

REGULAR MEETING TOWN HALL 46 COUNTY ROUTE 11

February 9, 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

Code Enforcement Officer Gail Swistak

Legislator Arthur Gearsbeck

2 people in the audience

Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission

Meeting opened at 8 PM and Mr. Hickey moved to approve the minutes of the January 2005 meeting as presented. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

Mr. Manchin reported that he had not received any additional information from the assessor in regards to the Veterans exemption and therefore no action could be taken to affect the 2006 tax year.

Mr. Manchin also reported that he had completed the application, which could allow the town to receive low-cost electricity from Entergy Nuclear Northeast as part of the tax agreement for the James FitzPartick nuclear plant.

Mr. Manchin informed the town board that according to Curtis Nichols of Managing Civil Environmental Engineering the low bid on the Fortino tire yard clean up was from Delaney Construction. Also all permits are in place with the exception of a legal issue regarding access on Ken Diffin's property. There should be activity within two weeks from the awarding of the bid. Mr. Hickey asked if the town has ever received a firm commitment from the DEC as to road repair as Pinnacle Road was not constructed to handle all the traffic that will be generated with the clean up. He requested that the board receive a commitment in writing.

The Code Enforcement Officer reported that Ken Diffin's property is being cleaned up, Mr. Diffin has removed about 15 cars and has many more to go.

Mr. Manchin informed the board that on March 16 there will be a work shop with the town attorney, Planning Board members, Town board and Code Enforcement regarding the town laws and their procedures and enforcement to be held at the town hall at 7:00 PM. The board was in agreement to meet that evening.

There has been some miscommunication regarding the rate in which the planning board recording secretary is paid. At present the board has set the rate at \$40.00 and the recorder understood a different amount. The rate will be discussed at budget time.

Monthly reports were received from:

Town Clerk with a check in the amount of \$1204.28 and a total of taxes paid during the month of January in the amount of \$1,743,380 with the Town of West Monroe paid in full.

Supervisor's Financial Report and reconciliation report

Code Enforcement Officers report along with copies of the information regarding Drainage Districts.

Superintendent of Highways report

The board received the Planning Board minutes of December 1, 2004.

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

GENERAL FUND, abstract #2, vouchers #36 to #37 in the amount of \$7,043.44

HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #2, vouchers #68 to #88 in the amount of \$14,416.14

BIG BAY SEWER FUND, abstract #2, vouchers #25 to #33 in the amount of \$2,362.36

The board voted unanimously to pay the bills as audited.

The board questioned Code Enforcement Officer Swistak about the status of the Unger situation in the Big Bay area. She explained that Mr. Inman turned in a complaint to the State on the construction of the Unger addition, concerning the fire separation distance. As far as Ms. Swistak was considered she issued the COC as Mr. Unger was in compliance. She also explained that Mr. Unger has to apply for a variance so that this building could use the new code, which is what Ms. Swistak based her inspection on. Mr. Hall, from NYS, told her that once the State Code Enforcement rules on the construction is issued, it becomes a dead issue.

COMMUNICATION

CNY Regional Planning Board regarding EPA program and meeting for 2-14-05

Assemblyman Dave Townsend's information regarding 2005 Preserve NY Grant Program

Glennwood Golf Course information of renewal of Liquor License

Oswego County's 2004 Report of Self Insurance

Clerk of Oswego County Legislature regarding Dog Quarantine

The town board asked Code Enforcement Officer Swistak anything could be done about the home on County Route 37 in the Big Bay area which has been vacant for years. The doors are open once in a while and a concern that the children in the area may be going in. Ms. Swistak said that she has not been able to reach the responsible party regarding this property. The board asked her to continue to work on it.

Mobile Home Park Renewal Fees were received from Woodland, Deer Run and Partridge Acres. The Code Enforcement Officer requested permission to issue only Woodland Manor's permit as there are a few things she wants corrected by the two other park owners before issuing their permit. Mr. Ross moved to grant permission for Woodland Manor's 2005 Mobile Home Park Permit, Mr. Green 2nd the motion with unanimous board approval. Ms. Swistak will request permit renewal for the other two parks once they have corrected their violations.

Mr. Ross reported that he and Mr. Manchin met with other area government leaders to discuss the possibility of shared services. Mr. Ross explained that there might be several opportunities to use shared services to save each municipality tax dollars. Additional meetings will be held to discuss further this topic.

Mr. Hickey moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 8:29 P.M.. Mr. Ross seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

The meeting was re-opened at 9:09 P.M.

Mr. Paul Baxter reported on the January meeting on the Oneida Lake Water Shed Advisory explaining that the topic was the bylaws, assuring representation of all communities.

Also Mr. Baxter reported that the ATV Summit meeting was held in December, minutes available on line and that there would be future meetings in February or March.

Supervisor Manchin mentioned that he would be away from February 13 through February 24th and that Mr. Ross, as Deputy Supervisor, would be handling the town business.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 P.M.