

REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2007

TOWN HALL 46 COUNTY ROUTE 11
WEST MONROE, NY 13167

Present: Supervisor Gary Ross; Councilmember Michael Hickey, Kelley Davis, Debra Macdougall and Tim McCarthy
Christine Shaw, Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk Louise Herbert
Town Justices DeMong and Inman
Superintendent of Highways Randall Shaw
Patrick Duffy, Assessor
Oswego County Legislator Art Gearsbeck
15 people in the audience

Mr. Ross opened the meeting at 8 PM and then moved to approve the minutes of June 13, July 11, August 8 and August 22. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion and the vote of the board was: Ms. Macdougall-yes, Ms. Davis-yes, Mr. Hickey-yes, Mr. McCarthy-abstained and Mr. Ross-yes; Motion Carried.

Mr. Ross moved to approve the payment of the audited bills as follows:

GENERAL FUND, abstract 9, vouchers #257 to #289 in the amount of \$10,272.38
HIGHWAY FUND, abstract 9, vouchers #218 to #242 in the amount of \$74,918.21
BIG BAY SEWER FUND, abstract 9, vouchers #77 to #88 in the amount of \$6,146.48

Mr. Hickey seconded the motion to pay the bills, with unanimous approval of the board.

Ms. Macdougall moved to accept the supervisors' reconciliation reports from July and August. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion with the vote of the board: Ms. Macdougall-yes, Ms. Davis-yes, Mr. Hickey-yes, Mr. McCarthy-yes and Mr. Ross-abstaining.

Norma Jean Howard, Pinnacle Rd., asked if the town board could included an additional public comment time at the end of the meeting so that if the public heard anything during the meeting they wanted to comment on they would have the opportunity. Mr. Ross said the board would take that into consideration.

Gary Sluzar, County Route 26 asked if the town owned property up by Dutch Hill Road and if so would it be possible to sell it, to put it back on the tax roll and use the money from the sale to help pay for the new justice building. Mr. Ross responded that the town does own property in that area, and earlier this year we worked with DEC to see what logging could be done but someone had illegally taken the logs out and therefore the board will considering all options.

The board then discussed the opportunity to enter into an agreement to work with CNY Planning & Development in program planning and implementation assistance pertaining to the requirements of the NYS Pollutant Discharge Eliminations System (SPDES) Stormwater Phase II General Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The Town agrees that it will fund its portion of the cost of the assistance as per the agreement on file in the office of the West Monroe Town Clerk. Mr. Ross moved to enter into the agreement with the CNY Regional Planning, Ms. Davis seconded the

motion. Superintendent of Highways Shaw explained to the board that they need to send the model law to the town attorney for modifications to fit our town which is the first step in compliance with the MS4 SPDES laws. Mr. Ross stated he is not happy with all the regulations and steps needed to comply but this is the law and we must do what needs to be done. Mr. Hickey said he is not happy that the town must comply with this type of mandate. The vote of the board was unanimous in favor of entering into the agreement with CNY Regional Planning.

Mr. George Corcoran submitted a road frontage variance for dividing his property on Shaw Rd. Mr. Corcoran wants to divide his 2 acre lot into two parcels each with just about 1 acre however the road frontage would be under the 150' required by the town law. After some discussion, the board concurred that since this is the first variance request since the adoption of zoning, they would like to have the attorney for the town review and guide them as to how this is to be handled.

Supervisor Ross updated that board that he, Superintendent Shaw, Code Enforcement and Justices met over in the court house which is continuing to get worse. The decision was made that in order to insure the safety of the justices and clerks as well as the furniture and equipment it was time to move out of the building ASAP. Therefore we will have to rearrange the town hall to move the justices into the main building. Things will have to move faster on replacing the building.

Supervisor Ross explained that the town justices have applied for a Grant from the justice court assistance plan and then moved the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Town of West Monroe is in the process of replacing the justice building due to structural damages occurring as of a result of the snow storm of February 2007. In doing so, the town justices have incorporated planned improvements to the court facility to bring the building into compliance with justice requirements for safety and security. The town judges have made application for Justice Court Grant monies to accomplish and implement these much needed changes, as noted in the attached application.

AND, WHEREAS, the town board of the Town of West Monroe is in full agreement with these plans and supports the Justice Court in their application for this grant to accomplish the improvements,

THEREFORE be it resolved this 12th day of September 2007 that the town board of the Town of West Monroe has, by the following vote of all members present on this day, given its support to this Justice Court grant application.

Town Board member McCarthy seconded the motion with the vote:

Yes: 5

No: 0

Motion Carried

Prior to the Regular Meeting the town board held a public hearing to hear all comments regarding the proposed West Monroe Comprehensive Emergency Plan. Supervisor Ross made the motion to adopt the Plan as written; the motion was seconded by Ms. Davis. Mr. Hickey complimented Ms. Davis for a great job done on this plan. Mr. Ross agreed. The vote of the board was: Ms. Macdougall-yes; Ms.

Davis-yes; Mr. McCarthy-with apologies abstained; Mr. Hickey-yes and Mr. Ross-yes, motion carried. Mr. Ross then explained the chain of command is first the Supervisor then the Deputy Supervisor and there is a need to designate a 3rd person in the chain of command. Mr. Hickey moved to appoint Ms. Davis, Ms. Macdougall seconded the motion with the vote of the board: Ms. Macdougall-yes; Ms. Davis-abstained, Mr. Hickey-yes, Mr. McCarthy-yes and Mr. Ross-yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Hickey reported that the recreation is all done for 2007 except for some paperwork which Ms. Graham needs to complete to be submitted to Oswego County Youth for the grants to be received by the town.

The supervisor explained that he has distributed budget requests to the department heads and then moved to hold a Special Meeting on October 3 at 7:00 for the town clerk to present the 2008 tentative budget to the board and to set work shop dates. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

Reports received from:

- Town clerk
- Code Enforcement
- Highway Superintendent
- Judge DeMong for July and August
- Judge Inman
- Planning Board minutes of July

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Invitation to Tug Hill Annual Meeting to be held on Sept. 25 in Rome
- Tug Hill Times
- National Grid response that they do not oppose the proposed water district
- Ft. Brewerton Chamber

Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission representative reported that he attended the last 2 meetings of OLWSAC and they are working on sending project surveys to the towns by the end of the month.

At 8:42 Mr. Ross moved to enter into executive session to discuss the union contract. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board. Ms. Davis did not attend the executive session.

The board returned to open the meeting at 9:00 PM. Justice Inman notified the town board that in July Frances Vollmer Lorzak retired. Justice Inman asked that the town board appoint Christine Shaw to replace Mrs. Lorzak as justice clerk. Mr. McCarthy moved to appoint Ms. Shaw as Justice Inman's clerk, Ms. Davis seconded the motion, all board members voted yes to the appointment.

The meeting was closed at 9:04 P.M.

Christine Shaw, West Monroe Town Clerk