

Minutes of the Constantia town board meeting held October 18, 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 - comprehensive brd. chair
Karen Ashley - dco

Supervisor Moran made a motion to amend the September 2005 minutes and supervisor's report to read;
Change A3996 to A3060. Change A3996.1 P.S. to A 1460.1 P.S.
Change A3996.2 Eq. to A1460.2 Eq. Change A3996.4 C.E. to A1460.4 C.E.

These changes are being made, because a mistake was made in assigning the Archives Grant codes. Seconded by Mr. Nowack.

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

Mr. Moran than made the motion to accept the September 2005 minutes and supervisor's report as amended. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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 September 2005. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mr. Holst made the motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report for September 2005. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mr. Moran made the motion to transfer \$5628 from A1940.2 Purchase of Land, to A1990.4 Contingency, to cover Costello, Cooney & Fearon billing. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mr. Nowack made the motion to accept the Supervisor's Budget Report through October 18,2005. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

The tentative budget was submitted to the town clerk and boardmembers on October 4, 2005. A budget workshop will be held on October 20, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Nowack commented that if the board could not complete work on the tentative budget other workshops will have to be held.

Mr. Moran made the motion that the 2006 Preliminary Budget Hearing be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. followed by a special meeting to pass the budget. Seconded by Mr. Nowack.

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

Vouchers submitted;

General fund claims no. 270 – 298 as set forth on Abstract no. 10, dated 10/18/05.

Highway fund claims no. 125 – 132 as set forth on Abstract no.10, dated 10/18/05.

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

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

One sealed bid has been received for the 1975 International Six-Wheel Dump Truck from Scott A. Duggleby in the amount of \$1100.00. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the bid, seconded by Mr. Holst.

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

A letter of resignation from the Planning Board by Laurie Mahaffy was read. Mr. Moran thanked her for her years of service and made the motion to accept the resignation and to appoint first alternate, Mike Marr to the vacated position through 12/31/10 and second alternate, Patricia Schlueter to the position of first alternate. Seconded by Paul Holst.

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

Mr. Moran made the motion to appoint Kay Foster to the part-time position of secretary to the Planning Board and Board of Appeals at the hourly rate of \$10.00, with no benefits. Seconded by Mr. Nowack.

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

A letter of resignation for the position of Town Historian was read from Joni Hinds, effective 12/31/05. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Mr. Nowack. The clerk will advertise for someone to fill the vacant position.

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

Assessor Wheeler's Monthly Progress Report was read. As of October 13th, we are 49.59% complete, in our data collection efforts. Data collection is complete through map 297 and photographs through map 298. All photographs through map 295 have been entered and can be accessed through the RPSV4 system. By the November board meeting, we should be collecting the properties along the waterfront. These properties, along with the Village of Cleveland will account for almost 40% of the towns total parcel count.

Also, with in the next few weeks we will be printing all of the Enhanced STAR and Senior Citizens Renewal Applications for all of the property owners that received these exemptions last year. It is the assessor's prognosis that these forms will be mailed out by the end of October so those property owners can begin submitting the necessary information by the March 1, 2006 deadline.

Bob McNamara, Chair of the Comprehensive Plan Committee updated the board on changes to the Land Development Law they have been working on for the last six months. Discussion followed. The town board will act as the lead agency and complete a full EAF and make a SEOR determination. The amendment will than be sent to the Oswego County Planning Board for 239-m review. Councilman Nowack made the motion to introduce such amendment to the Town of Constantia's Land Development Law, with Panther Lake as a hamlet description also. The latest draft, dated 10/12/05 will be filed in the town clerk's office. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Mr. McNamara will get an overview of the amendment to the Oswego County Weeklies for publication. Mr. Metot questioned a portion of the amended law pertaining to camping trailers on non-conforming lots and was told this had been addressed as discussed by the committee.

The Sewer and Water Committee held a meeting on 9/22/05 with OCWA to discuss providing water to a portion of the town. They are to get back to the committee with rough estimates of costs. The committee also met with representative of Fresh Earth Systems, LLC regarding sewerage treatment and Mr. Colesante read a letter which has been sent to Peter L. Koehler from the Town of Constantia Sewer and Water Committee. Mr. Koehler and his dedicated co-workers were thanked for attending the Constantia board meetings and sewer and water committee meetings. The committee appreciated their time and effort and believed that their system for treating human sludge and septage with specialized worms and equipment has technical merit. However, after considerable discussion, the committee will have to recommend that the Town Board not pursue this concept of sewage treatment this time. Although the committee believes that their system may have application to future needs of the Town; at the present time they believe a conventional sewage treatment system would be more appropriate.

Mr. Colesante made the motion the town board accept the recommendation made by the Sewer and Water Committee with regard to sewage treatment. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Lance Vella spoke to the board regarding forming a water district for 15 parcels that border the Village of Cleveland's west boundary and are now receiving village water through a privately owned water main which is in need of repair. Because this is a private water main the village has no authority to do repairs. In August, property owners in this area received a letter from the Village of Cleveland informing them of the leaks in the water main and the importance of replacement or repairs happening as soon as possible. The mayor stated in order to address this and future issues, it is necessary that a water district be formed to include all outside users of this main. Improvements would then be made by the district, 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 such water service will be terminated effective January 1, 2006.

Dick Elliott, an engineer working with the property owners will be submitting to the town board a formal proposal to form a sewer district prior to the November meeting. He explained this would consist of an engineering map, plan and report giving proposed district boundaries and plan of service and charges, with a short environmental assessment form. Mr. Nowack stated it is the town's concern that not only are 15 parcels receiving village water and not in the village, but many others are as well. Mayor, Kevin Gribbon of the Village of Cleveland explained the 15 parcels were the only situation the village has where the water main is privately owned. Others outside the village receiving water get it from water mains that are village owned and maintained. He stated the village would not be going in and making repairs before a district is formed, although repairs may become necessary.

Mr. Colesante reiterated that people in the district would pay all costs and in the event the water main has to be repaired prior to replacement, the cost would be assessed solely to the district. A public hearing will be held prior to forming by action of the board any such district. Discussion followed. Mayor Gribbon was asked to provide the town with a map listing parcels outside the village receiving water.

The Office of Court Administration staff has completed their review of open court cases dating back to 1970.

Dave Webb reported vandalism having occurred at Taft Bay Park and the Babe Ruth field in Bernhards Bay. The garage door lock was kicked off at the park and the rules sign destroyed. On the 14th the entrance chains at the Babe Ruth field were cut, the storage building plywood ripped off and burned and the steel door kicked in. The baseball field has been torn up with cars and ATV's driving over it. State Police have been notified and those responsible for this damage will be prosecuted to the fullest extent. William Buchan, Town Justice stated the court should be informed of the cost of such vandalism and restitution will be gotten for damages to town property. The Constantia town board is asking for community support by reporting any suspicious activities occurring at town properties.

Karen Ashley, DCO is presently working on updating penalties to the town's dog laws.

Ron Sakonyi presented the board with information on a New Technology Grant Program to Improve Property Tax Administration. Mr. Wheeler had been given this information and the town should continue to look for grants Mr. Moran stated.

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

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