

REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 11, 2009

7:00 PM

46 COUNTY ROUTE 11 TOWN HALL  
WEST MONROE, NY

Present: Deputy Supervisor Kelley Davis, Board Members Debra Macdougall Steve Patch and Michael Hickey  
Town Clerk Christine Shaw, Deputy Clerk Louise Herbert  
Superintendent of Highways Randall Shaw  
Justice John DeMong  
23 people in the audience

After the pledge of allegiance Deputy Supervisor Davis moved to accept the minutes of the February meetings. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with the vote of the board unanimously in favor of approving the February minutes.

Ms. Davis then moved to pay the bills as audited, Ms. MacDougal seconded the motion.  
GENERAL FUND, abstract #3, vouchers #59 to #92 in the amount of \$14,999.57  
HIGHWAY FUND, abstract #3, vouchers #56 to #76 in the amount of \$6,648.92  
BIG BAY SEWER FUND, abstract #3, vouchers #24 to #33 in the amount of \$3,010.04  
WEST SIDE WATER FUND, abstract #1 voucher #1 in the amount of \$3,294.20  
BIG BAY WATER FUND, abstract #1 voucher #1, in the amount of \$624.45  
The board was unanimously in favor of paying the bills as audited.

Deputy Supervisor Davis then moved the following resolution:

***RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of West Monroe publicly recognizes and thanks LYLE BORLAND, for his dedicated service to the Town of West Monroe. He faithfully served in the Highway Department as an Equipment Operator from August 16, 1972 until his retirement of March 27, 2009. He and his contributions to the town will be greatly missed.***

Councilman Hickey seconded the Resolution, with the vote of the board being:

Ms. Davis-yes  
Mr. Hickey-yes  
Ms. MacDougal-yes  
Mr. Patch-yes  
Mr. Ross-absent

Deputy Supervisor Davis then moved the following resolution:

***RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of West Monroe publicly recognizes and thanks DEAN BURDICK, for his dedicated service to the Town of West Monroe. He faithfully served in the Highway Department as an Equipment Operator from October 6, 1986 until his retirement of February 28, 2009. He and his contributions to the town will be greatly missed.***

Councilman Hickey seconded the Resolution, with the vote of the board being:

Ms. Davis-yes  
Mr. Hickey-yes  
Ms. MacDougal-yes  
Mr. Patch-yes  
Mr. Ross-absent

Deputy Supervisor Davis then moved the following resolution:

***RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of West Monroe publicly recognizes and thanks Donald Farewell, for his dedicated service to the Town of West Monroe. He faithfully served in the Highway Department as an Equipment Operator from January 1, 1997 until his retirement of February 28, 2009. He and his contributions to the town will be greatly missed.***

Councilman Hickey seconded the Resolution, with the vote of the board being:

Ms. Davis-yes  
Mr. Hickey-yes  
Ms. MacDougal-yes

Mr. Patch-yes  
Mr. Ross-absent

A message from former Superintendent of Highways Elwin Fisher was read giving his best wishes and thanks to the three gentlemen. The audience then showed their appreciation by a round of applause.

Following this tribute, Superintendent of Highways Shaw requested permission for a 4-ton weight limit on town roads until April 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Davis made a motion to approve this limitation; Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board. Superintendent Shaw explained to the board the problem, which the highway department is experiencing on Whig Hill Rd between Morey Rd. and Gulf Bridge. Superintendent Shaw felt that within a week or so the road should be reopened to traffic.

The board then discussed training, which was held for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Some of the planning board members attended the training and Ms. Davis moved to accept this training toward the required annual training for planning board members. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with all board members present voting yes.

The Planning Board sent a memo to the town board requesting establish a moratorium on all Commercial development on State Route 49 until after the Master Plan is completed and adopted, for a 6 month period. The board decided to address this at a special meeting that the board needs to hold on March 24, 2009 at 7:00. This special meeting is scheduled to address the agreement with CNY Planning regarding MS4 Compliance and the internal audit of the town official's records.

Monthly reports were received from the town clerk for the month of February  
Justice DeMong and Justice Inman  
Dog Control Officer  
Superintendent of Highway  
Planning Board minutes

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Oneida Lake Chamber of Commerce newsletter  
Tug Hill Commission newsletter  
Letter from Tug Hill Commission regarding Surveys  
Oswego County Health Dept notification of the rabies clinic schedule for 2009  
Pathfinder Bank information of the increase in deposit insurance coverage  
NYS Real Property Service Residential Assessment Ratio of 3.17 for 2009 Assessment Roll  
Oswego County Emergency Management will do a test of Comprehensive Plans joint exercise – the town board will review and address this at the special meeting.  
Toad Harbor Corp notification that they have applied for a renewal of their liquor license.

Paul Baxter reported on the Tug Hill upcoming survey beginning March 16 and lasting until March 26, as well as the training to be held at Jefferson Community College.

Mike Hickey mentioned that the highway department has done a great during the past few weeks, and entire winter and wanted to express this thanks.

Surveyor Dave Bardoun addressed the town board concerning the variance procedure and zoning board of review. He mentioned that he has a client that wants to divide his property and will need a variance and wants to know if the board has the proper boards in place so that he can go forward with the necessary procedures. Ms. Davis explained that the town board had just finished a training for the zoning board of review and unfortunately has lost a couple of members even before the board got going. The town board is looking to replace those who have stepped down and felt confident that the zoning board of review would be ready to act if and when necessary. Mr. Bardoun also made the statement that there is just so much property which can be developed within the town limit that is not in the wet lands, and that the town board should review the town law to allow flag lots.

Ms. Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM