

Minutes of the Constantia town board meeting held November 15, 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
Steve Brill - ceo
Jim Bryant - county legislator
Warren Wheeler - sole assessor
Robert McNamara - comprehensive committee chair

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2005 board meeting, October 20, 2005 budget workshop and November 9, 2005 preliminary budget hearing and special meeting. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mr. Moran made the motion to adopt the 2006 Budget as presented at the Preliminary Budget Hearing with changes that were made. 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 October 2005. Seconded by Mr. Holst.

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

The CEO reported the junk cars in Bernhards Bay and Dumpster in Cleveland have been removed after appearances in court. He gave his monthly report. Mr. Brill then gave a verbal resignation as Code Enforcement Officer, effective December 1, 2005. Mr. Moran stated he has done a good job and he was sorry to hear of the resignation. The board concurred and stated they appreciated the work Mr. Brill has done. They asked for a letter of resignation. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Code Officers Report for October. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Supervisor's Budget Report as submitted through November 14, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Nowack.

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

Mr. Moran made the motion to enroll the Town Clerk, Janet Warford in the Empire Medical Plan. Seconded by Mr. Nowack.

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

Mr. Moran made the motion to appoint Kay Foster to work part time with the Town Clerk to process & file Inactive records for the Archives Grant Program for \$12.00 per hour (no benefits) as specified in the grant. Seconded by Mr. Holst.

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

Mr. Moran made the motion to appoint Charles Gilkey, Chairman of the Planning Board, effective immediately. Seconded by Mr. Nowack. It was noted the planning board could choose a co-chair.

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

Vouchers submitted;

General Fund claims no.299 - 346 as set forth on Abstract no. 11, dated 11/15/05.

Highway fund claims no. 133 - 141 as set forth on Abstract no.11, dated 11/15/05.

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

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

Assessor Wheeler gave his monthly report. As of November 15, 2005 the data collecting is 57.36% complete through map 299. By next week they should be collecting the properties in Doris Park. Photos of that area through Fawn Road have been taken and are on the computer program through map 310. Enhanced Star and Senior exemption papers have been mailed out. Required documentation will pinpoint who is qualified for exemptions. Several discrepancies have been found as we go along Mr. Wheeler said. All data cards will be corrected and updated. The collection process should be completed by the end of the winter. It was noted that Lynn Hardy was doing an exceptional job in the assessor's office.

Mr. Moran questioned Mr. Wheeler in regard to applying for a grant that is presently available and was told this grant would not apply to the Town of Constantia. Discussion was held in regard to coordinating assessing units and aid for such, which we will be eligible for when the time comes and also the five-year commitment to maintain assessments. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the assessor's report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Robert McNamara gave an update from the Comprehensive Plan Committee. The board has received a 239-M referral on October 31, 2005 from Oswego County Planning Board with recommendations. Mr. Nowack made the motion the town board hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the recommendations and proposed changes to the Land Development Law. At this time the draft will be available in final form. Seconded by Mr. Holst.

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

County Legislator Bryant stated future contact with the County Planning Board should go through Steve Lyman the County Administrator.

Mr. Nowack made the motion the Year-end Meeting be held on Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the town hall. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

The Sewer & Water Committee met with OCWA on October 27th. They are presently waiting for information as to the feasibility of obtaining water from the east or west of Constantia from OCWA. The committee has determined the best way to approach the water district is to send out questionnaires. A district will only be formed where it is wanted.

Lance Vella presented the board with a petition to consider from water users outside the West End of the Village of Cleveland. The petition was for the Establishment of the Town of Constantia, Route 49 Water District in the Town of Constantia, Oswego County, New York outside of any incorporated village and within said Town of Constantia and signed by eight property owners. Attached was an area map and plan showing boundaries of the proposed district, and the existing water mains along with the report of Civil Engineer, Richard W. Elliott as concerns the said district. The maximum amount proposed to be expended in the construction of the water district extension is \$0. No capital improvements will be implemented. The existing water mains will be repaired as required and paid into an account by all benefited users on an equitable basis. Pursuant to Section 202 of the Town Law the cost of repairs of the said water district shall be assessed by the Town Board to all benefited users on an equitable basis.

Mr. Vella reintroduced the reason for the petition. The village wants a district formed on the both sides of Route 49, west of the village boundary. Mr. and Mrs. William Meyer who own property in this area on the north side of Route 49 were present and said they have no signed contract with the Village of Cleveland for water as has been stated and they are opposed to being in the proposed district. Attorney Bader will review the petition and asked that this matter be placed on the agenda of the Special meeting at 7:30 p.m. on November 29th. He also asked that any signed contracts the village has with north side property owners be provided to him by the 29th. The mayor of Cleveland was asked to attend this meeting.

Mr. Sakonyi questioned if the Cleveland village minutes published in the Citizen Outlet stating in the 70s the Village of Cleveland installed the water lines in the area currently seeking a water district, shouldn't the village than be responsible for their repair? Mayor Gribbon responded those waterlines were not put in by village employees and were installed in the 50s.

A letter has been received from URS Corporation, Buffalo, New York notifying the town of Verizon Wireless intentions to build a 195-foot high self-support tower approximately 350 feet west of Auringer Road. They intend to file for all necessary permits when appropriate.

A letter has been received from Tara Pepper thanking the Town Board for helping get the speed limit on Salt Road near the intersection with Dutcherville Road reduced to 40 mph. Mr. Webb has the new speed limit signs installed. Mr. Nowack commented that when that portion of Salt Road is improved the speed limit should be no different than other roads due to the repairs.

Mr. Moran thanked Erica Geller and Dave Webb for their efforts in publishing an article in the November 8, 2005 Citizen Outlet about vandalism at Town Parks.

The Office of Court Administration staff has completed its review of open court cases dating back to 1970 Supervisor Moran stated.

County Legislator, Bryant reported the repairs to the bridge over Scriba Creek were completed. The 2006 county budget will be passed the first week in December and he was anticipating a 0% increase from the 2005 budget.

Mr. Webb presented the board with the Snow and Ice Agreement between the County of Oswego and town. Mr. Nowack made the motion the Town of Constantia enter into cooperative agreement for control of snow and ice conditions on county roads with the County of Oswego from October 1, 2005 through May 30, 2006.

Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mr. Nowack made the motion the clerk advertise for sealed bids for regular gasoline, diesel fuel and fuel oil for the year 2006, with bids to be opened at the December 2005 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Mr. Nowack made the motion the town accepts bids for a Ford Flail Mower, used culvert pipe and Chevy 1991 Pick-up truck. The clerk will advertise such, with bids to be opened at the December 2005 meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Holst.

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

Highway Superintendent Webb reported that restitution had been made for the sign damage at Taft Bay Park. State Police caught the person responsible for such damage shortly after it happened. There has been no word on the other vandalism that has occurred in the town parks. The new sander is here and the highway department is awaiting delivery of the new truck.

The Dog Control Officer's Report was submitted for the month of October.

Curt Schwalbe reported Christmas and Associates, Inc. have come before the Planning Board and they are still in the process of dealing with them. There is a pending application before them for a gravel pit to be placed on Holst Road. No notice has been given them with regard to an application from URS.

Paul Baxter stated that NORCOG would be holding a meeting Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. in West Monroe. An Interim Planning meeting will be held on December 13th in Lowville and Watertown.

Robert McNamara suggested the town contact the county with regard to initiating a program to promote sport fishing in our area.

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

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