

Mr. Buck made the motion to accept the March minutes as presented to board members. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Vouchers submitted;

General fund claims no. 103 – 141 as set forth on Abstract no.4, dated 4/18/06.

Highway fund claims no. 39 – 50 as set forth on Abstract no. 4, dated 4/18/06.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to pay the vouchers submitted, seconded by Mr. Kelsey.

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	Colesante - no	Kelsey - yes	

Mr. Buck made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for March 2006 and the 2006 Town and County Tax Collection Report. Seconded by Mr. Kelsey.

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Colesante- yes	Kelsey - yes		

Mrs. Warford thanked Paul Baxter for the time and effort he put forth in vain trying to restore the tax collection computer programs which crashed prior to the year end tax report being due.

Mr. Kelsey made the motion to accept the Supervisor's Report as present through March 31, 2006. Seconded by Mr. Buck.

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	Colesante - yes	Kelsey - yes	

Mr. Sakonyi stated the 2005 year end report has been completed and he will report on it at next months meeting. Mr. Kelsey asked that board members receive the supervisor's report prior to the meeting date, so they have time to review it.

David Webb stated that Tom Bitz would be retiring from the highway department at week's end and he wanted to recognize that Tom has been a valuable and dedicated employee.

Mr. Webb asked the board to sign the annual Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds in the amount of \$185,300.00 for general repairs upon 60.17 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof. This was done.

Mr. Webb suggested the following Town of Constantia Driveway Policy be put in writing. When the highway department is notified, they will install culverts purchased by the landowner, which meet the highway superintendents specifications alongside town highways and cover them with gravel. Where there is no culvert required as determined by the highway superintendent the landowner is responsible and the highway department will not supply gravel. Mr. Kelsey made the motion to accept the Highway Superintendents recommendation to put the Highway Driveway Policy in writing. Seconded by Mr. Buck.

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Mr. Metzger made the motion the town put the 2004 Ferris Mower with 334 hours on it out for bid. The clerk will advertise such in the Citizen Outlet and sealed bids will be opened at the May 16th board meeting. A minimum bid of \$4500 will be required. Seconded by Mr. Kelsey.

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CEO, Ed Fry reported he is creating handouts for all types of permit applications. They will be available for the public to pickup, which should simplify and speed up the application process. Mr. Baxter suggested these be placed on the town's web site. Fry is organizing the code office and hopes to have an intern from Bryant and Stratton work up to 90 hours at no cost to the town in his office. They will be asked to make property files, answer calls and do general office work. Wednesday night hours from 5 – 9 are going over well in the code office. Mr. Fry is also available in the office from 9 – 1 on Mondays.

Unsafe buildings are an issue, Mr. Fry asked the board to look into this and give him direction on how to proceed. The town has a local law regulating Unsafe Buildings and a copy will be given to the Town Attorney for his review.

The power has been pulled in the Mobile Station on State Route 49, because the roof has collapsed in. The new owners, Moribito, will be reporting their intentions for the building to the code officer within the month.

John Donohue, Barton & Loguidice spoke to the board regarding the creation of the position of Town Engineer and the need for doing this. Mr. Schwalbe stated complex issues would require professional help. At the present time the town has professionals on the planning board, but this will not always be the case, so creating the position of Town Engineer is a wise one Schwalbe said.

The USDA is offering 1% low interest loans to low income residents to do work on their homes. Further information is available in the code office. Mr. Fry has not met with the planning or board of appeals yet, but plans to do so soon.

The supervisor read the Assessor's Monthly Progress Report as follows:
As of April 18th, we are 90.355 complete in our data collection, with around 272 parcels left to collect. Since the start of date collecting, we have found approximately 30 properties that have not been properly assessed. These properties include new construction and additions. These 30 properties had previously been assessed a \$1,100,000 collectively. After obtaining the correct information, the new conservative assessments, using a tentative equalization rate of 75%, are valued at \$3,200,000. We still have dozens more properties that need to be valued in time for the tentative assessment roll. A total change in assessment value will be included in the May memorandum.

The publication of the Tentative Assessment Roll will be May 1, 2006, with Grievance Day being held on Wednesday, May 24, 2006. Currently we have 4 members on the Board of Assessment Review (BAR), with one term expiring this year. The Town Board should consider filling these vacancies immediately, since Mr. Wheeler thinks it would be in our best interest to have a 5- member board this year, and most definitely next year during our town wide revaluation. Should the board decide to have a 5 person BAR, a letter stating our intent as well as potential candidates needs to be sent to David Hastings, Real Property Tax Director for Oswego County so that he can update term years and training sessions. The vacancies will be advertised.

The supervisor gave the Dog Control Officers Report for March 20 through April 12th.

Shelving is in place in the record storage area. Used furniture obtained for free for the justice office will be picked up soon.

The municipal Water Committee met March 30th and held a work session on April 13th. The water survey has been mailed to residents and an article appears in the Citizen Outlet regarding the questionnaire. Those responding should include their tax map number. A resident questioned when the proposal would be put up for vote and was told sometime in September or October. Discussion followed.

Bob McNamara questioned the status of the amendments to the Land Development Law and encouraged the board to look into this matter soon.

Minutes of the Planning Board meeting held March 28, 2006 and Board of Appeals Hearings held April 4, 2006 were given to board members. On April 12th Mr. Gilkey met with the supervisor to discuss the Pease Road issue. Discussion followed. Mr. Kelsey made the motion to allow the Supervisor to send a letter to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation from the Constantia Town Board and Planning Board concurring that the DEC acts as lead agency for the SEQR review for the mining permit application proposed at Pease Road. Seconded by Mr. Buck

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Mr. Auringer stated the Board of Appeals granted two variances at the April hearings. He asked who could choose an assistant chairman for the Board of Appeals and was told his board could.

Correspondence:

Fax from Assemblyman David R. Townsend regarding state aid to municipalities. Constantia should receive \$36,165.

Joint School, Village, Town meeting to be held April 29th, 9 a.m. at Dibbles Inn.

NYS Canal Corp. regarding re elimination of tolls for 2006 as part of a pilot program to improve boat access and expand tourism on the State's canals.

Sustainable Water Infrastructure Seminar – May 9 & 10

Sixth Annual Town Finance & Management School – May 10-12

Advanced Zoning & Land Use Seminar, June 29

Proclamation signed designating April 17 - 23 Earth Week in Oswego County from Russ Johnson

Mr. Colesante made the motion to appoint Kay Foster, secretary to the Water Committee. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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Mr. Kelsey stated that the town board should be notified prior to the water committee spending money and if necessary a special meeting can be held to approve such expenditures. No cost for the survey printing has been received yet.

Mr. Colesante questioned what the meaning was for the flyer that is circulating in town and how it relates to the barber shop meetings? He passed out copies of the "Easter Bunny Flyer" to those in attendance. Discussion followed. Mr. Colesante than made the motion the Constantia Town Attorney look into three aspects of the recent newspaper article and political satire on the New York State Law on Open Meetings to determine if;

- (1) The recent satire constitutes another violation of the Open Meetings Law.
- (2) Since this law has an enforcement and penalty section to deal with consistent violations, should the town board pursue this.
- (3) The political satire is not consistent with the Town and/or County Code of Ethics.

Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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Mr. Schwalbe stated he had attended the Tug Hill Local Government Conference and it was well worth the time and money.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to allow Mr. Fry to contract with Bas for \$300, plus mileage to come to his office so he can learn their code enforcement program. An operating manual will also be included in this cost. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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It was questioned when the board would be working on the proposed amendments to the Land Development Law. Mr. Sakonyi stated he would be looking into this after May 1. It was suggested the people who served on the Comprehensive Plan Committee be invited to attend work sessions, as they would be able to answer questions relating to the proposed changes. Mr. Sakonyi agreed workshops should be held.

Mr. Kelsey presented board members and the town attorney a copy of proposed changes to the sub-division law. Discussion followed.

Mr. Bader reported having attended a meeting with the Constantia Fire Department regarding their funding for 2006. The department has accepted the \$72,908 as was appropriated in the 2006 budget.

Mr. Gilkey asked the town attorney to research the decision-making capabilities of the planning board and decisions made by the town board and how they interconnect and function. Mr. Baxter will also look into this question and report his findings to the town attorney.

Mr. Baxter stated the North Shore Council of Governments would be meeting on April 27th at the Central Square Village Offices, the Tug Hill dinner will be held on May 25th and in 2007 the Local Government Conference will be held on March 29th. An upgraded switch is needed for the town's computers and it was noted Broadview would provide this. Mr. Sakonyi is to contact them. Again, Mr. Baxter advised the town to obtain updated anti-virus programs for all town computers and he encouraged the town to obtain technical assistance for the code office.

GIS was questioned and Mr. Baxter does not know where Constantia stands at the present time on this matter.

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

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