

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2009**

7:00 PM

**46 COUNTY ROUTE 11 TOWN HALL
WEST MONROE, NY**

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

After the pledge of allegiance Supervisor Ross moved to appoint Steve Patch to fill the vacant seat on the town board. Ms. Macdougal seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimously in favor of Steve Patch being appointed as town board member.

Mr. Ross then moved to approve the Minutes of January 7, 2009, January 14, 2009 and January 27, 2009. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with the vote of the board: Ms. Macdougal-yes; Ms. Davis-yes; Mr. Patch-abstain; Mr. Hickey-yes and Mr. Ross-yes, motion passed.

Mr. Ross moved to pay the bills as audited. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with the vote of the board: Ms. Macdougal-yes; Ms. Davis-yes; Mr. Patch-abstain; Mr. Hickey-yes and Mr. Ross-yes, motion passed.

Ms. Macdougal moved to approve the supervisor's reconciliation report for November and December 2008. Ms. Davis seconded the motion with the vote of the board: with the vote of the board: Ms. Macdougal-yes; Ms. Davis-yes; Mr. Patch-abstain; Mr. Hickey-yes and Mr. Ross-abstain, motion passed.

Doug Fuegel addressed the board requesting that the town board consider increasing the senior exemption limits which needs to be done prior to July 09. Supervisor Ross said that he would contact the Assessor to see the impact an increase would make on the taxpayers.

Carl Hoyt commented that the town board had very good candidates who wanted to serve as town board member. He asked that the board consider perhaps utilizing the some of the talent to help the town reach and receive grants.

Ms. Davis moved to schedule the Annual Audit for March 4, 2009 at 6:00 PM. Mr. Ross seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

Supervisor Ross moved to pass Local Law #1 of 2009 Stormwater Management and Erosion & Sediment Control. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion was withdrawn. Ms. Davis then moved to pass Appendix D Stormwater Management and Erosion & Sediment Control to Local Law #1 of 2007. Ms. Macdougal seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

Mr. Ross then explained that he has formed a Task force with the mayor of Central Square and Town of Hastings Supervisor to investigate cost efficient ways to operate. The three officers decided to appoint one representative from each municipality to work with them on this task. Mr. Ross moved to appoint Doug Fuegel as the representative from the Town of West Monroe, Ms. Macdougal seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

Master Plan Contract has been signed and meetings have been continued. The goal of the committee is to complete the Master Plan by the end of October 2009. Paul Baxter has posted the meeting schedule and information regarding these meetings on the web site.

Update on the Toad Harbor Water project Ron Lougnot remarked that the residents were told that it would be completed 2009, and now it won't be completed 2011. Mr. Lougnot also added that the town board should be looking into sewers.

Shumaker Engineering is persuing grant money for the replacing of the Smith Road Bridge.

Mr. Ross moved to enter into executive session at 7:30 PM to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion, with unanimous approval of the board. The board returned at 7:55 PM with no report on decisions. The meeting was reopened.

Monthly reports were received from
town clerk
Supervisor's financial report
Superintendent of Highways
Judge Inman
Judge Demong

Correspondence

Tug Hill Times
Letter from DEC dated

Paul Baxter reported that he has made several updates to the Town's web site and will be working with the Master Plan committee to keep the web site current.

The town clerk explained that in 2001 Mr. Babcock paid the Commercial Site Plan Review fees without receiving the \$200 refundable deposit back. Mr. Babcock kept insisting that the town keep it until he does something else. Last month Mr. Babcock submitted a new Commercial Site Plan Review in which the clerk insisted on the full amount to be paid. The clerk asked if Mr. Babcock can still receive the \$200 paid in 2001? The board was in agreement that Mr. Babcock should receive the refund no matter what the circumstances were.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM