

Minutes of the Constantia town board meeting held at 7:45 p.m. on December 20, 2005 at the town hall.

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

Other present : Warren Bader - town attorney  
David Webb - highway superintendent  
Jim Bryant - county legislator  
Robert McNamara – chair comprehensive plan committee  
Paul Auringer - chair board of appeals  
Charles Gilkey - chair planning board

Mr. Nowack made the motion to accept the November 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 2005 minutes as presented to the board.  
Mr. Holst second the motion.

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 November 2005. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

A letter of resignation has been received from Steve Brill on December 9, 2005. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the resignation. Seconded by Mr. Holst.

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

As authorized at the 11/29/05 Special Meeting, Gail Swistak was contacted and has agreed to fill-in on an as needed basis. The November Code Officers Report was given to board members.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Supervisor's Budget Report as submitted through December 19, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Holst.

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

Mr. Nowack made the motion to transfer \$1620 from A1940.2 Purchase of Land to A1990.4 Contingency, to cover the final billing from Costello, Cooney and Fearon for recent litigation, and \$1500 from A1410.12 Clerk Deputy P.S. to A 1410.4 C.E., to be used for tax bill postage. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mr. Nowack made the motion to allow the tax collection office to charge a \$2.00 fee for each delinquent tax notice sent out in 2006. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

A letter of resignation has been received from Daniel Buck. He will be resigning his position on the Board of Appeals, effective 12/31/05, after which he will assume a position as councilman. His term of office ran through 12/31/07. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept Mr. Buck's resignation. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Supervisor Moran stated he has requested an audit of Town financial records by the N.Y.S. Comptroller, Syracuse office.

Voucher submitted:

General fund claims no. 347 – 393 as set forth on Abstract no.12, dated 12/20/05.

Highway fund claims no. 142 – 161 as set forth on Abstract no. 12, dated 12/20/05.

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

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

Assessor Wheeler's Monthly Progress Report was read. His office is 62% completed, in their data collection efforts. Collection is completed through map 310.06, which is the heart of the waterfront areas. Photographs for the town and village are complete. Some 50 – 60 photos need to be retaken, but this should take very little time.

Renewal Applications for Star and senior exemptions have been coming in quite rapidly. During the coming months this office will become rather busy with tax bills going out and the deadline for exemptions approaching. An effort will continue on completing phase one and two so that by early spring data mailers will be able to be sent out.

The following sealed bids have been received and were opened:

Northshore Excavation of C.N.Y., Inc.	3pcs.36" plastic culvert pipe	150.00
	5 pcs. 36" steel culvert pipe	75.00
Scott Duggleby	Ford Flail Mower	25.00
Richard Sikora	1991 Chevy Pick-Up	155.00

Discussion followed. Mr. Webb recommended the bids be accepted. Mr. Nowack made the motion to accept the bids as presented. Seconded by Mr. Holst.

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

One bid was received for energy products for the year 2006 from Oneida Lake Energy Products.

Diesel Fuel - Summer	1.7685	Cap Price N/A
Diesel Fuel - Winter	1.8235	Cap Price N/A
#2 Fuel Oil	1.7310	Cap Price 2.59
(87) Unleaded Gasoline	1.6325	Cap Price N/A

Bid prices are for delivery to our location and are exclusive of any Federal and State taxes. Mr. Nowack made the motion to accept the bid submitted from Oneida Lake Energy Products. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Mr. Colesante made the motion the 2006 Organizational meeting be held on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Money for senior citizen programs is now to be accessed through the Park & Recreation budget Mr. Colesante stated. Neither senior groups approached the Park & Rec. Commission until December for this money and there was no time to pursue their request. Mr. Nowack stated the Constantia senior group had been told they would have to enter into a contract to secure senior citizen funding as recommended by N.Y.S. Audit and Control and this was not done. The Park & Recreation Commission meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month and representatives from the Cleveland and Constantia senior groups have been invited to attend. It was noted a "Senior Citizen Day" could be held or contracts be entered into for the event of their choosing. Dialog will be held with the seniors.

The Sewer & Water Committee met last month and reviewed the original proposal for a sewer district. Discussion is scheduled with OCWA regarding the feasibility of water coming into town. A questionnaire will be sent out to property owners in the original proposed sewer district to see if there is an interest for public water. The Town of Granby has sent a copy of a survey questionnaire they had used for determining interest in water district formation. A fax has been received from the comptroller's office listing a cap of \$579.00 per residence for water costs per year. Their next meeting will be held January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Bader and Moran attended the Village of Cleveland Council meeting 12/06/05 to discuss the status of locating the leak and repair for the Constantia "12". The Village Council voted to modify the water shutoff date to 3/1/06.

Mr. Nowack reiterated that the water leak appears to be at the intersection of Martin Road and Route 49, if it is in the 49.6' road maintenance area it is the village's responsibility to fix, not the homeowners he maintains. It is the village's position that this is a private line. The town will be assisting in such repairs only. Cleveland has applied for the necessary permits. After such repairs Cleveland still wants a water district formed.

Mr. Webb reported the new truck has arrived and that all street light outages reported to National Grid have been repaired.

Legislator Bryant has received a letter from Oswego County Department of Public Works with regard to cars parked on the shoulder of State Route 49 in the hamlet of Constantia. The area in question is on the sharp curve across from the Episcopal Church near Frederick Street. This makes it difficult for the County Highway Department to plow that section of highway. Mr. Bryant asked the board to put forth a resolution to the NYS DOT to put a "no parking area" into place there. Discussion followed

Mr. Nowack made the motion the Town of Constantia request that N.Y.S. DOT post State Route 49 on the south side of the sharp curve across from the Episcopal Church and to re-post the north side of State Route 49, east of Co Rt. 23 as they see fit. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Mr. Bryant reported the county budget was down 1.2%.

Supervisor Moran has received a phone call from Steve Hallack, 822 Center Street, Cleveland, New York praising Karen Ashley, our Dog Warden for her recent response to his call for help about an injured dog on his property. Mr. Hallack was very impressed with Karen's handling of the situation. Mr. Moran concurred Karen was doing a great job.

Mr. Auringer reported the Board of Appeals was working on a variance application on Lower Road.

Mr. Moran made the motion the Town Clerk advertise the vacancy on the Board of Appeals. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Paul Baxter stated the board needed to update its appointment of a contact person to the N.Y.S. GIS Data-sharing Co-operative. Mr. Moran made the motion to appoint Janet Warford to this position effect immediately. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Bob McNamara asked if the comments made at this evenings Public Hearing cause changes to be made in the proposed amendment will another county review and hearing have to be held before the amendment can be passed. Yes. Areas need to be readdressed, non-conforming lots have to be addressed and the committee has to reconvened and start through the process again. Mr. McNamara stated there will always be suggested changes to be made. At some point the board has to be committed to move forward and pass the amendments to reach some closure.

Mr. Nowack made the motion the Comprehensive Plan Committee hold their next meeting, Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., the Northshore Council of Governments meeting be held in the Constantia Town Hall on January 26, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. and the Sewer & Water Committee meeting be held January 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mr. Moran moved the board go into executive session to discuss employee salaries and a town audit. Seconded by Mr. Nowack.

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

The executive session was opened with the entire town board, highway superintendent, town clerk and town attorney present. Superintendent Webb asked that a raise for highway employees for the year 2006 be tabled to the December 29, 2005 meeting, because they were unable to stay for this meeting. The board was in agreement this could be done.

Mr. Moran told the board he has requested an Audit by the N.Y.S. Comptroller and they were in agreement this was necessary.

Town Attorney Bader reported a motion to reargue litigation has been filed, but a copy was never served Mr. Bader, therefore the issue will be adjourned until after the first of the New Year.

The executive session was closed.

The monthly board meeting was called back to order. There have been no applications submitted for the justice vacancy. Mr. Moran asked Jim Bryant, as Chairman of the Republican Committee to help find a person to fill this vacancy and to contact justices from surrounding municipalities to see if they would sit in until this position can be filled. A court clerk is also needed.

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

Carried	Moran - yes	Holst - yes	Metzger - yes
	Nowack - no	Colesante - yes	