

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**June 8, 2011**

**46 COUNTY ROUTE 11 TOWN HALL**  
**WEST MONROE, NY**

Present: Supervisor Messere, Councilors Michael Hickey, Randy Seaman & Debra Phillips

Also present: Town Clerk Christine Shaw, Deputy Clerk Louise Herbert  
8 people in the audience

The town board began the auditing of the monthly vouchers at 6:30 and at 7:00 PM opened the regular meeting.

John Messere moved to pay the bills as audited, Ms. Phillips seconded the motion:

General Fund, Abstract #6, Vouchers #184 to #213 in the amount of \$8,043.02  
Highway Fund, Abstract #6, Vouchers #195 to #217 in the amount of \$9,255.14  
Big Bay Sewer Fund, Abstract #6, Vouchers #69 to #76 in the amount of \$3,254.03  
The board members present voted unanimously to pay the vouchers.

Supervisors report was approved on a motion made by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Seaman with vote of the board being Mr. Seaman-yes, Mr. Hickey-yes, Ms. Phillips-yes and Mr. Messere-abstaining.

Supervisor Messere moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting with a correction to the statement by the Code Enforcement Officer to remove that he had given his suggestions for amending the Zoning Law to the board. Also Mr. Messere wanted the minutes to reflect the year 2010 and not "years" as the town clerk had typed (in report of accomplishments). The motion was seconded by Mr. Hickey. In the discussion Mr. Messere felt that the Code Enforcement Officer did not give his suggestions to the board. The town clerk stated that while typing those minutes she had listened to the tape of the May meeting and in many parts of the minutes typed it word for word. The vote of the board was Mr. Seaman-abstained; Mr. Hickey-yes; Ms. Phillips-no; Mr. Messere-yes. Mr. Messere said he will bring this up at next month as the motion did not pass; therefore the minutes have not been approved.

Monthly Reports:

Justice Inman \$4235  
Justice DeMong \$5655

Code Enforcement - the town clerk wanted the town board to be informed that NYS law requires that any swimming pool being installed must obtain a permit. The law requires small pools that hold more than 18" of water and is not at least 4' tall be completely fenced and have alarms. If the Pool is 4' or taller, it does not need to be fenced but must have an alarm and must get a permit. Since property owner are responsible should something happen, a couple of the Mobile Home Park managers are requiring their residents obtain permits.

Clerks report

West Monroe Fire Dept. submitted the report for May. The President of the Fire Dept. Michael Walker asked that the town board write a letter in support of Mark's Law. This law would extend the same protection from violence that that police officers, parole officers and prisons guards to Volunteer & Emergency responders. This law provides the maximum penalty under law for attacks on emergency responders. Mr. Hickey moved to send a letter in support of Mark's Law, Mr. Messere seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

Committees:

**Parks Committee** submitted minutes of the May meeting and wished to thank everyone for the great job done at the Park for the building of the playground equipment. The Committee also asked that **Sharon**

**Gearsbeck be appointed to the parks committee**, Mr. Messere moved the appointment, Ms. Phillips seconded the motion with unanimous board approval.

Mr. Messere addressed the fencing for around the playground, he suggested that the town purchase the fencing and he will have volunteers install it. After a discussion regarding the cost factors Mr. Messere moved to purchase 4' chain link vinyl fencing, and materials and have volunteers install it. Mr. Seaman seconded the motion, with unanimous board approval. Mr. Denzak, a representative from the company the town purchased the playground equipment from will come and inspect the installation of the equipment which will be a benefit in regards to insurance coverage.

Ms. Phillips remarked that the building of the playground equipment was a very successful event, everyone did a great job, got along very well and it was a fun time.

**Zoning Committee**, Mr. Fuegel explained that the zoning committee has been working with the West Monroe Planning Board and have held a couple joint meetings discussing some of the ideas the Zoning Committee has been working on. Mr. Fuegel explained that the planning board has asked that the zoning committee to look at the "signs portion" of the Zoning Law of West Monroe as the Planning Board is looking to make suggestions for amendments to that portion of the Town Law. Ms. Phillips questioned the town board as to when they are going to address the "Clutter Law" which the zoning committee submitted to the town board in January 2011, asking for their recommendations. A lengthy heated discussion continued on who is to send what to the Planning Board for review, with Supervisor Messere once again strongly expressing his displeasure in the progress of the Zoning Committee.

Carl Hoyt Jr. submitted his letter of interest to the town board for placement on the **Zoning Board of Appeals**. Mr. Messere moved to **appoint Mr. Hoyt**, Mr. Hickey seconded the motion with unanimous approval of the board.

The Planning Board members requested that the town board reduce the number of training hours for the planning board and zoning board members. After some discussion, the board was in agreement to leave the required hours at 4 hrs. Per year. NYMIR offers training on line which should make it easier for each member to obtain their training. The passwords will be available from the town clerk.

Telephone system, Mr. Messere reported that the cost of \$937 to rewire the town hall telephones so that the Centrex system will work properly. Mr. Messere moved to have the town hall re-wired; Mr. Hickey seconded the motion, with unanimous board approval.

Mr. Donegan is working on the MS4 report.

The Salt Shed building needs a new roof; Mr. Messere explained that he is collecting cost factors to accomplish this, will discuss this at the next meeting.

Paul Baxter reported that there will be a workshop in the Utica area regarding highway issues.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

State of New York Inspection report of the Dog Control Officers' dog kennels

2 B.A.N.S. will be coming due within the next month

Senator Richie regarding underfunded mandates asking for any input that town officials may have regarding this.

Thank You card from Louise Herbert

**2010 Annual Financial Report has been filed with the town clerk**

Census Information

Mr. Messere moved to enter into Executive Session regarding a Legal issue at 8:10 PM, seconded by Ms. Phillips, with unanimous board approval.

The town board returned at 8:28 with Mr. Messere reopening the regular meeting to adjourn.