

Minutes of the Constantia town board meeting held August 15, 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: David Webb - highway superintendent
Warren Bader - town attorney
John Brinzow - deputy supervisor
Paul Auringer - board of appeals chair
Michael Marr - water committee chair
Charles Gilkey - planning board chair
Ed Fry - ceo

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the minutes of the July 18 and August 11, 2006 meetings. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

Mr. Buck made the following clarification; At the July meeting, specifically, Mr. Buck questioned if the town could opt out of code enforcement. He now would like to state for the record that he was not implying or suggesting the town do any such thing. He was referring to a new local law that was submitted for review and being discussed. It is his firm belief the town board should review, evaluate and work at enforcing current laws, rather than create and adopt new ones.

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

Vouchers submitted;

General fund claims no. 239 – 281 as set forth on Abstract no.8, dated 8/15/06.

Highway fund claims no. 96 – 111 as set forth on Abstract no.8, dated 8/15/06 .

Mr. Metzger made the motion to pay the claims submitted, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Mr. Kelsey made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for July 2006. Seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Supervisor's Report as submitted through July 31, 2006. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

The board will be meeting with an auditor from the State Comptroller's Office on August 16th at 10:00 a.m. for a preliminary briefing on the audit recently done. Information from this briefing is not to be released until the audit is presented in its final form.

Mr. Sakonyi made the motion to transfer \$5600 from A1620.1 Bldgs & Grounds P.S to A1310.1 Director of Finance P.S. Mr. Kelsey seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Webb reported the town got 92 loads of grindings from the county, which were put on Salt, Peck and North Auringer Road and this will be topped. One mile of Salt Road was repaved, along with Kibbie Lake Road to Tannery Road, including the Tannery Road bridge area and 6/10th mile of North Auringer Road. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Highway Superintendents report. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

The Code Enforcement Officers Report for July was given. A letter dated August 14, 2006 from Mr. Fry was read by the supervisor regarding another inspection on the structure located at 10 Railroad Street, Bernhards Bay. It stated there were no changes to the status of the property. Due to the fact that proper service was made upon the owner of the property and that the day window of opportunity has expired Mr. Fry asked that the board take the next step.

There was no response to the certified letter signed for by the property owner, John L. Jones regarding this issue. An estimate to board windows and doors, cut grass and haul away debris was received from John's Odd Jobs in the amount of \$636.00. Mr. Fry checked with other companies to complete such work, but they would not do the whole thing, only the boarding up.

Mr. Metzger made the motion John's Odd Jobs be hired to complete the work at 10 Railroad Street, Bernhards Bay as per their quote of \$636.00. These costs will be passed on to the property owner's real property tax bill. Seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

The supervisor read the Assessor's Monthly Update as follows: Data entry is nearing completion; this process should be completed during the next week or so. We are a little behind due to the downtime we had while the county went through and upgraded everyone's software package.

We have been reviewing all the maps containing waterfront properties in the town verifying waterfront lots. This process has been very time consuming and should be completed by the end of next week.

Once all the data has been entered, and all the waterfront property verified we would run some simple edit reports to test the accuracy of our information, when that is completed we will be able to have the County print out the data mailers. At this point, the assessor feels that the first or second week of September is the anticipated timeframe for the mailing.

A public information meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the AA Cole Elementary School.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Assessor's Report. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

The water committees last meeting was 8/10/06. They will be holding a Public Information Meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at AA Cole Elementary School. Board members were given a copy of a letter from Barton & Loguidice, P.C. with regard to the proposed Constantia Water District Engineering Service Proposal for Map, Plan & Report for \$34,000.

Mr. Colesante questioned the portion of the letter that referred to circulation of petitions for district formation. He feels the preferred form would be by vote and would be against petitioning if it were not done by contacting the great majority of property owners in the proposed district. A detailed statement by property owner name, tax map identification, etc. would have to be provided and he questioned how these signatures would be verified. If done properly he would go along with the petition, but he stills prefers a vote be taken. Mr. Sakonyi agreed with the people's opportunity to cast a vote.

Mr. Kelsey stated this looks like something is trying to be snuck through. People will have to fully realize what they are signing. Petitioning however would be more democratic than having only a 30% voter turnout. Mr. Marr stated volunteers would go door to door in the proposed district to explain the petitions and have them signed and there will be no time limit to getting this done. Also petitions could be signed at several places throughout the town. Two information meetings will be held at AA Cole Elementary School on 8/24 and 9/20 at 7:00 p.m.

The Town Attorney's from Constantia and West Monroe will meet with Barton & Loguidice to set up the format of the petitions.

Mr. Brinzow questioned if Constantia would be paying for West Monroe's costs for this? Yes, we would pay for the map, plan & report to get water through West Monroe to Constantia; the money is coming from grant monies received by our town for this purpose.

Mr. Colesante made the motion to adopt the proposal from Barton & Loguidice, P.C. for map, Plan & Reports not to exceed \$34,000. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mr. Gilkey reported the Pease Road issue was still in committee with DEC and the planning board was working on the proposed subdivision with Christmas & Associates.

Board members received a request from Mr. Gilkey that they endorse a review of the current Subdivision Law by the Planning Board with assistance from the Tug Hill Commission. The Planning Board intends to revisit the 1997 draft and make changes made necessary by the passage of time and by the requirement that the Subdivision Law be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Kelsey questioned endorsing a review when the planning board was already empowered to do this .He asked what had become of the proposed changes for subdivision he submitted months ago. Mr. McNamara stated the planning board does not want to spin their wheels on this; does subdivision need revision? Discussion followed.

Mr. Colesante recognizes the need for review of subdivision laws and feels a draft made by many people rather than one is the way to go. Mr. Buck stated the '97 proposal was twenty-seven pages long; we do need to review this, but also to simplify it. Mr. Kelsey feels the planning board should follow the laws, as with the alternate planning board member voting, rather that rewriting them. He opposes the planning boards effort right now, and said the five-member town board should sit down and review this law.

Mr. Colesante made the motion the Town Board endorse review of the Subdivision Law by the Planning Board. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Not Carried	Sakonyi - no	Colesante - yes	Metzger - yes
	Kelsey - no	Buck - no	

Mr. Sakonyi has taken offense to the portion of the Planning Board minutes of June 27, 2006 which Bob McNamara presented as a proposed addition for the March 28, 2006 meeting minutes that stated during discussion the Town Board members interrupted the Planning Board repeatedly, challenging their responses to several line items, questioning their procedure of using the EAF form, and challenging their authority to respond to DEC without Town Board approval. As a member of the Town Board Mr. Sakonyi stated he never did any of those things and resents the implication that he had. Mr. McNamara stated after review of the minutes the planning board had voted unanimously to accept them.

There were no Board of Appeals meetings since the last town board meeting Mr. Auringer reported.

Mr. Colesante said an Antique Tractor & Engine Show will be held at the Taft Bay Park on September 15, 16 & 17th and a request has been made to hold a Civil War Reenactment there at the same time. Discussion was held with regard to this request. The town will try to work this out.

Correspondence;

Model for Temporary Emergency Management Plan Meeting at 6:30p.m. on August 16th.

NIMS ICS-200 Training on August 22 & 23 in Fulton

Walkable Community Workshop on September 12 at Best Western, Watertown

National Grid Emergency Response Training on October 16th.

CEO Fry will have the fee schedules charged by other code offices to board members soon. He is currently going through the town's codes to see what revisions he feels could or should be made. He has asked the town attorney to look into a local law relating to Development and Project Fees in the Town of Constantia and to give it to the planning board for their review.

Mr. Fry is looking into what grants would be available to purchase a generator for the town hall, so it could be used as a warming site if the need were to arise. He will not be attending a Storm Water Regulation & Compliance Conference as it is geared toward engineers, etc. and he feels the town's money could be better served paying for other programs coming up in the future.

Mr. Bader was asked by the code officer to review the town's cell tower regulations with regard to co-mingling on a tower site.

A resident stated as suggested before the town would be well served by purchasing recording equipment to be used at all town meetings. He asked that Board of Appeals meetings be listed on the Town's web site and that Mr. Kelsey's proposed changes for subdivision be sent to him.

Mr. Gilkey questioned what the follow-up was to the August 11, 2006 hearing. Mr. Kelsey stated the board has no answers to procedures yet. Mr. Metzger feels there were no comments to demonstrate cause made at the hearing.

In petitioning for water, Rob Edgerton asked if the 51% of assessed value required for passage would be from the new assessed values or old. The board thought from the new.

Mr. Metzger stated the Town Board of Constantia recognizes and extends their gratitude to all of the many agencies that participated in the August 2, 2006 house fire/explosion at Saunders Drive, Town of Constantia.

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

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