

Minutes of the Constantia town board meeting held January 16, 2007 at 7:30 pm 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
Charles Gilkey - deputy sup. planning brd. chair
John Dunham - CEO
Nancy Butler - supervisor's clerk
Mike Marr - water committee chair

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the minutes of December 19 and 28, 2006. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Vouchers submitted:

General fund claims no. 1 – 23 as set forth on Abstract no. 1, dated 01/16/07.

Highway fund claims no. 1 – 11 as set forth on Abstract no.1, dated 01/16/07.

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

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

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for December 2006. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

The Supervisor's December 2006 Financial Report was read. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the report. Seconded by Mr. Colesante. Mr. Kelsey questioned the status of the 2005 Year End Report and was told by Ms. Butler that had been closed out by the state. She was given the balances that were not correct and before filing the 2006 Year End Report these will be corrected. The deadline for filing is April 1, 2007.

Supervisor Sakonyi introduced proposed Local Laws No.B- 2007 Authorizing an Exemption for Real Property owned by Senior Citizens, Local Law No.C-2007 Authorizing an Exemption for Real Property owned by Veterans and Local Law No. D-2007 Increasing the Maximum Allowable Exemption Levels for Eligible Veterans Under the Alternative Veterans Exemption Law, and made the motion the town board conduct a public hearing as to enact such Local Laws at the Town Hall on February 20, 2007 at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subjects shall be heard. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Notice of such will be posted.

A Town /Village /School meeting will be held January 17th at 6:30 p.m. On February 21 a land use workshop will be held in Watertown and the Tug Hill Local Government Conference is scheduled for 3/29/07.

The town board will conduct workshops on January 27 at 10:00 a.m. to interview candidates for positions on the Planning Board and Assessment Review Board and February 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. for a quarterly financial review.

It was noted \$35,598.38 has been spent to date on the water project and \$41,500 grant money was awarded.

The supervisor made a request to department heads that an inventory is made of each offices equipment by March 1, 2007.

Mr. Sakonyi moved the board go to executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

The monthly board meeting was called back to order.

Attorney John Langey was present and answered several questions in regard to the water petition process under Article 12. He suggested limiting the number of people passing the petition to 4-5 and not to stop when 51% of the assessed property value is reached, but aim for 80 – 90%, which the board can stipulate, but it was noted on the actual petition the board cannot create a higher standard above 51%.

Petition carriers will not be paid. It is not a conflict of interest for a water committee member to pass petitions. After petitions are received the assessor will certify the results and not charge back to the town to do this. A public hearing will than be held and the board will determine if it benefits the people in the district to form such water district.

A draft petition was presented to board members at the workshop held Jan.4th. If other information is desired, it should be noted on a separate notepad for the board. The town board has the final determination in forming the water district and challenges can be made to that decision within thirty days of making it. There appears to be no legal liability issue in passing petitions, as volunteers will do this. The engineers have figured the cost to attorneys into the budget and at this time it is difficult to say what they might be.

Mr. Metzger made the motion the town board move forward with the petition process to form a water district. Seconded by Mr. Colesante. Mr. Kelsey spoke against the petition process, referring to a list he submitted at the Jan 4 workshop. He feels the town board, such as the placement of the water tower, has not dealt with several issues regarding the district. He has spoken with a representative of the Hiawatha Boy Scout Council and they have several concerns regarding the water tower being placed on their land that have never been addressed with them. Kelsey feels there is no excuse for not weighing these issues before jumping into this. Mr. Marr stated there was nothing set in stone as to where the water tower had to be and the board should run with the map plan report and amend where the tower goes. There is not enough money to go forward at this time to Bernhards Bay and we have to start somewhere he said. Without the 14 million 0% funding this project would not be viable.

Councilman Kelsey questioned a dedicated main and asked why no one ran figures both ways to determine what was best for the town. Issues were never waved as a board or anyone on behalf of the town. Mr. Colesante stated as an arm of the town board a duly appointed water committee has worked for months, asking adequate questions to get to where we are today. Discussion followed.

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

Jim Kimmel verbally resigned from the Water committee. Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept his resignation. Seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

Mr. Colesante made the motion to appoint William Hoefert to serve on the water committee. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mr. Marr suggested the water committee figure who they want to pass petitions and than give a full report of their progress to the town board. He feels pinning it down to 4-5 people is a mistake. Mr. Kelsey said to leave it limited to five people. Mr. Colesante suggested Mr. Marr make recommendations to the board as to who will pass the water petition. The committee plans to meet twice a month on Thursdays.

Mr. Dunham presented the Code Enforcement Officers Reports from 1/01/06 – 12/31/06 and 12/19/06-12/31/06.

Discussion was held with regard to a Building Permit Fee Schedule, which follows;

Residential Dwellings and Accessory Buildings

One or Two Family Dwellings

Homes Conventionally Built on Site

Homes 1500 sq.ft or less	\$300.00
Homes lager than 1500 sq.ft	.20 per sq ft.

Manufactured Homes Assembled on Site

Homes 1500 sq.ft or less	\$175.00
Homes larger than 1500 sq.ft.	.12 per sq. ft

Manufactured homes not on foundation	\$75.00
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Modular Homes	.20 per sq. ft
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Accessory Buildings

Including Pole Barns, Garages, Storage Buildings

Buildings 144 sq. ft or less	no fee
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Manufactured Storage Building

Additions/Alterations	\$50.00 plus 0.15/sq.ft over 400 sq.ft
Garage/Storage Buildings	\$50.00 PLUS 0.10/sq.ft over 400 sq.ft

Conventionality built on site

145 sq. ft to 800 sq. ft	\$75.00
801 sq.ft or larger	.12 per sq ft

Building Accessories and Equipment Permits	
Open, Roofed and enclosed decks and porches	\$75.00
Heating and cooling systems for new homes, Boiler or furnace heating systems, i.e. HVAC Including solid fuel appliances and replacements Corn and Pellet Stoves	\$50.00
Swimming Pools	
In ground or above ground	\$50.00
Septic Systems	
New system or upgrade, or repair to existing Septic system	\$50.00
Building Demolition Permit	\$50.00
Renewal of Permits & Replacements	\$50.00

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the Building Permit Fee Schedule. Seconded by Mr. Kelsey.

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

The board will look further into the Miscellaneous Town Fees.

The Assessor's Office has currently completed all residential values for the Village of Cleveland and has begun entering those values into the computer. Waterfront valuation is ongoing from the Village back to Doris Park. As these are completed they too will be entered into the computer. Please be aware these values will not be made public until all values are completed and mailed to each owner in the form of an impact notice.

Along with processing the new values, we are continuing to receive exemptions. These exemptions will be processed along with the values so they can also be included in the mailing of the impact notice. The reason for this is to have a better understanding of the bottom line. So, we will try to get as many exemptions processed as possible, but the exemption deadline is not until March 1, 2007.

Lastly, the assessor mentioned in a previous report about updating Senior Citizens income limits, and that we adopt a resolution making the Town and County Income Limits the same. Oswego County Real Property has also mentioned to update the change in level for veterans.

Mr. Kelsey made the motion to accept the Assessor's Report. Seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the Dog Control Officers Monthly Report. Seconded by Mr. Kelsey.

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

Charles Gilkey reported the Planning Board has approved the Verizon tower and the Tamblin site. The public notice time for the Pease Road gravel bed has expired and the DEC committee is now reviewing this matter. Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the report as submitted by Mr. Gilkey. Seconded by Mr. Kelsey.

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

Mr. Colesante introduced proposed Local Law No.A-2007, Providing for attendance requirements for Planning board members and the appointment of alternate Planning Board members in the Town of Constantia, and made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Kelsey to conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of propose Local Law No.A-2007 at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard.

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

The town will keep putting an add in the paper for candidates to fill positions on the Planning Board and Board of Appeals.

Mr. Kelsey made the motion to accept the Justice Report as submitted for 10/01/06 to 02/05/07. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

The Parks & Recreation Commission approved giving the Village of Cleveland \$150 to be used for their Sesquicentennial. Dave Webb is to find out what they want this money spent for.

Mr. Macari questioned if final maps of the water district would be made available for public viewing. Mr. Marr reported there would be two framed maps, one to be placed in Vella's and one in West Monroe. An unframed map will be made available for viewing in the town hall.

A Doris Park resident asked the board for permission to place invisible dog fencing on the town's right of way of Lakeshore Drive. Discussion followed.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Buck.
Carried Sakonyi - yes