

Unapproved Minutes of July 2005:

REGULAR MEETING

TOWN HALL 46 COUNTY ROUTE 11

July 13, 2005

8:00 PM

WEST MONROE, NY 13167

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

Town Clerk Christine Shaw, Deputy Clerk Louise Herbert
Patrick Duffy, Assessor
Gail Swistak Code Enforcement Officer
Legislator Arthur Gearsbeck
10 people in the audience
Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission

The meeting was opened at 8:00 and those present pledged allegiance to the flag. Then Mr. Hickey moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Mr. Green seconded the motion and all the board voted to approve the minutes with the exception of Mr. Ross who abstained.

The board addressed the Area Variance submitted by Hildreth/De Cuffa/Lauro. Mr. Manchin moved to approve the area variance; Mr. Green seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

Mr. Ross LaCombe, Co Rt expressed his concern regarding how secure town records were, especially in the assessor's office. After a brief discussion, the board agreed to check with the assessors' clerk to see if there was more that could be done to secure their records.

Al Gerisch, Co. Rt. 11 explained that he was inquiring about the work that the town highway and fire dept. has been doing at the fire dept. Mr. Gerisch stated that he felt the holding tanks were removed and a septic system was installed. The Code Enforcement Officer said she had no permit for this work on file. Mr. Gerisch explained that he contacted the Oswego County Health and no permit was issued from that department. Mr. Manchin said he'd have to check with the Fire Dept.

Mr. Bill Winks, Pinnacle Rd. asked the board if perhaps the trucks traveling to the tire dump could come on to Pinnacle Road from County Route 11. Mr. Winks explained that he felt the curves, number of homes etc. might make the trucks slow down. Also he felt that the trucks getting back onto St. Rt. 49 would have a safer merge at the light instead of at Pinnacle Rd. due to the limited distance. Mr. Winks also expressed concern that the DEC might change the plans and keep the shredding operation going even after the clean up was done. The board explained that this is a NYSDEC project.

Al Gerisch then asked if the DEC is aware that this property was a dump before the tires. The DEC is aware and it is the board's understanding that the dump is not DEC's priority at this point. Any action on the "dump" portion of this property will be addressed after the tire clean up is accomplished.

Norma Howard, Pinnacle Rd asked who originally approved this property as a dump. Bill Winks said he was on the town board at the time and it was in the 1970's and the town approved Mr. Fortino having a dump there.

Recreation Staff was addressed and on a motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Green the following appointments were made:

Judy Graham, Director
Yvonne Renne, Assistant Director
Tina Fleishman, Councilor
Melissa Scrimale, Councilor
Amanda Schulz, Councilor
Troy Fisher, Councilor
Kaitlyn Guppy Councilor
Brandon Wells, Jr. Councilor
Christopher Barnes, Jr. Councilor
Brandon Fisher, Jr. Councilor

The board was unanimous in the approval of the staff members.

Mr. Ross then moved to approve the salary:

Director \$1500
Assistant Director \$1200
Councilor \$750
Jr. Councilor \$500

Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion and unanimous approval of the board.

The Assessor presented an analyzes of the effect that increasing veterans exemption limits would have on the rest of the town. Mr. Ross asked what is the criteria to receive the exemption. Mr. Duffy explained that the veteran must serve during a time of war, there's an additional exemption for serving in the theater and an additional exemption for any disability received. The board expressed the desire to review all the information and would address this at next months meeting.

Mrs. Swistak reported to the board that the Fortino's property is almost cleaned up but needs until August 22nd, 2005. She explained there are 5 more trailers to be cleaned up.

Mrs. Swistak also reported that she has been unable to get anyone to respond to notices for the property at 1056 Co. Rt. 37 and has exhausted all avenues. Mr. McCarthy made the motion to have Ms. Swistak work with John's Odd Jobs to board up the home at that location. Mr. Ross seconded the motion with unanimous board approval. The cost to accomplish this will be added to the tax bill for that property.

Tim Benson, spokesman for the committee to streamline town laws reported that they have completed their work and submitted the draft to the board. Mr. Benson explained that the committee marked each segment to reference from what law it came from etc. just to show that the end result of the "streamlining" creates no changes other than to delete duplication or conflicts (see letter dated 7/6/05). Mr. Hickey remarked that the committee did a great job and the other board members agreed. Mr. McCarthy suggested due to vacation schedules etc. that the board would review the draft and meet sometime in September. The board was in agreement.

Monthly reports were received from the Town Clerk

Supervisor's Financial Report
Superintendent of Highways
Code Enforcement
Dog Control Officer

Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission addressed the board explaining that the OLWAC's fall conference was being prepared and that he would continue to attend the meetings to keep the town board informed.

Mr. Ross moved to pay the bills as audited:

GENERAL FUND, abstract #7, vouchers #168 to #196, in the amount of \$42,540.56
HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #7, vouchers #204 to 229, in the amount of \$14,689.76
SEWER FUND, abstract #7, vouchers #67 to #80, in the amount of \$5,498.34

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

Mr. Hickey addressed the Nutting Cemetery situation remarking the Boy Scouts did a great job, spending a couple of Saturdays working on cleaning the cemetery up. Mr. Hickey stated that if the Highway Dept. is unable to keep the cemetery cut perhaps we should just hire someone to cut the grass a few times a year, since there is a state law requiring the town to do that. Mr. Hickey then moved to have the highway dept. cut the grass at the Nutting Cemetery, Mr. Green seconded the motion. Unanimous approval of the board.

CORRESPONDENCE

Oswego County Board of Elections regarding NYS Election Reform Legislation
HAVA dated 6-29-05

Memo informing the board that the next Joint School District-Village-Town meeting is
scheduled for 7-26-05

APW's 2005/06 school year calendar and Board Members

Oswego Speedway invitation to participate in the Oswego County Survivor Series Demotion
Derby

Tug Hill Local Leaders School

NYSDOT Public Outreach Meeting to be 7-14-05 at 10 am in Oswego regarding the Erie Canal,
Paul Baxter said he would be attending and would report to the town board

Various newsletters and publication

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25