

Minutes of the Constantia town board meeting held November 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: David Webb - highway superintendent
Warren Bader - town attorney
Nancy Butler - supervisor's bookkeeper
John Dunham - ceo
Karen Ashley - dco
Mike Marr - water committee chair
Paul Baxter - Tug Hill circuit rider
Charles Gilkey - planning board chair
Paul Auringer - board of appeals chair

Mr. Buck made the motion to accept the minutes from October 17, October 26, October 30, November 6, November 9, and November 16, 2006. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Vouchers submitted;

General fund claims no. 359 – 392 as set forth on Abstract no.11, dated 11/21/06.

Highway fund claims no.131 – 142 as set forth on Abstract no. 11, dated 11/21/06.

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

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 October 2006. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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 October 31, 2006. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

For future reference Mr. Kelsey asked that the Supervisor's Report be made available several days prior to the board meetings and left in the board members mailboxes.

Mr. Buck made the motion to allow the tax collection office to charge a \$2.00 fee for each delinquent tax notice sent out in 2007. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

The board has reviewed the letter to be sent to the State Comptroller in regard to the Town of Constantia Plan of Action to Address Recommendations of the State Comptroller's Audit Report. They agreed to the addition of paragraph 2 on page 2, which states the supervisor and town board have decided to have a Workshop every quarter with the bookkeeper to review the bank statements and cancelled checks and compare them to the vouchers submitted. Changes should be made to the last paragraph on page 2 of the letter to read the board will annually audit the accounts of those handling money, such as, the town clerk, justices, and dco and the General and Highway accounts will be audited on a regular basis by a public accounting firm. Once changes are made the supervisor was instructed to send the letter.

Mr. Colesante made the motion to allow the Highway Superintendent to enter into cooperative agreement with Oswego County for control of snow and ice conditions on County roads from October 1, 2006 through May 30, 2007. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mr. Dunham reported to the board that a lot of changes in codes would be occurring in 2007. He will be attending training and as of January 1st will be doing fire inspection on public assembly and commercial buildings. Mobile home and camp trailer parks will also be inspected. A clerk is now working in the code office twenty hours per week and is being paid through the county. A revised copy of Proposed Local Law # 3-2006 providing for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code in the town was presented to board members. Discussion followed.

Councilman Kelsey introduced proposed Local Law No. 3-2006, providing for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code in the Town of Constantia, and made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilman Colesante.

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of a local law in the Town of Constantia, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law, with the results that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the enactment of proposed Local Law No.3- 2006 is a Type II action and will have no significant effect on the environment; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No.3- 2006 at the Town Hall located at 14 Frederick Street in the Town of Constantia on December 19, 2006 at 7; 30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject will be heard.

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

Mr. Kelsey made the motion to accept the Code Enforcement officers Report from 10/18/06 through 11/20/06. Seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

Mr. Sakonyi read the Assessor's Office Update as follows: the phase including the update of all data mailer changes has been completed. Although the county had our computers down for more than 3 weeks, the assessor's office was able to enter the information onto the RPSV4 system and proceed as planned.

The Office of Real Property Services has approved all of the assessor's analysis and has given us the green light to proceed with valuation of all real property. This process will take the next several months to complete. Property owners will be notified of the new assessments as early as January, or late as March. There will also be another information meeting prior to the mailing to assist with any property owner's questions or concerns.

Attached for the board consideration is a copy of the resolution passed by the Town of Volney a few years ago adopting the sliding scale for senior citizens. Once the board had time to review this, the assessor strongly urges its passage.

The town attorney was asked to review such resolution presented to the board and report back at the December meeting. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Assessor's Report. Seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

Karen Ashley reported having enumerated 700 dogs in the town to date and her monthly report was submitted. Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the Dog Control Officers Monthly Report. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Paperwork has been submitted to the Department of State for water grant money, which should be received by the end of 2006.

Eric Pond of Barton & Loguidice, P.C. presented board members with a chart outlining steps in the formation of a water district. The draft Map Plan Report for the Town of Constantia, which establishes where the district is and what the costs are, has been completed. The town is eligible to receive hardship funding for the water project. 0% interest over thirty years along with a two million dollar grant will be available. The district will be formed by petition and by signing such petition in essence this will constitute a yes vote for the water district. Each eud would be \$510. The board was asked to consider how each equivalent dwelling unit would be charged to properties. Minor cost revisions need to be made to the Map Plan Report. Discussion followed. Mr. Kelsey questioned if we were at the point of no return. If the proposal were to change now, the water committee would have to start from square one. Kelsey had hoped the district would have been formed with a 75-80% approval rating. Mr. Colesante stated the majority will rule and he would like to see everyone in the proposed district contacted when the petition is passed. How the petition is carried will guide him in his decision in forming a water district.

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the Map Plan Report subject to minor cost revisions being made. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Charles Gilkey reported the Planning Board continues to work on the Tamblin Sub-division, the Pease Road gravel bed has been put out for public comment and a public hearing has been held with regard to the cell tower on Hillside Drive. Mr. Sakonyi asked that the Planning Board began working on an update to the town's sub-division regulations,

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Justice Report as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

A resident questioned the cost of a meter pit and meter for water. He was told \$550 to \$700 according to OCWA figures.

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

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