

Minutes of the Constantia town board meeting held August 16, 2005 at the town hall.

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

Others present: Steve Brill - ceo
David Webb - highway superintendent

Mr. Nowack made the motion the minutes be accepted as presented to boardmembers. 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 July 2005. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Janet Warford, Town Clerk, reported the town has received a Local Government Records Management Improvement Grant in the amount of \$14,242, to be used for supplies and materials for the renovation of the east wing of the town hall and for inactive record management.

Steve Brill stated the east wing of the town hall has been torn down and construction will begin to replace it. He told the board he would be contracting out the electrical and heating portions of the renovation. He has issued several appearance tickets for code violations and will be doing more. Burning garbage has become a big problem and he asked the board to look into a law that would cover this issue. They will do so.

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

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

Mr. Nowack made the motion to transfer \$14,000 from account A1355.4 Assessor's C.E. to account A1355.12 Assessor's Clerk P.S. Mr. Moran second the motion.

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

Vouchers submitted:

General fund claims no.202 – 221 as set forth on Abstract no. 8, dated 8/16/05.

Highway fund claims no.105 – 115 as set forth on Abstract no.8, dated 8/16/05.

Mr. Holst made the motion to pay the vouchers as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

An update on the progress being made by the Comprehensive Plan Committee was given. Land development law procedures for holding public hearings were sent to the town board. They are presently fine tuning the Land Development Law and will be meeting again in September.

A resignation letter was received from Mike Hart for his position on the Planning Board. There are presently two board openings and alternate positions available on the Planning Board, along with a vacancy on the Board of Appeals. Several people have shown an interest in serving on the Planning Board. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept Hart's resignation and to have board members meet September 6, 2005 at 6 p.m. to interview interested applicants for vacant positions. Seconded by Mr. Holst.

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

A letter has been received from the State Board of Real Property Services and the final equalization rate for the 2005 Assessment Roll is 82.00%.

Assessor Wheeler's monthly progress report on phase one and two of the town wide revaluation was read. Data collection continues to progress nicely and we are 23.75% completed. This number reflects the actual number of parcels through map 281 that have been recollected and entered into the system. Photographs are also completed through map 279 and have been entered and can be accessed through the RPSV4 system. Work will now be done in the more densely populated sections of town and the assessor is optimistic that by the end of winter the initial phases will be completed. Mr. Nowack made the motion to accept the Assessor's Report. Seconded by Mr. Holst.

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

The sewer and water committee held their first meeting last month. Mike Marr was present to give an overview of what has transpired to date with regard to sewers. Eric Ames has also joined the committee, which meets the fourth Thursday of the month. At the August meeting, Pete Kohler, of Fresh Earth Systems LLC will be present to give a presentation of their alternative sewage operation. In September the committee will be meeting with a representative of Onondoga Water Authority.

Discussion was held with regard to town properties located on State Route 49 outside the Village of Cleveland receiving village water as an outside user. The water main, which carries water to this location, has one or more leaks and is in need of repair. The water main is not owned by the village and is the responsibility of the water customers served by it. The Village is recommending a town water district be formed to include all outside users of this main. The district would make improvements, with associated costs shared equitably by all property owners within the district. If a district is not formed by December 1, 2005, the Village of Cleveland has determined that the Village water service will be terminated effective January 1, 2006. A meeting of effected property owners and the village board is to be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 25, 2005 at the American Legion Hall in Cleveland. Supervisor Moran will attend. Mr. Bader will contact the Village attorney to discuss this matter. It was suggested the Water and Sewer committee look into this situation also.

The Office of Court Administration is continuing to review open court cases dating back to 1970. We are in the process of determining the balance of open files as a result of the elimination of the Cleveland Village Court. Supervisor Moran wrote a letter asking the Village to share the cost of disposition of 150 records in the amount of \$2250. Mr. Moran attended the August 2, 2005 Village meeting and received a negative response to his request from the Village Board. Further review of this matter is necessary. Mr. Moran will contact the mayor of Cleveland to set up a meeting and Attorney Bader will talk to the Office of Court Administration and the Town Justices to further clarify what needs to be done regarding this matter.

Dave Webb requested a legal notice be placed for bids to be opened at the September meeting to purchase a spreader with specifications for such available for review at the Constantia highway garage. And, also that an add be placed to sell used 36" culvert pipe and a Ford flail mower. The Town Clerk will do this. Mr. Webb questioned the repair or replacement of signs that are damaged through accidents. He was told it was all right to send bills for damage to the persons causing such damage, so they can turn them over to their insurance companies.

Paul Baxter stated that the North Shore Council of Governments would be meeting on September 8th and the Tug Hill Commission would be holding a meeting on September 27th in Central Square.

A sub-division application has been turned over to the Planning Board from Christmas Associates for property on Francis Pond.

Joseph Green, Kibbie Lake Road questioned the towns not having a leash law. He also asked if he could move a neighbor's old trailer onto his property and was told no, due to its age.

Mary Miller, Kellar Drive also addressed the board about looking into a leash law as there are many dangerous dogs running loose. Discussion followed. Karen Ashley will be asked to report to the board on the merits of a leash law at next months meeting.

Paul Holst recommended department heads attend all board meetings.

Donald Miller, Kellar Drive stated you couldn't walk on Shacksbush Road anymore because of the loose, dangerous dogs. Preventive actions should be taken.

Mr. Darby stated a dog was the responsibility of its owner and should be restrained. He was in favor of a leash law.

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

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