

Minutes of the Constantia town board meeting held June 21, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall.

Present; George Nowack - deputy supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Paul Holst – council members
Janet Warford - town clerk
Others present ; Warren Bader - town attorney
Steve Brill – ceo
Jim Bryant - county legislator
Tom Moran - planning board chair

Mr. Holst made the motion to accept the May 17, 2005 minutes as presented to the board. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried	Nowack - yes	Colesante - yes
	Metzger - yes	Holst – yes

Mr. Nowack made the motion to accept the Town Clerk’s Monthly Report for May 2005. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried	Nowack - yes	Colesante - yes
	Metzger - yes	Holst - yes

Mr. Nowack made the motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officers Monthly Report for May 2005. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried	Nowack – yes	Colesante - yes
	Metzger - yes	Holst - yes

Alice Lee reported she would no longer be Park Director. Krista Keiser will be taking her place. Registration for the summer park program will be held June 27th and 28th at the park and the program will begin June 29th. A full staff has been hired. There will be four concerts this summer. July 8th, the Army Mountain Band, July 21st, Laredo, August 4, Fiddlers, August 18, Syracuse Highlanders.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Supervisor’s Budget Report. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

Carried	Nowack - yes	Colesante - yes
	Metzger - yes	Holst - yes

Mr. Nowack made the motion to transfer Senior Citizens programs and administration of such to the Town Park and Recreation program with a budget not to exceed One-Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) per year. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

Carried	Nowack - yes	Colesante - yes
	Metzger - yes	Holst - yes

Mr. Colesante made a motion to form an advisory Sewer and Water committee consisting of John Metzger, Lance Vella, Paul Metot, Tom Moran and Richard Colesante. They will meet monthly. Seconded by Mr. Nowack.

Carried	Nowack – yes	Colesante - yes
	Metzger - yes	Holst - yes

An employee from the Office of Court Administration is presently working two-three days a week in the town hall to assist in filing all outstanding criminal deposition reports. This should be completed in a few months.

Robert McNamara, Comprehensive Plan Committee Chair recommended action be taken to amend the Land Development Law. The committee has been working on this for several months and he stated there were eleven steps necessary to accomplish such amendment. McNamara listed several possibilities needing to be amended and proposed that several districts within the town, such as the route 49 corridor, lake front and rural areas be defined along with the hamlets of Constantia and Bernhards Bay. He suggested the planning and town boards meet with his committee and hold a public information session, as he would like the public’s input. Mr. Nowack stated the Comprehensive Plan Committee was established to meet the growth needs of the town and he asked for an outline of their proposal for the town board to digest. After that the town attorney would be asked to review such proposal and hearings would be held. Discussion followed. Mr. Colesante suggested changing the local law in smaller increments first. Mr. McNamara will submit a revised draft proposal to the town board for their review.

Mr. Nowack made the motion to establish Pathfinder Commercial Bank as the town primary depository for the remainder of 2005. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried	Nowack – yes	Colesante - yes
	Metzger - yes	Holst - yes

A letter from Thomas J. Moran was received requesting the board consider appointing him to fill the vacant position of Town Supervisor for the remainder of the year, after which time the Fall Election will determine the next supervisor. He feels town residents deserve full representation on the Town Board. His letter went on to state he has been Planning Board Chairman for over three years, active on the Comprehensive Plan Committee and attends Appeals Board and Town Board meetings on a regular basis. Mr. Nowack made the motion to appoint Thomas Moran to the position of Supervisor through December 31, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried	Nowack - yes	Colesante - abstain
	Metzger - yes	Holst - yes

Dan Ramer, representing Fresh Earth Systems LLC spoke to the board with regard to forming a working relationship toward obtaining a grant to build a facility that would utilize the patented K-Wave method of employing earthworms to process raw or treated sewage. There would be no investment for the town. Discussion followed. This matter will be deferred to the Sewer and Water Committee Mr. Colesante stated.

Mr. Colesante made the motion to allow Highway Superintendent Webb to place an order for one International Truck with dump box and plow in the amount of \$112,052.00. A stainless steel sander will also be purchased at competitive bid of approximately \$10,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Metzger. Billing for such will be in January 2006. This can be done within the budget, as there is presently \$80,000.00 in the budget for these purchases and the remainder will come out of the 2006 budget.

Carried	Nowack - yes	Colesante - yes
	Metzger - yes	Holst - yes

Mr. Hamner questioned why a supervisor was being appointed now, as we have a deputy supervisor. Mr. Nowack responded that there is a vacancy for the supervisor's position, someone wrote a letter requesting appointment to the position and he is very well qualified. Another person to sign checks was also mentioned, as the bookkeeper can not.

Mr. Moran stated the planning board would be going over the Comprehensive Plan at their next meeting.

Jim Bryant, Chairman of the Republican Committee stated one of the committee's functions was to provide names to fill vacancies to the town board. They would like the board to contact them when vacancies occur, so they can fulfill their role and this is not being done.

Legislator Bryant was asked when the bridgework over Scriba Creek would be completed and he responded the bridge will be done by winter. He also noted that the county has block grants available for those needing assistance to pay for failing septic systems.

A resident in attendance stated she was saddened to hear divisions being made, areas separated and people treated differently in discussions regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Discussion followed.

A town wide revaluation was questioned and the supervisor read the Assessor's monthly progress report. The assessor's office is currently conducting phase one and phase two of a town wide revaluation. Our data collector has been progressing quite well and we are currently 11% complete. This number reflects the actual number of parcels that have been recollected and entered into the system. The Assessor has started taking pictures, which are all entered on the RPS system on his laptop.

A staff member from Oswego County Real Property came to his office and gave a training course to the Assessor's Clerk on the fundamentals of data entry for RPSV4. And lastly, the Assessor's computer will be down for two weeks starting June 28, 2005 while the county prints our final roll and prepares to update the latest built version of RPSV4 for the town. During this time fieldwork, photos and updating the filing system will continue.

Raymond Darby again registered a complaint against his neighbor. The board has viewed the property in question, but will return to review the situation.

The town board moved to executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Mr. Nowack opened the executive session.

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And Janet Warford

Discussion was held on pending litigation with regard to a cell tower. The executive session was closed.

The monthly meeting was called back to order.

Discussion was held on the intersection of Salt Road and County Route 23. Trees in the triangle are causing limited visibility at that intersection. They are out of the town's right-of-way. Mr. Webb was asked to contact the owners of such property and ask to cut the trees and have the area kept mowed.

Mr. Colesante made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried	Nowack - yes	Colesante - yes
	Metzger - yes	Holst - yes