

Minutes of the Constantia Town board meeting held March 18, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall.

Present: Supervisor – Andrew Kelsey
Council Members – Richard Colesante, John Metzger and Daniel Buck
Town Clerk – Clare Haynes
Town Attorney – Warren Bader
Others Present: Highway Superintendent – Wayne Woolridge
Planning Board Chair – Charles Gilkey
Board of Appeals Chair – Ken Macari
Water Committee Chair – Michael Marr
Supervisor’s Clerk – Nancy Butler
Tug Hill Commission Rep. – Paul Baxter
Village of Cleveland Mayor – Mel Davis

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the minutes of the town board meeting held February 19, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

Carried Buck – yes Colesante – yes Metzger – yes
Kelsey – yes

Motion made by Mr. Metzger to pay Highway Vouchers numbered 21 thru 35, and General Fund Vouchers 58 thru 87. All on abstract number 3.

Carried Buck – yes Colesante – yes Metzger – yes
Kelsey – yes

Mr. Kelsey made the board aware that the 2008 budget needs to be updated to adjust the final numbers to reflect accruals as of December 2007. When budget was approved, used September’s figures, this will finalize all figures.

Motion to accept Supervisor’s report made by Mr. Buck. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

Carried Buck – yes Colesante – yes Metzger – yes
Kelsey – yes

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Town Clerk’s report. Seconded by Mr. Buck.

Carried Buck – yes Colesante – yes Metzger – yes
Kelsey – yes

Mr. Woolridge notified the board that he would like to sell the 1997 ¾ Ton 4WD Chevy pickup with plow. There are also a few miscellaneous items that will also be sent to bid. The cut off date for bids would be May 13, 2008 all bids will be opened at the May 20th town board meeting. Clean up day is also scheduled for 2008. The dates will be May 5th and 6th. Notice will be put in the Citizen Outlet, this clean up is for specific items only.

Mr. Kelsey would like the board members opinion about putting Yield signs on Hillside Drive. There are two intersections on Hillside that could benefit from the signs. Mr. Metzger made the motion to have Mr. Woolridge put two Yield signs on Hillside Drive at both intersections. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

Carried Buck – yes Colesante – yes Metzger – yes
Kelsey – yes

Mr. Kelsey made the board aware that the town’s insurance carrier would like to see No Parking signs put up along Hatchery Road. The signs would be on the east side of Hatchery Road from the trail north to Mr. Wrobelwski’s driveway, also on the west side from the Mother of Joy House to the curve. Mr. Babenzien the manager of the NYS Fish Hatchery would have to signoff on having the signs installed. Matter will be tabled until Mr. Babenzien is contacted and will signoff on the matter.

The water committee is looking forward to Phase II of the water project. Mr. Marr invited the board to attend a workshop that would be held on Thursday March 27th at 7:30, at the town hall. The committee would like the board members input on boundaries that need to be formed. Mr. Pond wanted to let the board know that he received a call from Mr. Ross, Supervisor from West Monroe. Mr. Ross indicated that he would now like to add

County Route 11 to the expansion, they have three mobile home parks on that road, one is now experiencing water problems and would like to be added to the district. With this new development, it gives the Bernhards Bay (Phase II) Plan enough points to be able to qualify for the funding that is needed. Mr. Colesante questioned why West Monroe's involvement would make a difference to Constantia. Mr. Pond answered that the State would view it as one project, much like what is happening now with the two districts of Toad Harbor and Constantia. Mr. Buck questioned if we would need another inter-municipal agreement. Yes, the whole process will be much like what the town just went thru. There will be a need to have some quick decisions made, early August will be the deadline for funding. Mr. Buck and Mr. Metzger because of prior commitments will not be able to attend the meeting.

Mr. Kelsey made the board members aware of two letters received from New York State, regarding the Home Rule Legislation-Town of Constantia Water Project, this legislation was not introduced last year, need to full out another form to have this reintroduced. Ms. Martin for New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation sent a letter notifying the town that they have reviewed M/WBE-EEO work plan and the three components have been approved.

Mr. Gilkey from the planning board let the board know they did have a developer come to their last meeting for an unofficial visit to speak about property in the Town of Constantia. He is revising his plans and is planning to attend the next meeting scheduled for March 25th.

Mr. Gilkey also wanted to speak about the position of planning board member Curt Schwalbe. Mr. Schwalbe's term expired on 12/31/07 he would like to be reappointed to the position. Without reappointment, Mr. Schwalbe cannot sit on the board and vote. Mr. Bader was questioned about this and he agrees, once his term expires, he can no longer vote. Mr. Kelsey would like to wait until there is a full board to appoint anyone to the position. Mr. Colesante made the motion to appoint Mr. Schwalbe to his regular term on the planning board. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Vote: Buck – No Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes
 Kelsey – No

Mr. Macari from the Board of Appeals stated that they would hold a meeting on April 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall.

In Warren Wheeler's monthly report he stated the valuation analysis is almost complete. Notices will go out during the first part of May as part of our requirement with the State's annual assessment program. The notices will indicate to the property owners the dollar amount of change from their prior years assessed value. As a reminder trends are computed using the sales that have occurred from July 1 2006 thru June 30, 2007.

On March 26th at 7:00 p.m., there will be a meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission. They will be discussing the design of the memorial sign for the late David Webb. They hope to have the sign completed by July. Mr. Colesante made a motion to appoint Thomas Eastman to the position that David Webb held. Seconded by Mr. Buck. Carried

Buck – Yes Colesante – yes Metzger – yes
 Kelsey – yes

At 9:32 p.m. Mr. Metzger made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Colesante. Carried

Buck – yes Colesante – yes Metzger – yes
 Kelsey - yes