

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.

