

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2009**

**46 COUNTY ROUTE 11 TOWN HALL
7:00 PM
WEST MONROE, NY**

Present: Supervisor Gary Ross, Board Members Kelley Davis, Debra Macdougall and Michael Hickey
Town Clerk Christine Shaw, Deputy Clerk Louise Herbert
Superintendent of Highways Randall Shaw
Justice John DeMong
6 people in the audience

Mr. Ross opened the meeting at 7:10 PM and moved to approved the minutes of the December 10th & 30th meeting as submitted by the town clerk, Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with the vote to approve as follows: Ms. Macdougall-abstained; Ms. Davis-yes; Mr. Hickey-yes and Mr. Ross-yes. Motion Carried

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

GENERAL FUND, abstract #1, vouchers #1 to #28, in the amount of \$7,946.09

HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #1, vouchers #1 to #28, in the amount of \$19,515.53

BIG BAY SEWER FUND, abstract #, vouchers #1 to #7 in the amount of \$2,674.87

Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

Norma Jean Howard asked what was the remark about the Youth program at the last meeting regarding funding. Mike Hickey explained that the town had received a letter from Oswego County informing the town that there may be cuts in the grants that we have been receiving for the youth program.

Ms. Howard then asked if and when the town board would be filling the vacant see on the town board. Mr. Ross explained that he has that item on the agenda and will be scheduling a special meeting later in this session.

The bids received for the Master Plan Update were addressed. The Master Plan committee had reviewed and discussed submitted to the town board their recommendation which was to award the bid to Kent Engineering. Mr. Ross moved to award the master plan proposal to Kent Engineering. Michael Hickey seconded the motion. Ms. Macdougall explained that the committee tried to look at every aspect of the proposals and was unanimous in their recommendation and with that the board voted unanimously to approve the motion. Supervisor Ross said he would contact Kent Engineering and to have them draw up a contract.

Mr. Ouderkirk, presented some information to the board regarding the dog control officer position. He explained that his kennels are not complete, as he did not hear from the town after his presentation last fall. He also explained that he would need to review the dog control officers reports before the would be able to give them a firm cost for him to perform the job. The board asked that he contact them after he is all set with the kennels.

Ms. Davis then moved to appoint Claude Theauvette to the planning board (replacing Mike Krahl). Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

Mr. Ross moved to schedule a special town board meeting for Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 6:30 PM for the board to interview for the vacant town board position and any other business that comes before the board. Ms. Macdougall seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

Reports from December were presented from:

- Dog Control Officer
- Supervisor's Financial Report
- Code Enforcement Officer
- Justice DeMong
- Justice Inman (for both November & December)
- Town Clerk

CORRESPONDANCE:

- JCM Architect notification to the successful bidder for the town hall project
- An email was received regarding Tug Hill Local Gov. Efficiency grants and that there will be cut backs.
- Oneida Lake/Fort Brewerton Chamber of Commerce newsletter
- Tug Hill Times
Town board would like to extend their congratulations to Michael Yerdon, our Code Enforcement Officer, who was elected Commissioner of the Tug Hill Commission.
- Jon Franz, Schumaker Engineering,
- NYMIR Insurance notification that three of the town's highway employees attended risk management training.
- Notification of a reduction in CHIPS money being given to the town.
- Notification from Oswego County regarding the tax levy for the 2009 collection.

Ms. Shaw, town clerk, mentioned to the board that just last month the town board adopted procedures that calls for one meeting per month and again this month they are calling a Special Meeting. Due to publication time requirements should the board feel that two meeting per month is needed perhaps they should just schedule two per month. Mr. Hickey stood firm that he feels the board can get the work done in one meeting. Ms. Davis explained that she felt that two meetings would be appropriate, to be sure things go smoothly and are accomplished in a timely manor. Ms. Macdougall thought that if the board had to stay longer at the meeting then that would work. No change in meeting schedule was made.

Supervisor Ross mentioned the article in the newspaper regarding the Town of West Monroe, Hastings and the Village of Central Square. He explained that he had been meeting with the two municipalities discussing how they are going to share services. Mr. Ross explained that they are talking in general, not each office at this time. The town clerk stressed that the State of New York mandates her duties and insisted that the Supervisor not speak on behalf of her office without including her in the discussions.

Mr. Ross left the meeting and Ms. Davis, Deputy Supervisor closed the meeting at 8:05PM