

Minutes of the Constantia town board meeting held October 16, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall.

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

Others present: Warren Bader - town attorney
Charles Gilkey - planning board chair
Nancy Butler - supervisors clerk
John Dunham - ceo
Mike Marr - water committee chair

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the minutes of 9/18/07 and 10/11/07 as presented to the board.
Seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

Vouchers submitted:

General fund claims no. 281 – 317 as set forth on Abstract no. 10, dated 10/16/07.

Highway fund claims no. 112 – 122 as set forth on Abstract no. 10, dated 10/16/07.

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

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

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for September 2007. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Supervisor's Reconciliation Summary through 09/30/07.
Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

The monthly status report from the Assessor was given. The small claims review process is complete. Thirty claims were heard and all decisions have been submitted, and the affected parties notified. Vouchers have been sent to all property owners that have been awarded their filing fees. Assessor Wheeler requested again that the board give him some dates as to when they would be available to meet with State representatives so they can discuss the next plan of action for the Town with respect to keeping our assessments current. Renewal forms for Senior Citizens, Enhanced Star and Agriculture Exemptions will be sent out. The deadline for these to be returned in March 3, 2008. Between now and April 1, 2008 building permits will be reviewed and some sales verification that have occurred since July will be done. Mr. Buck made the motion to accept the Assessor's Report. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Mr. Colesante asked the board to wait to set a date to meet with State representatives until they have reviewed a letter he has written to the Executive Director of the Office of Real Property asking that all towns in Oswego County be encouraged to go to 100% evaluation and to improve the accuracy in establishing equalization rates.

Mr. Colesante made the motion authorizing the Town of Constantia to proceed with the Engineering Service Proposal – Project Development Assistance from Barton & Loguidice as outlined in a letter dated March 22, 2007 regarding the proposed Constantia Water District. Seconded by Mr. Kelsey.

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

Chris Nill, Community Development Specialist with RCAP Solutions gave a presentation regarding the need to undertake an income survey to determine funding eligibility for water system improvements. He covered materials relating to income survey methodology and procedures. Discussion followed. There would be no charge for his assistance.

Mr. Metzger made the motion the town board and water committee be authorized to work with RCAP Solutions in completing such income survey. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Copies of the anticipated project schedule for the North Shore Water District from Barton & Loguidice were given to board members.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Mary Whitney, Deputy Highway Superintendent, John Whitney's mother.

A budget workshop will be held Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officers Monthly Report for September 2007. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

The Planning Board are in the process of finalizing the sub-division regulations. Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept their monthly report. Seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

A letter of resignation has been received from Alfred Kline who served on the Board of Appeals. Mr. Buck made the motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Mr. Kelsey made the motion the clerk advertises the vacant position on the Board of Appeals. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Mr. Colesante made the motion to pay members of the Board of Appeals \$10.00 per meeting attended, effective January 1, 2008. (This is the same as planning board members get) Seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

The Board of Appeals heard three applications for variances in October. One was granted; two applications will need more information before a decision can be made. Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the Board of Appeals Monthly Report. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

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

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

Correspondence:

A letter regarding a School, Town, Village meeting to be held 10/24/07.

A reply from Senator Wright regarding the town's request the Onondaga Water Authority operate and maintain the town of Constantia's water system.

Two letters backing the chartering of the library were received from Anne Pierce and Tara Pepper.

An unsigned letter regarding the Cleveland Fire Department.

Mr. Colesante questioned if a municipal survey from the Oneida Lake Water Shed Advisory Council has been received. It has not.

The Park & Recreation Commissions recommendation is to dedicate the Taft Bay Park in memorial to Dave Webb. A sign design was given to board members to study. The cost for this sign is approximately \$5000 for materials, with volunteer labor being provided for installation. He asked for the boards comment at the next meeting.

A complaint has been made regarding excessive music noise coming from the Boathouse well into evening hours. Discussion followed. Complainants were advised to contact the State Police.

Ken Macari asked what had become of the library issue. Two options have been placed in the 2008 budget for the board's consideration concerning the library and we will see how the budget process goes Mr. Sakonyi stated. Mrs. Woolridge asked why not put the library issue up for vote, rather than have the board make the decision. Let the taxpayers vote on this issue. Discussion followed. Mr. Colesante commented on the apparent value of the library land for the town. The tentative budget increase was questioned and the impact of the library costs on it were discussed,

The board moved to executive session.

With the executive session over Mr. Kelsey made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Buck. All board members voted yes. Carried.