. Ross asked the board members to set aside April 23, 24 & 25 for negotiations with the highway union.

Mr. Hickey explained that he has done a little research on an outside agency doing a review of the town books and the cost would be between \$1500 to 2000 compared to \$8,000 for a full audit. He will continue to research

this and report back in June.

Highway Superintendent Shaw explained that the highway dept. needs a new tractor. Two tractors are currently in inventory of which one is in very bad condition and the second is in only fair shape. Superintendent Shaw has been looking into what is affordably available and has determined that the CAT Avenger tractor would best serve the needs of our town. It is a multipurpose unit with mower, trimmer for trees & brush, broom and loader bucket. This machine would be used year around with its enclosed cab. The cost for the unit and attachments is \$83,077 which could be purchased by a BAN for 5 years or lease it for 10 years with the cost to be \$8,000 to \$10,000 per year and a guaranteed price for another unit lease at the end of the 10 year period. After some discussion, Mr. Hickey moved to **lease the CAT Avenger Tractor with attachments** as presented by the Highway Superintendent, Ms. Macdougall seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

Monthly Reports:

Town Clerks monthly report
Tax Collection Report
Justice reports from both Judge Inman and Judge DeMong
Minutes of the Zoning Commission
Code Enforcement Officers report

Superintendent of Highway who requested that the **1972 International Cab & Chassis be declared surplus and permission to sell it (via bid)**. Mr. Ross moved to approve the request of the Superintendent of Highways and allow the 1972 equipment to be advertised for bid, Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion with unanimous board approval. Superintendent Shaw also explained that the Big Bay Sewer District has to replace the current grinder pumps as the pumps are no longer available and parts are also being discontinued. Currently the Sewer District has 10 pumps in reserve, which are used to either replace or for parts to rebuild the problem units. Highway Superintendent Shaw expressed concern that should something happen that would delete the 10 pumps in reserve it would be a major cost to the residents of the sewer district. Mr. Ross explained that the Tug Hill Commission will be hosting specialties that can help town board members plan for long term financial obligations of the towns and West Monroe will be taking advantage of this planning help.

Dog Control Officers report
Supervisors Financial Report
Planning Board minutes

CORRESPONANCE

Historical Society note of thanks

Tug Hill Times

Chamber of Commerce newsletter informing everyone that the Bass Masters Fishing Tournament will be held on July 26 through the 29, 2007. The Chamber is looking at the impact of this tournament on the North Shore

First Quarter sales tax received in the amount of \$64,298.76.

Paul Baxter reported that the NYS legislature is in the process of creating a Watershed Commission. Also the Tug Hill Commission meeting will be held on April 24th at Amboy at 4:00 PM. West Monroe is part of the North Shore Council of Governments and there will be a meeting on May 2 in Camden.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM