

REGULAR MEETING  
March 12, 2025

46 COUNTY ROUTE 11 TOWN HALL  
WEST MONROE, NY

Present: Dale Maher --- Supervisor  
Gary Harrington --- Councilor  
Jesse Green-- Councilor  
Michael Hickey---Councilor  
William Gass---Councilor  
Cortney Rhinehardt --- Town Clerk

Also Present: Stephanie Maher, DTC; Michael Walker, Highway Superintendent; Michael Krah, Deputy Highway Superintendent; Heidi Tompkins, Tug Hill Commission; Dean Gass, CEO; Vern Sundet; Ken Parrotte, bookkeeper; WMVFD Representatives; Paul Baxter, Tug Hill

Vouchers were reviewed by the town board members at 6:30 PM and at 7:00 PM Supervisor Maher called the regular meeting to order.

**RESOLUTION #20-2025 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAER MEEETING FEBRUARY 12,2025,** Moved by Supervisor Maher, seconded by Councilor Hickey  
Ayes-5 Maher, Harrington, Green, Hickey, Gass

**RESOLUTION #21-2025 APPROVAL OF THE BILLS AS AUDITED,** Moved by Supervisor Maher, seconded by Councilor Harrington, ABSTRACT #3, vouchers #87 through #132 in the amount of \$80,495.97  
Ayes-5 Maher, Hickey, Harrington, Green, Gass

**RESOLUTION #22-2025 APPROVING ISSUANCE OF TAX EXEMPT NOTE FOR THE WEST MONROE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC,** Moved by Supervisor Maher, seconded by Councilor Hickey  
Ayes-5 Maher, Hickey, Harrington, Green, Gass

The Town Board Members of the **TOWN OF WEST MONROE**, in the County of Oswego, State of New York, met at a regular meeting held in the Municipal Building, located at 46 County Route 11, West Monroe, New York 13167, on the 12th day of March, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Dale Maher, Supervisor, and the following board members were present:

Michael Hickey  
Gary Harrington  
Jesse Green  
William Gass

Absent: Courtney M. Hills, Attorney for the Town

Also present: Cortney A. Rhinehardt, Town Clerk

The following resolution as drafted and proposed by the Attorney for the Town, was moved, seconded and adopted:

WHEREAS, the West Monroe Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (the "Fire Department"), a New York not-for-profit corporation, provides firefighting services within the jurisdiction of the Town of West Monroe, New York, for the portion of the Town of West Monroe described in the service agreement dated February 12, 2025, between the Town of West Monroe (the "Town") and the West Monroe Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department is seeking to obtain a loan from The Bank of Greene County by the issuance of one or more notes on a tax exempt basis in an aggregate amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 (\$150,000.00) Dollars (the "Note") to finance the acquisition of an EMS Rescue Truck for the Fire Department, to be issued as an obligation the interest on which will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 150(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Code, interest on the Note will not be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes unless the issuance of the Note by the Fire Department shall be approved by the Town Board after the President or Vice President of the Fire Department has conducted a public hearing thereon following reasonable public notice; and

WHEREAS, that on March 3, 2025, the President of the Fire Department held a public hearing to consider the approval of the Note, after public notice given in accordance with the Code, and a transcript or summary report has been made available to each member of the Town Board prior to this meeting; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Fire Department provide firefighting services within the Fire Protection District within the Town pursuant to a written contract for services entered into pursuant to Section 18 of the Town Law; and the Fire Protection District served by the Fire Department is not serviced by any other fire company or department; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

For the sole purpose of qualifying the interest payable on the Note for exclusion from gross income pursuant to the provisions of Section 150(e) of the Code, the Town Board hereby approves the issuance of the Note by the Fire Department in a principal amount estimated not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$150,000.00), provided that the Note shall be an obligation of the Fire Department and not of the Town.

THE NOTE SHALL NOT BE A DEBT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK OR THE TOWN OF WEST MONROE, NEW YORK, AND NEITHER THE STATE OF NEW YORK NOR THE TOWN OF WEST MONROE, NEW YORK, SHALL BE LIABLE THEREON.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Supervisor Maher, and seconded by Councilor Hickey, the foregoing resolution was put to a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Dale Maher, Supervisor	<u>AYE</u>
Michael Hickey, Councilperson	<u>AYE</u>
Gary Harrington, Councilperson	<u>AYE</u>
Jesse Green, Councilperson	<u>AYE</u>
William Gass, Councilperson	<u>AYE</u>

Supervisor Report of activities:

- Thank you to everyone for all their help.
- St Rt 49 sewer study, wants to start putting that to use.

**Reports for the month of February 2025 received from:**

**Clerk**  
**Codes**  
**Highway-**  
**Fire Department-** 57 calls in February 2025  
**Justice Office-** Judge Benson \$1297; Judge Walker out with illness  
**Tug Hill-**

Councilor Gass thanked everyone for the warm welcome to the Board.

Councilor Hickey thanked the Highway Department for a fantastic job on the roads this winter. Hats off to all the hardworking guys out back.

Councilor Harrington reminded everyone that there will be a Public Hearing on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM for the Kleis site plan. He encourages all to attend.

Councilor Green also thanked the Highway Department, saying the roads are great.

Dave Hanson, Helinger Rd., asked the Board what Role Vern Sundet is in currently. Per Supervisor Maher, Mr. Sundet, serves as a consultant to the Town.

**RESOLUTION #23-2025 APPROVAL TO SIGN MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OSWEGO COUNTY AND INTERESTED TOWNS AND VILLAGES WITHIN OSWEGO, REGARDING SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTHERN OSWEGO COUNTY REGIONAL INTERCEPTOR SEWER SYSTEM (SOCRIS) PROJECT**, moved by Supervisor Maher, seconded by Councilor Hickey

Ayes-5                      Maher, Hickey, Harrington, Green, Gass

Vern Sundet, IT consultant for the Town, stated that he is working on our new domain name, as required by the State of New York. We will have a “.ny.gov” domain.

Paul Baxter stated that his retirement is set for April 2025, he thanked the Board for 45 years of working together.

**RESOLUTION #24-2025 MOTION TO CLOSE THE REGULAR MEETING** Moved by Supervisor Maher, seconded by Councilor Green

Ayes-5                      Maher, Harrington, Green, Hickey, Gass

The meeting closed at 7:51 PM.