Minutes of the Constantia town board meeting held April 17, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall

Present; Ronald Sakonyi - supervisor
John Metzger, Andrew Kelsey, Daniel Buck - council members
Janet Warford - town clerk

Others present; David Webb - highway superintendent
John Dunham – ceo
Charles Gilkey - planning board chair
Mike Marr – water committee chair
Nancy Butler - supervisors clerk

Absent; Richard Colesante - council member

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2007 meeting as presented to the board. Seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

Vouchers submitted;

General fund claims No. 97 – 126 as set forth on Abstract No. 4, dated 4/17/07.
Highway fund claims No. 42- 58 as set forth on Abstract No. 4, dated 4/17/07.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to pay the bills as submitted, seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

Mr. Buck made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for March 2007 and the Town & County 2007 Tax Collection Summary. Seconded by Mr. Kelsey.

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

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Supervisor's Reconciliation Summary through March 31, 2007. Seconded by Mr. Kelsey.

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

Supervisor Sakonyi stated the 2006 year-end report would be sent to the state by the extension period of May 1st. A special Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall for the purpose of discussing highway funding, code office personnel expansion and appointment of a Board of Assessment Review member and any other and further business as may properly come before the board.

Eric Pond presented the Municipal Water Committee Report. He stated now was the time to start talking to attorneys and bond consul with regard to funding and co-coordinating income surveys to keep the Constantia/ Toad Harbor project moving forward. A letter was received regarding a Preliminary Engineering Report for the proposed Bernhard's Bay Service Area for submission to the Health Department and funding agencies for a cost of $7000. Ariel photos of the district were discussed. The cost would be $12,000 and West Monroe has been asked to split this cost.

To date 86% of the respondents to the water petition have said yes, 14% no. There are 858 parcels in the proposed Constantia district. Mr. Kelsey questioned if the assessed value of the district had been established and where the water tower would be going. This has yet to be determined. He stated perhaps we should be doing more planning and less spending. He feels that getting 51% of the assessed property value owners to sign the petition being circulated will be accomplished, but questions if the formation of this water district is in the best interest of the town. The next water committee meeting will be held on April 19th at 7:30.

Highway Superintendent Webb reported Assemblyman David Townsend has committed $10,000 for a new Sand/Salt Storage Building. Senator Wright has designated $50,000 in the 07-08 State Budget for this purpose. A letter from the governor's office regarding funding and a grant package application from Senator Clinton's office has also been received, so it looks promising to get some aid for this project. But, Mr. Webb cautioned not spending anything until the monies have been received. He recommended the board establish a Capital Reserve Fund for a Sand/Salt Storage Building and that a board member be designated a representative to work along with Mr. Webb on this project. Mr. Buck will be that person. Mr. Sakonyi stated the town would also be receiving $15,000 from FEMA for reimbursement for storm coverage this winter.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Highway Superintendents Report. Seconded by Mr. Kelsey.

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

Supervisor Sakonyi noted there would be a meeting on May 24 in Watertown on State Retirement and if the highway employees had any retirement concerns they were to get them to the supervisor prior to this meeting.

Mr. Dunham stated in May all Mobile Home /Camp Trailer Parks will be inspected. On May 19 he will be holding a Fire Extinguisher Class at the Town Hall. He is proposing that May be dedicated "Clean Up Month" and will submit information to the newspapers regarding this. This is as a result of all the complaint calls being received in the code office for unsightly conditions throughout the town. At this time all unsafe or abandoned buildings should be taken care of and junk cars, rubbish and debris removed from privately owned property, because in June the code office will be enforcing the Outdoor Storage on Private Property Local Law.

The CEO also reported attending several training classes. Mr. Kelsey questioned code office personnel expansion and asked how much time and resources the code office should be allotted? He feels people in the country should be allowed to deal with their own problems and be self-reliant, stating we need to take a more flexible approach. Discussion followed. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the CEO report. Seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Dog Control Officers Monthly Report as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

Mr. Gilkey reported the Planning Board was still reviewing the sub-division law. He met with Neil Brownell who is revising the Pease Road Gravel Pit mining permit for DEC on April 13th. Mr. Kelsey made the motion to accept the Planning Board Report. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

The Town Justice Report was submitted and Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept such report, seconded by Mr. Kelsey.

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

Correspondence:
Fax from Attorney Bader / BAR- planning Board compatibility dated April 3.
Letter from Oswego County Real Property regarding BAR mandatory training.
NYS EMO ICS 300 Training on April 16-18
SUPERCOG meeting May 2, Camden
NYS DEC, Flood Plain Management Program
Storm Water Management correspondence

The town will hold its Annual Cleanup Days on May 7 & 8. The following items may be placed at the roadside for pickup; metal, appliances, automotive batteries, bicycles, furnaces, televisions and water heaters. Not acceptable are; toilets or any porcelain, fluorescent lights, auto parts, gas tanks, carpet, plastic, metal roofs, paint cans, building materials, gas grill tanks, mattresses and furniture. Nothing in bags or boxes will be picked up. For further information Dave Webb can be contacted.

Mr. Macari stated establishing a Capital Reserve Fund for the Sand/Salt Storage Building was an excellent idea. He questioned if the discrepancies in the highway monies had been resolved and was told no by Mr. Webb, but a resolution was coming. He also asked that the minutes of the special meeting 4/26 be published on the web site.

Fire district lines were questioned. We have one district being served by two departments. John Haynes said that certain standards have to be maintained by the fire companies and the town in these districts. There is a lot more to it than just drawing lines. There are the issues of response times and water supplies, etc. This needs to be checked into more before any hasty decisions are made to change the districts Haynes stated. He asked that the town board send a formal letter to the Constantia Fire Commissioners to reiterate their resolution at the March 20th meeting that the fire district needs to notify residents in the district about any purchases of property and by what process the public has to have control or input into the purchase of such property.

Marty Richards stated ALL residents in the fire district should be allowed to vote on how their tax money is spent. The withdrawal of the commissioners purchase offer for the Wander Inn was discussed. Mr. Kelsey recommended the supervisor obtain from the attorney representing the commissioners something in writing stating such offer was no longer valid. Discussion followed. Mr. Metzger made the motion a meeting be set up at an agreeable time between the town board, fire commissioners and fire department officers to discuss the fire districts and other matters pertinent to fire protection. Seconded by Mr. Kelsey.

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

Mr. Gilkey questioned what procedure could be taken to change ones signature on the water petitions being circulated. One should contact Mike Marr and paperwork will be provided them to sign for the change.

Because of the Town Clerk's pending retirement at the end of the year Mr. Kelsey suggested the town board revaluate the position of town clerk, i.e., salary, hours, deputies, etc. at the special meeting so this information can be made available before petitions are circulated for the November election.

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

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