

Minutes of the Constantia town board monthly meeting held July 19, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall.

Present: Thomas Moran - supervisor
George Nowack , Paul Holst, John Metzger,
Richard Colesante - council members
Janet Warford - town clerk

Others present: Warren Bader - town attorney
David Webb – highway superintendent
Robert McNamara – comp. Plan committee chair

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the June 2005 minutes as presented to the board. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Nowack made the motion to accept the Supervisor’s Budget Report as submitted through July 15, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Vouchers submitted:

General fund claims no. 175 – 201 as set forth on Abstract no.7, dated 7/19/05.

Highway fund claims no. 92 – 104 as set forth on Abstract no. 7, dated 7/19/05.

Mr. Holst made the motion to pay the vouchers submitted, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

A letter was received from Supervisor Moran stating he had called the “Association of Towns of the State of New York” and talked to an associate counsel and was informed that upon signing the oath of office as Town Supervisor he would automatically vacate his position on the Planning Board. At the 6/28/05 Planning Board meeting the members were informed and he is recommending the town board authorize the procedure to fill this vacancy. Mr. Nowack made the motion to accept Mr. Moran’s resignation from the Planning Board. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mr. Colesante stated two more people would be participating on the sewer and water committee. Mike Marr and Paul Heins. The committee will be meeting the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., with the exception of July when the meeting will be held on the 21st.

A letter was received from New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation informing the town that their application for funding for the Scriba Park Trail Enhancement project has been denied. The town will try to apply again for a grant under this program or one of the states other grant programs.

As a matter of record, an Office of Court Administration staff member is continuing to review open court cases dating back to 1970. We are now in the process of determining the balance of open files as a result of the elimination of the village of Cleveland court, and the cost to be shared by both the village and the town. Further review will be necessary.

Mr. Holst asked the highway superintendent to eliminate the brush at the corner of Pease Drive and Shacksbush Road so vehicles exiting the drive will have a clear line of sight. This will be done.

Robert McNamara stated the Comprehensive Planning Committee has determined the need to develop a summary and rationale for the Comprehensive Plan. They hope to get something to the town board in advance of the next meeting. Mr. McNamara thought it was important to move on this, as the town is so vulnerable right now. He also stated the Planning Board was in a crisis situation with the potential for not having a quorum at its meetings. He would be interested in serving on that board. The Planning Board currently has six members, one vacancy, 1 inactive member and no chairperson.

Raymond Darby suggested the town utilize its web site more.

Justice Buchan addressed the board with regard to the task of closing open files. The bulk of the open cases stem from the elimination of the Cleveland Village Court and the departure of Judge Brown. The justices are asking that the town fund such project. Discussion followed. Justice Buchan will determine how many open cases will be handled. Supervisor Moran will meet with the Cleveland Village Mayor to determine what portion of the financing they can share with the town.

Paul Baxter reported having attended an Erie Canalway National Corridor Commission meeting on July 14th and that Tug Hill would once again be scheduling Local Leaders Institute meetings.

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

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