

**SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 2008**

**TOWN HALL 46 CO RT 11
WEST MONROE, NY 13167**

Present: Supervisor Gary Ross, Town Board Members Debra Macdougall, Mike Hickey and Kelley Davis
Town Clerk Christine Shaw, Deputy Clerk Louise Herbert
Superintendent of Highways Randall Shaw
3 people in the audience

All present pledged allegiance to the flag and then Mr. Hickey moved to accept the minutes of the October 12th and November 10th meetings. Ms. Macdougall seconded the motion with a unanimous approval vote from the board.

Mr. Ross submitted his reconciliation report from October, Mr. Hickey moved to accept, Ms. Macdougall seconded the motion the vote of the board was: Mr. Hickey-yes, Ms. Macdougall-yes, Ms. Davis-yes and Mr. Ross abstained.

Mr. Ross moved to **accept the 2-year fire coverage contract with the West Monroe Volunteer Fire Dept.**, Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with a unanimous approval vote from the board.

The board addressed the **need for offices for the justice department**. The building committee submitted the plan at the last board meeting to modify the existing building by adding an office and conference room, changing the entrance to the North side of the building, seal the roof, constructing a justice bench and adding air conditioning. The board felt that this could work and asked the architect to submit the pricing for this modification. The estimate from the architect was \$77,000. Mr. Hickey moved to approve this plan, Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous to accept this plan and go ahead with bidding this project out. The supervisor will contact the architect, as the board would like to bid the work as soon as possible. There was a concern regarding the work being done during tax collection (due to the volume of people in and out of the building. The town clerk explained that she would collect through the "old" window as she did for several years, so as not to hold up the project. Mr. Hickey stated that he would like to see the highway department perform as much of the work as they could weather permitting. Mr. Ross expressed concern, as this is not the highway departments' specialty. Ms. Davis asked about the insurance money that the town received from the building, Mr. Ross explained that this money was used in the demolition, rental of the pod and new equipment needed to move the justices in their temporary area.

The town clerk mentioned to the board that Oswego County will be holding a meeting on December 11th in Oswego Legislative chambers to discuss the future of the tax collectors. The county has compiled information regarding the cost of tax collection as it stands now and what it would cost with an alternative method, so Christine Shaw will be attending.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.