

REGULAR MEETING

TOWN HALL 46 COUNTY ROUTE 11

JULY 11, 2007

WEST MONROE, NY 13167

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

Absent: Timothy McCarthy

Supervisor Ross opened the meeting at 8:00 PM with all those present pledging to the flag.

Ms. Davis moved to accept the Supervisors' reconciliation report, with Ms. Macdougall seconding the motion and the vote of the board being: Ms. Macdougall-yes; Ms. Davis-yes; Mr. Hickey-yes and Mr. Ross-abstaining.

Mr. Ross updated the board on the proposed water district status explaining that he attended a meeting with Constantia and both towns having received the required signatures to move forward with the establishment of the district explained that grants and no interest financing is in place and the West Monroe attorney will be forwarding a time schedule for the town board's information on what needs to be done now. Mr. Ross also reported that the Assessor has certified also reported that the Assessor has certified the petitions signed in favor of the water district. Then Mr. Ross made a motion that the Town of West Monroe be the Tentative Lead Agency for the Toad Harbor Water District. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion. David Hendrix, Toad Harbor asked if the dollar amount goes up will this project go up for vote. Mr. Ross explained that if the cost of the project exceeds the proposed dollar amount, the project would not go forward. After a brief discussion the vote of the town board members present was unanimous in the Town of West Monroe being the tentative lead agency for the Toad Harbor Water District. Mr. Ross then explained that once the town's attorney sends the schedule for the steps in this project, there may be additional meetings that need to be held.

The bids on the 1972 International Truck and Chassis were opened at noon and the results on the bids were discussed and then Mr. Ross moved to accept the high bid of \$377 which was seconded by Ms. Macdougall and unanimously approved by the board members present.

Due to some confusion regarding some of the paperwork which the Tug Hill Commission worked on for the Town of West Monroe the Town's attorney suggested that the town board re-adopt the Zoning law. Therefore, Mr. Ross moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the town board of the Town of West Monroe is proposing the adoption of a zoning law for the town, and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Town of West Monroe Zoning Law requires review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617.20, and Part 2 of said form has identified no areas of environmental concern for the proposed action, be it RESOLVED, the town board of the Town of West Monroe makes the following determinations:

1. That the adoption of the Town of West Monroe Zoning Law is a Type I action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.4(b)(1);
2. That the town board of the Town of West Monroe is the only involved agency in the proposed action and as such, shall act as the lead agency for the action;
3. That after taking a hard look at the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action, the board determines that the action will have no adverse effects on the environment, that a determination of non-significance be issued, and that the reasons for such determination shall be as noted on the attached "Negative Declaration" form;
4. That the attached "Negative Declaration" form shall be filed in the minutes of this meeting and with the Environmental Notice Bulletin, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1750

Ms. Davis seconded the motion with the vote as follows: Ms. Macdougall-yes, Ms. Davis-yes, Mr. Hickey-yes and Mr. Ross-yes.

Mr. Ross then moved to adopt the West Monroe Zoning Law. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion and the board members voted: Ms. Macdougall-yes, Ms. Davis-yes, Mr. Hickey-yes and Mr. Ross-yes. The West Monroe Zoning Law passed

Mr. Ross asked the board to hold a special meeting to discuss union negotiations and any proposed water district business on Thursday July 26th at 6:30.

Mr. Hickey reported on the West Monroe Youth program which started Monday the 9th. Mr. Hickey said 65+ children are signed up for the program. Unfortunately there is still vandalism still going on, they feel they know who doing the damage and are taking steps to catch them but in the mean time the damage needs to be taken care of. Mr. Hickey thanked the highway dept. for working on cleaning the graffiti off the tables and repairing the damage. The highway superintendent explained that this takes away from highway work that also needs to be done this time of year.

COMMUNICATIONS

- NYS Emergency Management Office notification of \$15,183.93 to be issued to the Town of West Monroe for the Lake Effect Snow Storms of February 2007
- Thank you from the David Webb family
- Tug Hill Times
- Copy of a letter the town clerk sent to DEC regarding a complaint on alleged wetlands violations on Breckheimer Rd
- NYSDOT Public Outreach Meeting 7-19-07 at the Oswego County Legislative Chambers
- Update on activities of the West Monroe Vol. Fire Dept.

REPORTS:

- Judge Inman submitted her monthly report for June with a check in the amount of \$1,415.00
- Town Clerks report with a check in the amount of \$2291.98
- Minutes of the May Planning Board meeting and public hearing
- Code Enforcement Officer
- Dog Control Officer

Superintendent of Highways report requesting permission to attend NYSAOSOH conference 9-25 thru 9-28. Mr. Ross moved to pay all appropriate expenses; Ms. Macdougall seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

Paul Baxter reported that there will be an OLWAC meeting on July 27 which he plans to attend and will report at the next meeting.

Mike Hickey asked how the communications grant made out in the Oswego County Legislature and Legislator Gearsbeck said that it passed though Oswego County but now other counties need to vote on it, explaining that the resolution was to work with the other counties on this project.

Dave Hanson, President of West Monroe Fire Dept. stated that this grant is for engineers to design a plan. We now need to get our Legislators to work the plan.

Ms. Macdougall presented the rest of the board with a petition she received with 26 signatures which are asking for removing Patrick Duffy as tax assessor for the Town of West Monroe. Ms. Macdougall stated that since she was given this petition and these residents are calling for this, she moved that the West Monroe Town Board asked Mr. Duffy to resign his position as assessor. There was no second to the motion. Ms. Davis commented that it would take more than 26 signatures and an investigation with additional concerns. She expressed that she respects and notes the feelings of those 26 residents that signed the petition however more than 26 would be needed to call for a resignation. Mr. Ross also expressed that he understands and has concerns and he has checked into the complaint of Mr. Hendrix and has had conversations with Mr. Duffy as well as the Assessment Board of Review and has found no consistent problem with Mr. Duffy's communication with the residents. Mr. Hendrix made several statements with the board explaining that Mr. Hendrix has expressed his feelings clearly at the past two board meetings, as well as in private to some individual board members and had not requested to be heard at the beginning of the meeting when given the opportunity and therefore the board was not giving him the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM