

REGULAR MEETING
June 11, 2008

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WEST MONROE, NY

Present: Supervisor Gary Ross; Board members Kelley Davis, Michael Hickey and Debra Macdougall
Town Clerk, Christine Shaw, Deputy Town Clerk Louise Herbert
Superintendent of Highways Randall Shaw
Oswego County Legislator Arthur Gearsbeck
Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission
16 people in the audience

Absent: Tim McCarthy

Supervisor Ross called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and everyone pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Mr. Ross then moved to approve the minutes of the May town board regular meeting, Ms. Macdougall seconded the motion with those board members present all in agreement to approve the minutes.

Supervisor Ross then moved to approve the June 2nd Special Meeting minutes, Ms. Davis seconded the motion. The vote of the board was Ms. Macdougall abstaining, Ms. Davis-yes, Mr. Hickey-yes and Supervisor Ross-yes, motion carried.

Mr. Ross then moved to pay the bills as audited, Ms. Davis seconded the motion

GENERAL FUND, abstract #6, vouchers #149 to #174 in the amount of \$8,000.37
HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #4, vouchers #133 to #150 in the amount of \$10,296.74
BIG BAY SEWER FUND abstract #4, vouchers #44 to #56 in the amount of \$4,039.49

All board members present voting to pay the bills as audited.

Ms. Davis moved to accept the Supervisors' reconciliation report for May & June, Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with the vote of the board: Ms. Macdougall-yes, Ms. Davis-yes, Mr. Hickey-yes, Mr. Ross-abstained.

Ross LaCombe, Morey Rd. addressed the board asking what the town is doing to conserve fuel. The Highway Superintendent responded that he has purchased a new mower that now takes 4 hours to mow the town park instead of 2 days; limiting idling of trucks; along with anything that can be done to conserve fuel without cutting services.

Mr. LaCombe also asked what effect would the Firemen's pension have on the taxpayers if the town goes to full assessment? The board responded that it would make no difference

Then Mr. LaCombe asked whether the town board is looking into cutting costs by not replacing the highway personnel that is retiring next year. The board has not yet discussed it with the Highway Superintendent.

Mr. Art Gearsbeck, Dutch Road, stated he feels that all property owners should be allowed to vote on the Firemen's Service Award Program. Supervisor Ross explained that using the registered voter list saved the town money and time. Preparing an eligible voter listing is costly and takes much time.

Debbie Sims, Wedgeworth Drive, asked about the sign for 3 Mile Bay. The Superintendent of Highways responded that he has contacted the DEC and NYSDOT. Then Ms. Sims asked about the lines on Toad Harbor Rd. Mr. Ross explained that had been years ago and that was a result of "shared services" with Oswego County. Since there are no lines on the road at this time the town would need to have engineers do a study. Ms. Sims asked whom to contact to get the number of accidents on Toad Harbor Rd. Either the Sheriff's dept. or NYS troopers would be the place to start. Ms. Sims also informed the board that Wedgeworth Point has formed an association. Mr. Ross offered to meet with them at any time.

Mr. Hickey made a motion to appoint the following personnel to work the recreation program:

Counselors: Melissa Scrimale
Derek Burghart
Barbara Ann
Brandon Fisher
Julie Croad
D. J. Wells
Aaron Barnes
Alyssa Giamartino

Mr. Ross seconded the motion, with a unanimous approval of the board.

The court security was the next topic of discussion. The justices requested the town board allow them to entire into an agreement with a security company to provide a bailiff during court at a cost of \$15.00 per hour (3 hour minimum). Ms. Davis explained that if it would be \$1500 for the rest of 2008 to provide safety to the courtroom she has no problem with that. She also questioned if these persons would carry a gun. Ms. Macdougall agreed with Ms. Davis but expressed concerned as to where this extra money would come from. Mr. Hickey felt that the justices should wait until the 2009 budget.

Mr. Ross explained that the Town still needs 3 more people to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Board members to work on getting some names of interested residents for the July meeting.

Mr. Ross explained that the Building Committee met on June 2, and the board challenged them to find an alternative solution, so Mr. Ross moved to schedule a special meeting for Monday June 30th, 2008 at 7:30 for the committee to present a new option for the replacement of the justice building. Ms. Macdougall seconded the motion,

Mr. Ross suggested that the Town of West Monroe have a Founders Day Parade, perhaps in May since the town was founded May 7th. The board agreed with the idea and felt that a committee should be formed now to start the planning. Mr. Ross asked the town clerk to put a notice in the paper for volunteers to work on this committee, also suggesting that someone from the Master Plan Committee and the Historical Society.

Mr. Ross reported on the Super Cog Meeting held in Camden.

Monthly Reports received from:

- Supervisor
- Town Clerk
- Justice DeMong
- Justice Inman
- Code Enforcement Officer
- Dog Control Officer
- Superintendent of Highways who addressed
 1. Smith Road Bridge was red flagged and will need to be replaced
 2. Need of hiring personnel to replace the employees who are going to retire
 3. Fuel Prices causing a challenge to the highway dept. budget and this coming winters snow removal.
 4. Sewer Treatment plant running with continual breakdowns due to age of the plant

Correspondence

- NYS Real Property notification of Equalization rate change to 3.4%
- Tug Hill Times
- Brewerton Chamber of Commerce
- Division of Alcohol & Beverage regarding Liquor License

Paul Baxter submitted agenda for the NorCog meeting 6-16-2008 reminding the board that all members are welcome to attend.

Michael Hickey again commended the highway dept. on the great job at the Nutting Cemetery.

Christine Shaw reported to the board that a resident from the Big Bay area has encountered problems relating to the fence that his neighbor has put up and he has requested that the board address problems that can be caused by putting up a fence when the zoning law is revisited.

The meeting was closed at 8:10 PM