

**REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 13, 2007**

**TOWN HALL 46 COUNTY ROUTE 11  
WEST MONROE, NY 13167**

Present: Supervisor Gary Ross; Councilmember Michael Hickey, Timothy McCarthy, Kelley Davis and Debra Macdougall  
Town Clerk Christine Shaw, Deputy Clerk Louise Herbert  
Superintendent of Highways Randall Shaw  
Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission  
10 people in the audience

The supervisor opened the meeting was opened at 8:00 P.M. leading those present with the pledge to the flag.

Mr. Hickey moved to approve the Supervisors banking reconciliation report for April and May. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion with the vote of the board members in favor with the exception of Mr. Ross who abstained.

Mr. Ross moved to approve the bills as audited, Ms. Macdougall seconded the motion:

GENERAL FUND, abstract #, vouchers# 125 to #157 in the amount of \$8,501.54  
HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #, vouchers #124 to #163 in the amount of \$15,204.04  
BIG BAY SEWER FUND, abstract #, vouchers#41 to #49 in the amount of \$8,000.47

The board voted unanimously to pay the bills as audited.

David Hanson, President of the West Monroe Volunteer Fire Dept. addressed the board requesting the town board's support in demanding that the Oswego County Legislature apply for the County's share in a grant to engineer a new Regional Emergency Communication System.

Mr. Hanson explained the problems that have hindered the West Monroe Vol. Fire Dept., along with other departments, since the County purchased the communications system. Mike Allen, of Oswego County, is working with Onondaga & Madison Counties toward of \$6,000,000. grant to engineer a new Regional Emergency Communication System. Mr. Hanson asked that the town send a letter to the County Legislature demanding that the count work with the other counties in applying for the grant and asked the town board to work with the fire dept. to stay on top of it. The town board felt this is a very important opportunity for Oswego County to correct the problem will communication for its emergency services and will forward a letter immediately to the County. Mr. McCarthy asked Mr. Hanson to keep the board informed.

Supervisor Ross mentioned that Mr. Hickey will work with the Recreation program staff and that Ms. Macdougall will be the new water district representative.

Dave Hendricks, Toad Harbor addressed the board explaining that he has some issues with the assessor. He explained that Mr. Duffy made an error in Mr. Hendricks assessment, which is now corrected but

expressed concern for those residents who didn't catch it (if applicable) or didn't pursue it. Mr. Hendricks distributed information taken from the Post-Standard newspaper and demanded that the board replace Mr. Duffy.

Marie Hendricks, Toad Harbor explained that she felt that Mr. Duffy treated her husband and herself with disrespect, questioning why the Town of West Monroe would have him as assessor.

Norma Howard, Pinnacle Rd., asked what positions in the Town staff was part-time and was informed that the highway staff, including the Superintendent, as well as the Town Clerk are the only full time positions employed by the Town. Mr. Ross explained that during the budget process the town board looks at each office and determines how it should be staffed and budgets accordingly.

Bruce Phillips asked what the process for the search of applicants is. The board responded that there are ads in the Citizen Outlet, interviews and resumes that create the base for selection of a candidate.

Mr. Ross then gave an update on the Proposed Water District which has met all the requirements needed to go forward with the formation of the district. However, Mr. Ross did mention that there will be one last attempt to contact those residents who have expressed their opinion on this project which will be by post card.

Mr. Ross moved to make the following appointments to the Youth Program which is due to begin on July 9th.

Judy Graham and Yvonne Renne Co-directors  
Derek Burghart  
Brandon Fisher  
Devin Wells  
Jon Barnes  
Julianne Croad  
Kolleen Carista  
Melissa Scrimale  
Angela Scrimale

Debra Macdougall seconded the motion with the board unanimous in the approval of the appointments.

At the May town board meeting the town board declared the 1972 International Cab & Chassis as surplus and placed up for bid. There were no bids received on time for this piece of equipment, one bid was received via regular mail about 1 hour after the scheduled opening time, which the town board rejected. The board instructed the town clerk to publish the equipment one more time.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

- Mary Lesnau, Assessor's clerk, requested permission to attend training in Utica with expenses of room, meals and mileage paid by the town. Mr. Ross moved to give Mary Lesnau permission to attend the training with the usual expenses paid. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

- Tug Hill Times
- Oswego County Probation payment made for damage at the town park. This is the final payment of 3.
- Two Guys from Italy notification of renewal of Liquor License
- Fort Brewerton Chamber of Commerce Newsletter
- West Monroe Vol. Fire Dept. update on activities

#### REPORTS:

- Town Clerk's monthly report for May
- Code Enforcement monthly report for May
- Justices Reports
- Highway Superintendent's report
- Planning Board's minutes of their April meeting

Mr. Hickey moved to approve the minutes of the Town Board's May meeting, Ms. Macdougall seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board

Town Clerk submitted to the board the Park Use packets, which include the rules and charges. The board felt that the information was sufficient.

Paul Baxter mentioned the pending litigation in the Legislature which Jim Wright has submitted which changes the minimum standards for town roads.

Mike Yerdon, Code Enforcement Officer, addressed the board explaining that he has attended the MS4 class and that here are several regulations that the town needs to comply with. He mentioned that the Superintendent of Highways, Shaw has contacted the engineering firm to update our report but along with that there are resident awareness steps that need to be taken among others. The penalty for not complying will be costly. January 8th, 2008 is the deadline for the first steps. Mr. Shaw confirmed that he did contact Bill Hopkins, who has done a previous update but there are other things that need to be done by the town as of this date.

Mr. Ross moved to enter into executive session at 9:07 to discuss current litigation regarding United Mobile Homes. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to go into executive session.

9:13 the town board returned and Mr. Ross called the meeting to order.

Ms. Macdougall reported that she has been looking into signs for the front of the town hall and feels that 3' x 6' would be effective and will report again next meeting.

Mr. Hickey remarked that the cemetery looked great for the Memorial Holiday and thanked the highway dept.

The meeting was closed at 9:15 PM.

Christine Shaw, West Monroe Town Clerk