

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2008**

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WEST MONROE, NY**

Present: Supervisor Gary Ross; Councilwoman Kelley Davis, Councilmen Michael Hickey and Tim McCarthy
Town Clerk, Christine Shaw, Deputy Town Clerk Louise Herbert
Superintendent of Highways Randall Shaw
Oswego County Legislator Arthur Gearsbeck
Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission
David Hanson, President West Monroe Fire Dept.
Frank Upwood, Cronk Insurance Company
10 people in the audience

Supervisor Ross to approve the minutes of the February 13 regular meeting; Mr. McCarthy seconding the motion, with the board unanimously approving the minutes.

Mr. Ross then moved to approve the bills as audited:

GENERAL FUND, abstract #3 vouchers #79 to #98 in the amount of \$9,452.61
HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #3 vouchers #71 to #71 to #88 in the amount of \$12,503.30
BIG BAY SEWER FUND, abstract #3 vouchers #22 to #26 in the amount of \$2,503.42
WEST SIDE WATER FUND, abstract #1 voucher #1 in the amount of \$3,312.40
BIG BAY WATER FUND, abstract #1 voucher #1 in the amount of \$627.90

Mr. Hickey seconded the motion, and the vote of the board all in favor of paying the bills as audited.

Supervisor Ross addressed the request of the Vol. Fire Dept. that the town adopt the vol. rewards program. Supervisor Ross moved that the Vol. Fire Dept. Length of Service Reward Program be submitted for permissive referendum. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with the vote of the board members present voting as follows: Ms Davis-abstaining; Mr. Hickey-yes, Mr. McCarthy-yes Mr. Ross-yes. The town clerk reported that Ms. Macdougall asked that the board understand that she felt the information regarding this rewards program should be presented to the residents not only via news paper notifications but though a post card or letter explaining the program.

Mr. Ross then moved to schedule a special meeting April 3, 2008 at 7:00PM to discuss the new building plans and the fire department program procedure. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

Mr. Ross moved to accept all financial records submitted for the annual audit which was done on March 5th, 2008 (Town Clerks, Justices and Supervisor). Mr. Hickey seconded this motion with the vote of the board: Ms. Davis-yes, Mr. Hickey-yes, Mr. McCarthy-abstained and also apologized that his flight was held up and unable to participate in the audit, and Mr. Ross-yes.

Mr. Ross explained that the board with have additional committee appointments next month. Christine Shaw, town clerk mentioned that she had received an email from Heath Severn that he is unable to accept the appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Monthly Reports were received
Town Clerk & Tax Collection

Dog Control Officer
Code Enforcement
Supervisor
Justice DeMong

Also the Highway Superintendents report, in which he addressed:

1. Road damage from winter operation is being noted & scheduled for repair
2. "The Sewer Plant is running at max capacity and at present is holding its own. The cold weather has slowed the influent and affluent". Mr. Shaw added that the plant will need to have the influent tank rebuilt, take care of the problems before anything happens and the discharge into the lake is compromised.
3. He has also been in contact with Seiwert & Environment One, if the Town of West Monroe would commit to replacing the obsolete grinder pumps, "X-#" per year the town will get better pricing. They are going to submit a quote and since the grinder pumps need to be replaced anyway, this may a good opportunity to save the sewer district money.
4. Mr. Shaw asked the town board for permission to trade the 1990 Trojan Loader toward the purchase of a 10' hydraulic broom attachment. Mr. Hickey stated that it's his departments' equipment and he can do anything he wants to do with his equipment. No other board member objected or commented.
5. The Superintendent of Highways also reported that the Town has spent \$3,036.53 from 1/1/2007 to present on MS-4 SPIEDIES. Grants are available to recoup some of this money. Also the annual report for 2008 will be due soon and he is forwarding this to the engineers CDM who has completed this for the town in the past, at a cost of \$900.00.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Notification of renewals of Liquor license was received from Glennwood Golf course and Hidden Treasure at the Galley.

Time Warner notification of about 2%

NYS Real Property Residential Assessment Ration on the 2008 Assessment Roll is 3.61% which is a small decrease.

Tug Hill Times

Ft. Brewerton/Greater Oneida Lake Chamber of Commerce March 2008 newsletter.

Winter 2008 Tug Hill Tomorrow

Paul Baxter reported that he has been working with Ms. Macdougall regarding the Master Plan Committee meeting, as well as working with Mr. Ross to replace the printer in the Supervisor's office. Also there will be an OLWSAC meeting in April and he plans on attending to represent West Monroe. Mr. Baxter also explained that per Supervisor Ross's request he has added a page to the town's web site.

Mr. Hanson, President of the West Monroe Vol. Fire Dept. addressed the board that he has additional information regarding the proposed Length of Service Award program for the Fire Dept. Volunteers: The town attorney will need to generate the referendum. The town attorney could call Mike White, Insurance Representative for any and all information needed as there is a 60 day time frame to have the

vote. Mr. Hickey remarked that he feels that the board needs to take charge and be sure to look into what needs to be done to take care of the situation.

New Board of Zoning Appeals member Erica Morey has been in contact with the board regarding training for her position. Paul Baxter Tug Hill Representative will see about having some training here in the area, in the evening to make it easier for the members.

Christine Shaw, town clerk informed the board of Governor Spitzers 2008 budget containing language to remove the election position of tax collector. After some discussion, Mr. Ross moved the following resolution:

At the regular town board meeting held on March 12, 2008 the West Monroe Town Board, on a motion moved by Supervisor Gary Ross, declared that they are not in support of Senate Bill 6806 and Assembly Bill 9806 which would eliminate the elected position of Receiver of Taxes and Tax Collector.

Board member Timothy McCarthy seconded the motion.

The vote of the board was

Ms. Davis-yes; Mr. Hickey-yes; Mr. McCarthy-yes and Mr. Ross-yes

The town board meeting was closed at 8:13.