

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**September 13, 2006**

**TOWN HALL**  
**8:00 PM**

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**WEST MONROE, NY**

Present: Supervisor Gary Ross; Councilpersons Tim McCarthy, Michael Hickey, Kelley Davis and Debra Macdougall  
Town Clerk Christine Shaw, Deputy Town Clerk Louise Herbert  
Town Justice John DeMong  
Town Justice Kimberly Inman  
Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission representative  
Oswego County Legislator Art Gearsbeck  
14 people in the audience

Supervisor Ross led everyone to pledge the flag then a moment of silence in memory of those who died and the families of the victims of September 11<sup>th</sup>. The Mr. Ross moved to approve the minutes of the August regular meeting. Ms. Macdougall seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board. The Mr. Ross moved to pay the bills as audited by the town board. Mr. Hickey seconded that motion, with unanimous vote of the board to pay the bills as audited.

GENERAL FUND, abstract #9, vouchers #234 to #263 in the amount of \$6,437.00  
HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #9, vouchers #222 to #248 in the amount of \$9,557.50  
BIG BAY SEWER FUND, abstract #9, vouchers #86 to #94 in the amount of \$6,761.83

Supervisor Ross presented the reconciliation report for July which was approved on a motion by Mr. Hickey, then seconded by Mr. McCarthy with unanimous approval from the board.

Mr. Daniel Harkins addressed the town board to express his apology for his actions which caused damage to the town park in July 2006. Mr. Harkins submitted his apology to the board, taxpayers of West Monroe, children who participated in the recreation program and pledged to pay full restitution and to comply with the decision of the court. Mr. Ross responded on behalf of the town board apology accepted.

Ross Lacombe, County Route 23A questioned where the town budget stands concerning revenues from the sales tax. Supervisor Ross responded that the revenue is more than anticipated. He added that we must remember that the first 2 quarters of sales tax are always higher than the next 2 quarters. Mr. Lacombe asked if the board will use the additional money to lower the 2007 taxes. Mr. Ross explained that the board always concerns themselves with what is the best way to use any unexpended money, whether the best thing to do is pay on borrowed money or apply to the next years' budget. With interest at such a low percentage and finance percentages higher the board needs to be sure what is the best for the taxpayers of the town.

The Master Plan update was then addressed. At the August meeting, Supervisor Ross asked the board members to think about how they would like to handle updating the Master Plan. Ms. Davis suggested that the committee be comprised of a couple from the planning board, town board and zoning commission, as well as a couple residents. All board members were in agreement therefore Supervisor Ross will contact the town attorney to get things started in forming this committee to revise the Master Plan.

The board then addressed the Emergency Management Plan, Designation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as basis for all incident management. After a brief explanation of the

schooling and purpose of NIMS, Ms. Davis moved the following **RESOLUTION**

*WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity;*

*WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State, local and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters;*

*WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Town of West Monroe, County of Oswego departments and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management;*

*WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the Town of West Monroe, County of Oswego's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local readiness, maintain first responder safety and streamline incident management processes.*

*WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the Town of West Monroe, County of Oswego; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kelley Davis, Councilperson of the Town of West Monroe, do hereby establish the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the Town of West Monroe, County of Oswego standard for incident management.*

*On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006 in the year Two Thousand and Six.*

The motion was seconded by Mr. McCarthy with each board member voting "Yes".

Reports were received from the following town officers:

Town Clerk  
Planning Board  
Highway Superintendent  
Code Enforcement Officer

CORRESPONDENCE:

Tug Hill Times  
DEC letter regarding the Proposed Good Farm Subdivision and the storm water run off  
Planning Board minutes  
National Grid

NYS Real Property office stating that the equalization rate for 2006 is 3.95%  
Greater Oneida Lake Chamber newsletter

Paul Baxter reported to the board on the Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the OLCWA meeting held in Cicero as they discussed the reducing sediment running into the river.

The board then discussed the 2007 budget work shops. First Mr. Hickey moved to hold a Special Meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 for the town clerk to present the Tentative 2007 Budget to the town board. Ms. Macdougall seconded the motion with unanimous board approval. Then after a brief discussion Mr. Ross moved to hold a budget workshop on Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 PM until done. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor.

At 8:37 Mr. Ross moved to enter into executive session to discuss current litigation with United Mobile Home Park, as well as possible litigation concerning the Big Bay Sewer District. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to enter into executive session.

At 8:47 the board returned and Supervisor Ross re-opened the regular meeting. Ms. Macdougall displayed the card which was made by the summer recreation group. She also mentioned the pictures which were placed in a frame and hanging on the wall which showed some of the great times which were had by all.

The meeting was closed at 8:50 PM