

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2008**

**46 CO RT 11 TOWN HALL
WEST MONROE, NY**

Present: Supervisor Gary Ross; Councilwomen Kelley Davis, Debra Macdougal,
Councilmen Michael Hickey and Tim McCarthy
Town Clerk, Christine Shaw, Deputy Town Clerk Louise Herbert
Superintendent of Highways Randall Shaw
Town Justice John DeMong
David Hanson, President West Monroe Fire Dept.
3 people in the audience

Supervisor Ross to approve the minutes of the December 19, regular meeting; Ms. Davis seconded the motion, with the vote of the board: Ms. Macdougal-yes, Ms. Davis-yes, Mr. Hickey-abstain, Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Ross-yes.

Mr. Ross moved to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2008 Organizational meeting, Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Mr. Ross moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2008 Regular Meeting. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Mr. Ross moved to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2008 Special Meeting. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion and the vote of the board was: Ms. Macdougal-yes, Ms. Davis-abstained, Mr. Hickey-yes, Mr. McCarthy-yes and Mr. Ross-yes.

Mr. Ross moved to pay the bills as audited, Mr. Hickey seconded the motion:

- GENERAL FUND, abstract #2, vouchers # 28 to #78 (#33 voided)
in the amount of \$14,962.13
- HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #2, vouchers #20 to #70 (#62 voided)
in the amount of \$40,444.02
- BIG BAY SEWER DISTRICT, abstract #2, vouchers #9 to #21
in the amount of \$11,0232.19

The board voted unanimously to approve the bills as audited

Mr. Hickey moved to approve the Supervisor's reconciliation reports for the last two months. Ms. Davis seconded the motion with the vote of the board: Ms. Macdougal-yes, Ms. Davis-yes, Mr. Hickey-yes, Mr. McCarthy-yes and Mr. Ross-abstaining.

The board then discussed the **Fire Dept. Service Award Program**. David Hanson, President of the Dept. explained that the impact would be approximately \$6.85 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the residents of the town. Also, if adopted by the town, the firemen would have a choice (at retirement) how the money would be paid, (ie. Lump sum, annually etc.) Mr. Ross asked if Mike White, from the insurance company, could be present at the March meeting for any additional questions the board may have. Mr. Hanson responded that he would ask him to attend. The Mr. Ross explained that at the March meeting the town board would decide whether or not to present this program to the town's residents. In order for this program to be adopted it must be presented for public referendum. Ms. Macdougal suggested that the town board do more to inform the residents other than just by newspaper, perhaps a mailing.

The town board scheduled the **annual audit of department financial records for March 5th, 2008** at 6:00 P.M. on a motion by Tim McCarthy, Mr. Ross seconded and unanimous approval of the board.

Monthly reports were submitted by:

Supervisor

Town Clerk & Tax Collection

Code Enforcement

Dog Control

Justices Inman from January & February; DeMong for February

Planning Board 12/5/07 meeting

Superintendent of Highways: Included in the Superintendent of Highways report is a copy of a **letter from Timothy DiGiulio of the Regional Solid & Hazardous Materials Division of the NYSDEC** which states: “the State will commit to providing the necessary funding to make repairs for such damage at the end of the project” in reference to **Pinnacle Road** and the tire clean up. Michael Hickey remarked that this is very important and commended Superintendent Shaw for pursuing this commitment in writing.

CORRESPONDENCE

Annual Report of the Erie Canal System

2 copies of the Tug Hill New Times

OCWA notification of rate increase

NYS Dept. of Public Service notification that the 315 area code is just about to capacity, and a new area code will need to be implemented

Carl Green, Greenview Golf Course, notification of Liquor License renewal

Letter from State Assemblyman Townsend and Assemblyman Barclay concerning the closing of the Central Square Health Center

Oswego County regarding Farm Land Protection and water lines at the Constantia fish Hatchery

West Monroe Vol. Fire Dept. President David Hansen’s annual report

Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission Representative, reminded the board that the **Local Government Conference** is scheduled for March.

Mr. McCarthy brought to the boards attention, per the Superintendent of Highways report, that the **Big Bay Sewer Plant running at full or over full capacity is a big problem for the sewer district.** Superintendent Shaw reported that the single reason for this is basement sump pumps which are attached to the sewer system which causes an overburden to the system. Superintendent Shaw said that the normal average rate during the summer is 32,000 per day and during the winter/wet season’s average is 100,000 per day. It was discussed that the information included in the tax bill receipts is information regarding Storm Water and MS-4, which does state that it is illegal to connect the sump

pumps to the sewer system. Mr. McCarthy insisted that the town needs to educate the residents and find out how we can enforce keeping sump pumps from discharging into the system.

Mr. Ross then moved to enter into executive to discuss the Master Plan and Zoning Committee appointments at 7:50 P.M. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

At 8:07 P.M. the board returned and the meeting was called to order. As a result of the executive session Ms. Davis moved to appoint the following to the **Master Plan Committee**:

Kurt Heiselman, Henry Asmus, Norma Jean Howard, Joan Rozycko and Bruce Phillips
Ms. Macdougall seconded the motion with unanimous board approval. Ms. Macdougall will be heading the committee which is charged with updating the Master Plan for the Town of West Monroe.

Ms. Davis then moved to appoint the following to the **Zoning Board of Appeals**:

Michele Scrimale, Erika Morey and Heath Severn
Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

The town clerk asked permission to attend the **NYS Town Clerk's Association Conference** in April and Mr. Ross moved to approve the payment of the Conference and approved expenses; Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14