

REGULAR MEETING TOWN HALL 46 COUNTY ROUTE 11

January 12, 2005 8:00 PM WEST MONROE, NY 13167

Present: Supervisor Manchin; Councilors Michael Hickey, Ned Green, Timothy McCarthy and Gary Ross

Town Clerk Christine Shaw, Deputy Clerk Louise Herbert

Assessor Patrick Duffy

Code Enforcement Officer Gail Swistak

Legislator Arthur Gearsbeck

3 people in the audience

Meeting opened at 8 PM and Mr. Manchin moved to approve the minutes of the December 2004 meeting as presented. Mr. Ross seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

A discussion regarding the Veterans Tax Exemption was held. The assessor explained that the town has not raised the town limits for the veterans' exemption in quite some time. At present the town allows veterans to receive a tax break on the first \$40,000 of assessed value. The town board could raise the limits to \$120,000 of assessed value for veterans who served during wartime. Mr. Ross questioned what percentage of the town taxpayers now have the exemption and what impact would an increase have on the remainder of the residents. Mr. McCarthy agreed with Mr. Ross, as to needing additional facts before he could agree that a public hearing should be held. The remainder of the board was in-agreement to wait to have as many facts as possible before setting a date for the public hearing.

Mr. Manchin reported that Charlotte Morey requested that the Town Board consider a pay increase for the election inspectors, considering the State of New York increased minimum wage. The election inspectors are presently paid \$7.00 per hour, which is above minimum. The board felt that since the 2005 budget has already been adopted the pay will stay as is and that any increases would be considered during the 2005 budget preparation.

Mr. Manchin reported that the unexpended balance, which the board used during the 2005 budget process, was 90% of the monies remaining after paying all the expenses from 2004.

Reports from December were received from:

Town Clerk, with a check in the amount of \$192.20

Supervisor's year-end financial report & reconciliation report

Superintendent of Highway's report in which he requested permission to attend conferences. Mr. Manchin moved to pay the expenses for Mr. Fisher to attend the Association of Towns conference 2-20 through 23, 2005; Cornell's Local Roads Conference June 6-8, 2005 and Superintendents Association Conference Sept.13 to 16, 2005. Mr. Green seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

Code Enforcement Officer's report and request to issue the 2005 Mobile Home Park Permit for Evergreen Manor, who paid their 2005 annual fee. She submitted the inspection report, which was done in July of 2004, and indicated no violations. Mr. Green moved to issue the license, Mr. Ross seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the town board members to issue the 2005 Mobile Home license for Evergreen Manor.

Dog Control Officers report

Paul Baxter arrived at 8:40 and reported that the meeting for the OCWAC was postponed in December. He was planning on attending the January meeting and will report to the board in February.

Mr. Manchin moved the final budget adjustment for the 2004 General Fund budget:

From A3510.4 the amount of \$155.95 to: A1410.4 \$10.35

A1620.4 \$25.60

A4020.4 \$120.00

Mr. Ross seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board. Mr. Manchin stated that his should allow him to close the books for 2004.

Mr. Manchin announced that the American Public Works Association Central New York Branch has awarded our Superintendent of Highways, Elwin Fisher, PUBLIC WORKS ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR FOR 2004.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Michael Dixon, Mayor of the Village of Central Square correspondence regarding the Storm Water Management meeting being held in Central Square

Oswego County Treasurers communication regarding the 2005 tax bills and County charges.

Quarterly Justice Report for period ending 9/30/04

Tug Hills Local Government Conference information

Notification that the renewal for Liquor License has been applied for, for Cindy's Ship-N-Shore

NYS Office of the Comptroller regarding limits for special district actions for 2005 dated 12-17-04

NYS Environmental Facilities Corp. regarding Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Dated 12-1-04

OCWA letter of 12-15-04 regarding Water Main Installations

OCWA notification of 12-16-04 concerning 2005 rater increases of 8%, which would equal approximately \$1.11 per month, increase to the average customer.

Bacteriological Field Sampling results from Oswego County Health

Assemblyman David Townsend's letter of 12-2-04 explaining his position on the traffic ticket surcharges.

Time Warners notification of rate changes on some services

Federal Communications Commissions "Must Carry Complaint" against Time Warner

NYS Office of the Comptroller regarding the repeal of fine distribution method and local surcharge authority

State of New York notification of 12-29-04 regarding the "QC grant program"

Oswego County Legislature invitation to participate in Oswego County's low cost electricity program

Misc. publications and newsletters

Mr. Manchin moved to approve the payment of the bills:

General Fund, abstract #1, vouchers #1 to #35, in the amount of \$12,553.25

Highway Fund, abstract #1, vouchers #1 to #67, in the amount of \$94,596.83

Big Bay Sewer Fund, abstract #1, vouchers #1 to #24 in the amount of \$9,738.71

West Side Water Fund, abstract #1, voucher #1 in the amount of \$1,290.04

Big Bay Water Fund, abstract #1, voucher #1 in the amount of \$2,201.99

Mr. Green seconded the approval of the bills, and the board was unanimous in approving the payment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58PM