

Minutes of the Constantia town board meeting held February 21, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall

Present: Ronald Sakonyi - supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Andrew Kelsey,
Daniel Buck - council members
Janet Warford - town clerk
Others present: Warren Bader – town attorney
Robert McNamara – comprehensive plan committee chair
Charles Gilkey – planning board chair
David Webb - highway supt.
James Bryant - county legislator
Paul Auringer - acting board of appeals chair
Karen Ashley - dco

Mr. Sakonyi made the motion to accept the January 17, 2006 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Buck. All board members voted yes. Carried

The February 4, 2006 special meeting was discussed. Board members who were present were in disagreement as to what had transpired. Mr. Kelsey made the motion to accept the February 4, 2006 special meeting minutes once everything about the code enforcement officer was taken out. Seconded by Mr. Buck.
Carried Sakonyi - yes Colesante - no Metzger - no
Kelsey - yes Buck - yes

Mr. Metzger made the motion the Town Clerk’s Monthly Report for January 2006 be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Kelsey.
Carried Sakonyi - yes Colesante - yes Metzger - yes
Kelsey - yes Buck - yes

Supervisor Sakonyi has received an extension from the NYS Comptrollers Office for filing of the 2005 Year End Report until 5/1/06. The budget report through February 21, 2006 was given. Mr. Metzger stated acceptance should be deferred due to an overdraft in the Trust & Agency Checking/Savings account. Mr. Sakonyi explained what could have happened, he will look into this with the new bookkeeper and report back to the board. The state auditors are through with the audit for 2004–2005 and will be providing a report to the town on their findings.

Spring Clean-Up will be held May 1st and 2nd this year. Mr. Webb stated he would be reviewing the highway insurance policies that will be up for renewal in April along with the rest of the town’s policies. Mr. Colesante would like to be present if Mr. Webb meets the town insurance agent in person. A cast part for the crusher is broken. Mr. Webb has investigated many possibilities to rectify this situation and discussed them with the board. Mr. Colesante made the motion the towns crusher be refurbished by Lawson Whiting for \$23,659.00 with a guarantee being provided. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.
Carried Sakonyi - yes Colesante - yes Metzger - yes
Kelsey – yes Buck - yes

Mr. Sakonyi stated Gail Swistak would be ending her employment with the town April 1st and an appointment needs to be made for Code Enforcement Officer. A workshop will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. to interview the eleven candidates who have applied for the CEO position. Copies of the job description for CEO have been given to boardmembers and will be sent to the job candidates. The board should be considering salary, hours and when and where the earliest schooling would be available for someone not fully certified for this position Sakonyi said.

The supervisor read assessor Wheeler’s Monthly Progress Report. They are 79.82% complete in data collection, with 560 parcels left to collect. The deadline for exemptions is March 1st. After the deadline applicants will be notified where additional information is required and an extension will be granted to comply in providing the necessary information. The board should be aware that filing is a little more formal than in the past. We are now requiring applicants to prove all their income rather than just state it, as had been done in the past, with no proof being required. Most everyone has been cooperative and provided the required documentation. Exemptions have been removed when the assessor’s office finds out residents are receiving the Homestead Exemption in Florida. Mr. Kelsey made the motion to accept the report. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.
Carried Sakonyi - yes Colesante - yes Metzger - yes
Kelsey - yes Buck - yes

Our town justices are now in NYC taking the advanced justice course for which they will receive credit. They have been reviewing the basic course on tape and will be taking the test for this soon. Mr. Kelsey made the motion to appoint Sherri Bratek, Court Clerk for Stephen Pelon and Julie Simpson, Court Clerk for Mark Simpson. Seconded by Mr. Buck.
Carried Sakonyi - yes Colesante - yes Metzger - yes
Kelsey - yes Buck - yes

Mr. Colesante presented the Sewer & Water Committee report. He and Mr. Metzger are co-chair. At the last meeting Eric Pond was present to discuss methods of how water can be obtained for the town. To move forward with this is labor intense. A survey must be generated, mailing lists gotten, etc. The committee has deferred action until they can determine if the current town board accepts that initiative. Discussion was held regarding this committee. The supervisor announced a \$20,000 appropriation from Senator James Wright to assist the Town of Constantia with a water district study. Mr. Colesante than made the motion the board get behind the issue to pursue water. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried Sakonyi - yes Colesante - yes Metzger - yes
 Kelsey - yes Buck - yes

It was reported board members have received copies of Board of Appeals minutes with one correction having been made. They have no scheduled hearings.

Charles Gilkey reported an application for a gravel pit on Pease Drive was being reviewed by the planning board. He questioned how they were to proceed with the Land Development Law.

County Legislator Bryant reported on the county sales tax issue with the City of Fulton. There will be a caucus to deal with this issue and it will be several months before a final decision is reached.

The Dog Control Officer noted receiving normal dog call from January to the present date.

Correspondence:

The Board of Elections will be using our current voting machines in the 2006 elections.

Tug Hill is sponsoring the Annual Local Government Conference on March 30th at Jefferson Community College in Watertown. It was recommended board members attend.

A joint meeting with Central Square Central School District, villages and towns will be held on March 2nd.

A meeting was held in Pulaski on February 6th for town supervisors. Different town issues were discussed, including junk ordinances.

A copy of a letter to Elliott Spitzer from Raymond Darby, Jr. was received. Mr. Sakonyi will look into this matter.

Bids have been received for the renovation of the east wing of the town hall. Mr. Colesante made the motion to move forward with the renovation. Seconded by Mr. Metzger. These renovations will be done by April 1st.

Carried Sakonyi - yes Colesante - yes Metzger - yes
 Kelsey - yes Buck - yes

Mr. Kelsey made the motion the following contracts for the year 2006 be executed;
Fire Protection Contract between the Town of Constantia and Constantia
Fire District #1.
Fire Protection Contract between the Town of Constantia and Constantia
Fire District #1 (Fire Protection District)
Kennel Rental renewal
Fire Protection Contract between the Town of Constantia and the
Village of Cleveland
Ambulance Contract

Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

Carried Sakonyi - yes Colesante - yes Metzger - yes
 Kelsey - yes Buck - yes

Mr. Metzger made the motion to enter into agreement for 2006 YDDP State Aid with the Town of Constantia Parks and Recreation and Oswego City- County Youth Bureau. Seconded by Mr. Kelsey.

Carried Sakonyi - yes Colesante - yes Metzger - yes
 Kelsey - yes Buck - yes

Mr. Metzger made the motion to appoint Marilyn Darrh, Town Historian for the year 2006 and Terry Champney to the Board of Appeals through 12/31/07. Seconded by Mr. Buck.

Carried Sakonyi - yes Colesante - yes Metzger - yes
 Kelsey - yes Buck - yes

Mr. Sakonyi recommended appointing an ad hoc committee to examine the engineering study regarding water and work hand and hand with the sewer and water committee. Mr. Kelsey made the motion to appoint the following people to such ad hoc committee;

David Dauerty	Dave Baldrini	Mike Marr
Jim Kimmel	Lance Vella	

Seconded by Mr. Buck.

Sakonyi - yes	Colesante - yes	Metzger - yes
Kelsey - yes	Buck - yes	

Mr. Sakonyi has looked over the town's Comprehensive Plan, Land Development Law, West Monroe's Land Development Law passed in 2005 and the citizen and committee comments. Fresh ideas are needed. He would like to get the year end report done and than in two or three months take a good hard look at this issue. Mr. Kelsey made the motion to disband the Comprehensive Plan/Land Development Law Committee. Seconded by Mr. Buck. Discussion was held. Mr. Kelsey than made the motion to end debate and vote on his motion. Seconded by Mr. Buck.

Carried	Sakonyi - yes	Colesante - no	Metzger - no
	Kelsey - yes	Buck - yes	

With Kelsey's motion passed the supervisor called for a vote on the motion to disband the committee.

Carried	Sakonyi - yes	Colesante - no	Metzger - no
	Kelsey - yes	Buck - yes	

Mr. Colesante stated this action would set the Town of Constantia back ten years or more, the board should have continued with changes to the Land Development Law.

Vouchers submitted;

General fund claims no. 30-66 as set forth on Abstract no.2, dated 2/21/06.

Highway fund claims no.13-28 as set forth on Abstract no.2, dated 2/21/06.

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

Carried	Sakonyi - yes	Colesante - yes	Metzger - yes
	Kelsey - yes	Buck - yes	

Mr. Kelsey stated he will address the planning board at its next meeting. He has suggestions to make to that board.

A resident asked who the other six candidates were who applied for the Code Enforcement Officer's job. They are Dana Boots, Dean Spiers, Howard Foster, Gay Durand, Steve Maynard, and Rob Edgerton.

Mr. Sakonyi made a motion accepting the Land Development Law with community comments and deferring any actions on this until a later date. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

Carried	Sakonyi - yes	Colesante - yes	Metzger - yes
	Kelsey - yes	Buck - no	

Mr. Baxter presented a letter to be considered by the board to enter into agreement with Tug Hill to designate them as a data custodian for the town. He spoke about the need for the town to purchase updated compute anti-virus programs for six computers. He presented board members with an example of a procurement policy. The town has one presently in effect, but it may need updating.

Mr. Buck made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Kelsey.

Carried	Sakonyi - yes	Colesante - yes	Metzger - yes
	Kelsey - yes	Buck - yes	