

Present: Supervisor Gary Ross; Board members Michael Hickey, Kelley Davis, Tim McCarthy and Debra Macdougall
Christine Shaw, Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk Louise Herbert
Superintendent of Highways Randall Shaw
Oswego County Legislator Art Gearsbeck
5 people in the audience

Supervisor Ross called the meeting to order and before the pledge asked that there be a moment of silence to remember Tony Altier, former Code Enforcement Officer for the town and an active member of the volunteer fire department; and Robert Harrington, who served on the Planning Board, as town assessor and currently was a member of the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of West Monroe. Both men passed away last week, but through their contributions and dedication to our town, they left West Monroe a much better place. Mr. Ross then led those present in the pledge to the flag and then a moment of silence.

Mr. Ross then moved to approve the minutes of the September meetings and the October 3rd special meeting. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

Art Gearsbeck, Dutch Hill Rd., addressed the board asking what the board was planning to do concerning re-paving Pinnacle Rd. once the tire clean up was completed. With the damage that the trucks (involved in the clean up) are doing to the town road, Mr. Gearsbeck believes that the town should have a written agreement that the State of New York will re-build the road. Mr. Ross explained he had spoken with Curtis Nichols who felt that the town should not do anything. Superintendent of Highways Shaw reported that he was told that there was a study done on the road in 2004 and on a "handshake" it was agreed DEC would put the road back into good condition. Mr. Shaw contacted the DEC himself and was told that the Town of West Monroe needed to have a study done; pay for it and the money spent will be returned when the road was rebuilt at the end of the project. Mr. Shaw and Mr. Gearsbeck met with DEC and clean up officials and were told the same thing. Ms. Davis asked what the study was to entail. The full scope of rebuilding the road, including the cost is what is needed. Mr. McCarthy stressed that he is very concerned that the town has nothing in writing that protects the taxpayers in regards to paying for the rebuilding of the road. Mr. Hickey mentioned that he has made that same statement in the past. Ms. Macdougall asked Mr. Shaw what the cost would be for the town to re-pave that road after the tire yard is cleaned and the response was approx. \$100,000. Then Ms. Macdougall asked who was it that Mr. Gearsbeck spoke with and he said it was Timothy Diguilio, P.E. (DEC). Mr. Ross explained that he was told that the DEC already did a study and the town does not need to spend any money on information the DEC already has. Mr. Ross would contact DEC officials again and report back to the board next meeting.

The board then addressed the area variance submitted by Mr. George Corcoran. Dave Bardone, Mr. Corcoran's surveyor, explained that Mr. Corcoran has moved the proposed new home to accommodate the zoning setback and that even though the road frontage does not meet the zoning requirements the lot size is in compliance, 40,000 sq. ft. for both proposed lots. Mr. McCarthy made a motion in favor of granting a variance, Mr. Ross seconded the motion. Mr. Hickey expressed his concerns regarding possible flooding in this area which has happened several times in the past, as well as the fact that the Code Enforcement officer has expressed concerns regarding dividing this property saying he can not guarantee Mr. Corcoran could get a building permit. The vote of the board was Ms. Macdougall-yes, Ms. Davis-yes, Mr. Hickey-no, Mr. McCarthy-yes and Mr. Ross-yes, variance granted.

The board received a copy of the Superintendent of Highways 2007 annual inventory.

REPORTS:

- Judge Inman's monthly report for September
- Judge DeMong's monthly report
- Town Clerks report
- Planning board minutes from August 2007
- Supervisor's financial report
- Code Enforcement Officers report
- Superintendent of Highways report in which he explained he put out an emergency bid (and the reasons for it) after checking state bid pricing for a new pick up truck. Results of the bid: only one dealer (Reymore Chevy.) bidding \$21644.22 for the truck plus \$4,365. for the steel plow by Fisher. Mr. Ross moved to accept the bid from Reymore Chevrolet Sales for the truck and plow, Ms. Davis seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board. Superintendent Shaw then asked to declare the 1998 pick up truck as surplus and allow this truck to be put out for bid. Mr. Ross moved to declare the 1998 pick up truck surplus; Ms. Davis seconded the motion, unanimous approval of the board. Superintendent Shaw asked permission to put out a bid for a loader, he explained to the board that the loaders on state pricing are too costly for our town and therefore he needs to check into new and/or used loader, by different manufacturers than those on state bid. He needs to replace one of the towns' current loader with a newer one (either new or used) purchasing it in 2008. Mr. Ross moved to grant permission to Superintendent Shaw to bid out a new and/or used loader, Mr. McCarthy seconded the loader with all board members in agreement to bid for a loader.

Supervisor Ross then moved to approve the bills as audited. Ms. Macdougall seconded the motion with unanimous approval of those board members present.

GENERAL FUND, abstract #10 vouchers #290 to #320 in the amount of \$24,289.91
HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #10 vouchers #243 to #268 in the amount of \$18,733.27
BIG BAY SEWER FUND, abstract #10 vouchers #89 to #98 in the amount of \$7,520.79
BIG BAY WATER FUND, abstract #2 voucher #2 in the amount of \$592.48
WEST SIDE WATER FUND, abstract #2 voucher #2 in the amount of \$3348.80

Mr. Hickey moved to accept the Supervisors financial report with Ms. Davis seconding the motion with the vote of the board: Ms. Macdougall-yes, Ms. Davis-yes, and Mr. Hickey-yes, Mr. McCarthy-yes and Mr. Ross-abstaining.

The town clerk notified the board that Oswego County Health Dept. requested the use of the town hall on Wednesday Oct. 17 from 9-11am for Flu shots.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-There will be Storm Water Management classes in January and May 2008.

-Tug Hill Times

-Oneida Lake Fort Brewerton Chamber newsletter

Paul Baxter reported that there was no September meeting of the OLWSAC, an October 23 meeting is scheduled.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM