

REGULAR MEETING
April 8, 2009

7:00 PM

46 COUNTY ROUTE 11 TOWN HALL
WEST MONROE, NY

Present: Supervisor Gary Ross, Board Members Debra Macdougall Phillips, Steve Patch, Kelley Davis and Michael Hickey
Town Clerk Christine Shaw, Deputy Clerk Louise Herbert & Courtney Rhinehardt
Justice John DeMong
23 people in the audience

After the pledge of allegiance Supervisor Ross moved to accept the minutes of the March 24th special meeting. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with the vote of the board unanimously in favor of approving. Then Ms. Davis moved to approve the minutes of the regular March meeting held 3/11, 2009. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with the vote of the board being Mr. Patch-yes, Mr. Hickey-yes, Ms. Phillips-yes, Ms. Davis-yes and Mr. Ross abstained. Minutes approved.

Mr. Hickey moved to accept the Supervisors' reconciliation report, Ms. Davis seconded the motion; with the vote of the board being Mr. Patch-yes, Mr. Hickey-yes, Ms. Phillips-yes, Ms. Davis-yes and Mr. Ross abstained.

During the public comment period, Mr. Steve Collins, Wedgeworth Pt. Addressed the board asking **what is the status of the Toad Harbor Water District**, which was to begin construction during 2009. Mr. Ross explained that there have been delays outside of the towns control and the project is behind schedule and from what the engineers tell us the project should be sent out to bid in the fall. Mr. Collins then stated that he felt that the town should be looking into sewers. It was explained that a study is already being done.

Norma Jean Howard asked about a sign in front of the town hall. Last year the board talked about one and nothing ever happened with that. Ms. MacDougall Phillips will bring the information she had gotten together in for review at the next town board meeting.

Ronald Lougnot asked is the town board has any plans on **going to full assessment** and the board responded that there are no plans in place at this time. That would be a very costly project and with all the uncertainty in regards to consolidation of services the town board is not will to spend money on that at this time.

Justice John DeMong stated that the justice department is appreciative of the bench, which is working out great. Also the bailiff has made a big difference in the courtroom. They are getting to understand/adjust the mental detector so that is now working. The clerks attended training and the court now has a credit card machine up and running for the payment of fines.

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

GENERAL FUND, abstract #3, vouchers #93 to #135 in the amount of \$52,272.79
HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #3, vouchers #77 to #107, in the amount of \$9,489.81
BIG BAY SEWER FUND, abstract #3, vouchers #34 to #41 in the amount of \$6,638.15

The board voted unanimously to pay the bills.

Mr. Ross reported that he spoke to the attorney regarding the **Commercial Site Plan Review**

Moratorium, which was suggested by the Planning Board & Master Plan Committee. The attorney suggested that the Local Law is the best way to accomplish this. However this may take a few months to get this local law into effect. After a lengthy discussion, Ms. Davis moved to have the Town Supervisor submit information regarding placing a 6-month moratorium on Commercial Site Plan Review for the Town of West Monroe with the exception of the area of State Route 49 from the town line to County Route 11, unless making that area except is illegal. If it is illegal to exempt Route 49 then the moratorium would be town wide. Mr. Ross seconded the motion, with unanimous approval of the board.

Mr. Ross then moved to **enter into the agreement to spend Highway Funds (CHIPS)** with Oswego County for the year 2009, Mr. Patch seconded the motion and the vote passed the resolution unanimously.

Mr. Ross moved:

Resolution Supporting Participation in the Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board's Year-Two MS4 Stormwater Compliance Assistance Program

Resolution authorizing the items listed below pursuant to requirements of the New York State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit.

WHEREAS, Town of West Monroe,

Herein called the "Municipality", after thorough consideration of the various aspects of the problem and consideration of available information, has hereby determined that certain work, as described in Attachment A, herein called the "Project", is desirable, is in the public interest, and is required in order to implement the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board, herein called the "Board", has provided program planning and implementation assistance pertaining to the requirements of the New York State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Stormwater Phase II General Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) operators since 2002, and

WHEREAS, the Board has proposed to conduct a regional public education, outreach and training compliance program to "reduce municipal staff burdens, ensure message consistency, provide widespread priority audience targeting, and provide the most efficient use of limited municipal funds by distributing total program costs over a number of entities" within a fifteen month timeframe as outlined in Attachment B;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Town Board

- 1. That Gary J. Ross, Supervisor or such person's successor in office, is the representative authorized to act in behalf of the Municipality's governing body in all matters related to the Project;*
- 2. That the Municipality agrees that it will fund its portion of the cost of the Project according to the fee schedule included as Attachment C, and that 50% of the funds will be made available to the Board no later than May 1, 2009 to initiate the Project, and that 50% of the funds will be made available to the Board no later than December 1, 2009 to complete the Project.*
- 3. That one (1) certified copy of this Resolution will be prepared and sent to the Board no later than March 31, 2009.*
- 4. That this Resolution take effect immediately.*

Ms. Davis seconded the motion with a unanimous vote to accept.

Mr. Ross moved to the following **appointments to the West Monroe Zoning Board** of appeals:

Mr. Steve Reeves, Robert Kerr and Steve Paul

Ms. Davis seconded the motion with unanimous approval. The board then discussed training, which Mr. Ross has already spoken to Tug Hill Representative Paul Baxter about. Town Clerk Christine Shaw asked who were the members who resigned, as she did not receive a letter of resignation from anyone. Mr. Ross said he would give the clerk the notifications of resignations, and that the three new members join Gary Harrington and Michelle Scrimale to form a 5-person panel.

Next Mr. Ross and Mr. Patch announced that the town of West Monroe will be bring back the **OLD HOME DAYS, on August 15th** starting with a parade at 11:00 AM followed by a fun time at the town park of games, races and food. A parade committee was appointed consisting of Dale Gass, Stephanie Mahar, Kelley Davis, Norma Jean Howard and Christine Shaw. Ms. MacDougal Phillips seconded the appointment with unanimous board approval. There are several other folks who will be helping this committee.

Mr. Ross moved to hold a **special meeting on April 29th at 7:00PM** to discuss the moratorium, Ms. Davis seconded the motion, all in favor.

Reports for the month of March were received from:

Town Clerk
Justice DeMong
Justice Inman (along with February report)
Supervisors Financial Report
Code Enforcement Officer
Planning Board minutes

CORRESPONDANCE

Brewerton Chamber of Commerce
Tug Hill Times
BOCES Newsletter

Mike Hickey questioned the board regarding the **youth summer program**. Having received the application for the program he asked if the board wanted him to go forward with this or not. Mr. Ross had mentioned that he was talking with the Town of Hastings and Village of Central Square to conduct a joint program and Mr. Hickey felt that he did not want to ask the girls to go forward with all this paperwork if in fact the town was going to move the program. This brought up questions on how the staff was hired. After some discussion, the board was in agreement to discuss the Youth Program and hiring procedures at the Special Meeting of April 29th.

Mr. Ross moved to go into executive session at 8:35 to discuss the litigation of Jim Taylor. Mr. Patch seconded the motion with unanimous board approval. The board returned at 8:45 and the regular meeting was reopened for the Supervisor to adjourn the meeting.