

REGULAR MEETING
November 12, 2008

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WEST MONROE, NY

Present: Supervisor Gary Ross; Board members Kelley Davis and Michael Hickey
Town Attorney Mike Dodd
Town Clerk, Christine Shaw, Deputy Town Clerk Louise Herbert
Superintendent of Highways Randall Shaw
Justice John DeMong
Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission
11 people in the audience

Supervisor Ross called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and everyone pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Mr. Ross then on behalf of the town board thanked those men and women of the Armed Forces who are serving our Country now and in the past for their dedication and service.

Mr. Ross then moved to **approve the minutes** of the October meetings; Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with the vote of the board unanimous in the approval of the October minutes.

Supervisor's **reconciliation report** was presented however, due to Ms. Macdougall's absence the vote on acceptance will be tabled until the next meeting.

Doug Fuegel addressed the board explaining that the email he received concerning the Deputy Secretary of New York information regarding funding for special projects i.e. sewer, water, and he feels that the town board along with the Planning Board and Master Plan committee members need to get together to plan the strategy for the town. The town board was in full agreement that all board members need to work together.

Mr. Ross then moved to enter into executive session to discuss the **Burdick/Jones litigation**, along with the town clerk, code enforcement officer and town attorney. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion and the board unanimously agreed to enter into executive session at 7:10.

The board returned at 7:45 and Mr. Ross reopened the regular meeting.

Justice John DeMong, as a member of the building committee, presented a **plan to modify the current town hall** to accommodate the permanent location for the justice court (and offices). The proposal consisted of the justices (with the clerks) taking the current Supervisors' office. A 10' x 10' office would be built in the area the court is now using as their office area (which is less than the court uses). Relocating the main entrance to the building to the north side, where double doors are located, constructing a breezeway. Also building a small conference area where the copier is located and using the current entrance area for additional storage. The proposal also included repairing the roof, to eliminate the current leakage, putting in air conditioning and constructing a bench for justices (and boards). The cost should be within the range of the grants in the amount of \$70,000 which the Town has already received. Mr. Hickey was reluctant to give approval to move forward with having an exact amount of the project. The engineer had already submitted the cost for air conditioning the building, and repair of the roof which totals \$43,000, so the board authorized to have the engineer submit the cost for the entrance way, rooms and bench and ask that he have the results for the board meeting to be held later this month.

Michael Sassy, Director of the **Brewerton Ambulance**, requested that the town board would adopt a resolution allowing the **Brewerton Ambulance to have a public vote** to allow them to form an **ambulance tax district** to help them with the costs of running the service. Mr. Sassy explained that they would cover the cost of the notification to residents, election and associated costs, to include the attorney's fees. The board was in agreement to review the resolution and allow the residents in the Brewerton Ambulance district vote on this proposal.

Mr. Ross explained that the board would like to put out to bid the development of the **Master Plan for the Town of West Monroe**. The CNY Regional Planning Office has already submitted a cost to help the Town to develop this plan however the board wants to assure that this amount is not excessive. Therefore Mr. Ross moved to submit an ad for bids to be published in the Syracuse Newspaper, the motion was seconded by Ms. Davis and unanimously approved.

The **2009 Budget was approved** on a Motion made by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Hickey and unanimous approval of all board members present.

Mr. Ross reminded everyone that on Tuesday November 18, 2008 Kath Burtuch will do a **presentation on the MS-4 regulations**. The presentation begins at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Ross moved to hold a **town board meeting on Tuesday November 25, 2008 7:00 PM** to address any town business before the board. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

Reports were received from the Town Clerk

Justice DeMong

Planning Board September Minutes

Code Enforcement Officers report

Dog Control Officer for June through November

Supervisors Financial Report

Highway Superintendent – in the report Superintendent Shaw explained that in the

Big Bay Sewer District there are over 250 old style grinder pumps, which will need to be replaced in the coming years. The problem is that the residents have built additions, porches, driveways, garages etc right next to the grinder pump installations which makes maintenance for these pumps a nightmare if not impossible. Mr. Shaw requested that the town board adopt a resolution, which would hold the Town harmless for such actions as replacement, repair etc. needed at the grinder pump location. Also we need to have some law as to any further or future development within a reasonable distance from the pumps installations. Supervisor Ross will contact the town attorney to work on this situation.

The Highway Superintendent also mentioned that all barriers and signage is in place for the closing of the Smith Road Bridge.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Oswego County Humane Society newsletter

Fort Brewerton/Greater Oneida Lake Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

Tug Hill Times

BOCES newsletter

Real Property Office notifying the town that the final equalization rate for the 2008 Assessment

Roll is 3.40%

NYS DOT notification on the request for a lower speed limit on Morey Rd was denied

West Monroe Vol. Fire Dept. notification that they are applying for a renewal of their liquor license

C.S. Ship & Shore Restaurant notification that they are applying for a renewal of their liquor license

Mr. Hickey then moved to pay the bills as audited

GENERAL FUND, abstract #11, vouchers #294 to #326 in the amount of \$8,490.79

HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #11, vouchers #223 to #262 in the amount of \$35,957.32

BIG BAY SEWER FUND, abstract #11, vouchers #103 to #117 in the amount of \$8,507.21

Ms. Davis seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

Paul Baxter reported that there will be a Tug Hill presentation on Energy for Sustainable Development on Oct. 28 at 7 pm at Jefferson Community College. Also Oswego County is conducting a survey regarding high speed internet, as many areas within the county do not have access. Mr. Baxter also attended the OLWSAC meeting representing the town. Also Jefferson county Dept. of Planning and NYS Tug Hill commission are co-sponsoring a training session of Revising Zoning Laws on November 19 at 6:30 at Jefferson Community College..

There is a NIMS training session Thursday Nov. 13 at 6:30 PM in Central Square.

Also the Code Enforcement Officer has received the computer, which was ordered through NYS pricing.

There will be a NORCOG meeting at the Fire Dept on December 1st at 7:00 .

The meeting was closed at 8:50 PM.