

REGULAR MEETING
December 10, 2008

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WEST MONROE, NY

Present: Supervisor Gary Ross; Board members Kelley Davis and Michael Hickey
Town Clerk, Christine Shaw, Deputy Town Clerk Louise Herbert
Superintendent of Highways Randall Shaw
Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Commission
13 people in the audience

Absent: Debra Macdougall, board member

Supervisor Ross invited the boy scouts present in the audience to lead in the pledge to the flag. Supervisor Ross than thanked the town clerk for arranging Robert Freeman's presentation on Freedom of Information and the Open Meetings Law, explaining that the turn out was great and the information Mr. Freeman shared was very informative and interesting.

Then Mr. Ross moved to approve the minutes of the November meetings, Mr. Hickey seconded the motion and all board members present were in favor.

Supervisor Ross mentioned that the bank statements just arrived today and therefore there is no reconciliation report to present.

The board opened the floor for public comment:

Harry Komrowski, Toad Harbor Rd., questioned why SOVAC receives tax money from the town and would then bill residents that use the service. Mr. Ross answered that each town in which SOVAC services does pay a proportion of their budget, equal to the number of calls from that town in the previous year. The town clerk mentioned that she has received several calls with that question in the past. SOVAC representatives were present and explained that even though the towns pay money to them through taxes it covers the town of West Monroe portion of the building and equipment portion of their budget. The Third party billing that is done, helps to cover the cost of paid personnel, since there are fewer people able to volunteer. The third party billing is designed to recover the money paid by the insurance company. After a lengthy explanation, SOVAC volunteers said that they would provide the town information brochures and asked that the town clerk forward all calls to their office.

Fuel Bids for 2009 were reviewed and all fuel was **awarded to Mirabito** (as they were low bidder on all fuel) on a motion made by Supervisor Ross, seconded by Councilwoman Davis with all board members approving the motion.

Mr. Ross moved to **reappoint Tim Benson**, term to expire in 12/31/2015 and **Mike Donegan** term to expire in 12/31/2014 to the **Planning Board**. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with unanimous approval. Mr. Ross then moved to appoint Claude Thauvette to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board (upon recommendation of the Planning Board). Ms. Davis seconded the motion. The town clerk then mentioned that according to their minutes no one else was interested in serving on the board, which is incorrect, back in September Mary Lesnau sent them a letter of her interest in serving on the board. The board then voted to disapprove the appointment, in order for the planning board to talk with Ms. Lesnau.

It was mentioned that the building remodeling was out for bid and the bid opening would be on December 22, 2008 at 2:00 PM. There was some discussion on what changes were made since the last presentation to the board.

Year End Board Meeting to be held on Tuesday December 30, 2008 at 7:00 PM on a motion by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Ross with unanimous approval.

RFP Master Plan results of the bids were presented, the board members will review all the bids and information and will make the decision of award at the year-end meeting.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk November report check in the amount \$891.42
Justice DeMong November report with a check in the amount of \$4,780.
October Planning Board Minutes
Highway Superintendents report

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ft. Brewerton Chamber of Commerce Newsletter
Tug Hill Times
BOCES Spot Light newsletter
Mark & Gail Keller letter of 11/25/2008 regarding the water district distribution lines

Paul Baxter reported that the Code Enforcement Officer's new computer is all set up and working great.

Mr. Ross moved to enter into executive session at 8:04 PM to discuss the **Burdick litigation**, Mr. Hickey seconded the motion, vote was unanimous in approval. The board returned and reopened the meeting at 8:14 PM.

Christine Shaw, Town Clerk, requested that the board consider returning the responsibility of opening the Supervisors mail back to her. Understanding that Mr. Ross wanted someone other than the town clerk to have that responsibility, Ms. Shaw explained that it is very difficult when people are looking for information that she is not aware was requested. The board members will take it into consideration.

The meeting was closed at 8:15 PM