

**REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2007**

**TOWN HALL 46 COUNTY ROUTE 11  
8:00 PM  
WEST MONROE, NY 13167**

Present: Supervisor Gary Ross; Councilors Michael Hickey, Timothy McCarthy and Kelley Davis  
Town Clerk Christine Shaw, Deputy Clerk Louise Herbert  
Superintendent of Highways Randall Shaw  
Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission Representative  
Art Gearsbeck, Oswego County Legislator

Gary Ross moved to approve the October Regular Meeting, 10-10-07 and the special meetings and public hearing held 10-17-07 and 11-07-07 minutes as presented, Mike Hickey seconded the motion. The vote of the board was: Ms. Davis-yes, Mr. Hickey-yes Mr. McCarthy-abstained and Mr. Ross-yes. Motion Carried

Mr. Ross then moved to approve the 2008 Budget as presented at the Preliminary Budget Hearing with the corrections as indicated at the hearing. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

Regarding the installation of a fence down the middle of Woodland Drive, the following resolution was offered by Supervisor Ross, and seconded by board member Michael Hickey:

#### RESOLUTION

The Town duly adopts a resolution authorizing the Code Enforcement Officer (pursuant to Local Law No. 1 of 2007) to commence an action or special proceeding in the name of the Town of West Monroe in the Justice Court of the Town of West Monroe to correct, abate and enjoin the obstruction of a Fire Apparatus Access Road; said obstruction being a wooden fence approximately four (4) feet high, running down the center of that portion of Woodland Drive which borders the real property of Robert Bonilla, said property being located at the corner of Shaw Road and Woodland Drive in the Town of West Monroe.

The Town hereby authorizes the Code Enforcement Officer to seek any and all remedies available to the Town in such action or special proceeding.

WHEREAS, the question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

The Resolution was thereupon declared adopted and effective immediately.

Mr. Ross then moved to approve the bills as audited with the exception of Highway voucher #295. Mr. Hickey seconded motion. The consensus of the board was that they had a problem paying bills submitted by Oswego County for 4-25-2003 and 10-27-1999 now. Superintendent of Highways Shaw

explained that these bills were found to be unpaid in the County's audit and were checked here and found no payment. The board members still felt that they should not pay these bills.

GENERAL FUND, abstract #11 vouchers #321 to #352 in the amount of \$9,855.50  
HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #11 vouchers #269 to #318 in the amount of \$41,851.24  
BIG BAY SEWER FUND, abstract #11 vouchers #99 to #107 in the amount of \$3,888.89

The board was unanimously in favor of approving the bills with the exception of voucher #295 in the Highway Fund. Superintendent Shaw asked if the board would send a letter telling the county that the bills were not being paid and why. The supervisor would send such a letter

Mr. Gearsbeck asked if he could get a copy of the blacktop bills the town paid to Oswego County from 2004. Superintendent of Highways Shaw said he could get them easier from the County but Mr. Gearsbeck said he wants to see what the town has.

Supervisor Ross said that there still is a need for members to fill the Zoning Board of Appeals and Board for updating the Master Plan. The board directed the town clerk to run advertisements for these non-paying positions again. The board members themselves will also look for interested residents.

Pinnacle Road: Supervisor Ross informed the board that Superintendent of Highways Shaw wrote a letter to Tim Diguilio, P. E., NYSDEC dated 10-29-07; as well as a letter to Curt Nichols of Shumaker Consulting Engineers dated 11-12-07. Superintendent of Highways Shaw said he heard back from Mr. Nichols and he would bring to the town the pavement evaluation report he has, however from what Mr. Nichols explained about the report he has Superintendent of Highways Shaw doesn't think it contains anything that he will be able to use.

Supervisor Ross reported that the Municipal Agreement with Constantia, in regards to the Toad Harbor Water District, is in the hands of the attorney and is expected to be all set for the boards of both towns by the meeting in December.

The discussion then turned to replacing the Court house. Mr. Ross expressed his feelings that the new building should be for the town offices and the present town hall should be renovated to meet the State of New York's requirements for the justice department. Mr. Hickey strongly objected saying the board should not jump into anything other than replacing the building for the justices at this time. Superintendent of Highways Shaw stressed to the town board that he is in need of the entire town hall explaining that the highway garage has equipment from wall to wall and what equipment doesn't fit in the garage is out in the back but should be under cover and a heated area. Mr. McCarthy said he could not make any decision without knowing how much it is going to cost. Ms. Davis suggested that the board look at all ideas to determine what would be the most cost effective for the town. It was said that looking at the construction of the justice building, that would be heated for use only once a week (or so), checking what the cost of adding the 4 or 5 town offices and using the court room for town board meetings etc. makes a lot of sense instead of heating another building. Many concerns were discussed for example parking; the problems with the current town hall which was built in 1972, and more. The board was in agreement that this topic should be discussed at a special work shop, so Mr. Ross moved to hold a work session on November 28, 2007 at 7:00; Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

- Copy of the letter from Eric Pond, engineer involved in the Toad Harbor Water District to Robert C. Summers of NYS Ag. & Markets. With the Preliminary Notice of Intent & map detailing the proposed facilities and agricultural district of the Toad Harbor and Constantia Water District
- Memo to the board, from the town clerk, that John Massaro fell as he was coming into the town hall on 10-22-07
- NYS Office of Real Property Services distribution of 2007 Star Administrative Aid in the amount of \$1,580.96 for the Town of West Monroe
- Tug Hill Times

## REPORTS

- Justice Inman submitted reports of August and a check for \$855.00 & September with a check for \$2795.00
- Justice DeMong submitted Septembers report with a check in the amount of \$2902.00
- Dog Control officers report from 9/22/07 to 11/1/07
- Code Enforcement Officers report from October
- Town Clerks report for October with a check in the amount of \$1922.97
- Superintendent of Highways report
- Supervisors Financial Report as of October 31, 2007

Mr. McCarthy made a motion to change the regular December meeting to Wednesday December 19th, 2007 at 8:00 PM to allow all departments the extra time to submit all their bills for 2007 so that no end of the year meeting would be needed. Mr. Ross seconded the motion and all board members present approved the motion.

The town clerk reported that she published the notice for bids on the surplus 1998 F-150 with the bid opening for December 6, 2007 at 1:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM

Christine Shaw, West Monroe Town Clerk