

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Constantia held April 24, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Constantia Town Hall.

Present: Andrew Kelsey - Supervisor
John Metzger, Richard Colesante – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Others Present: Nancy Butler – Supervisor’s Clerk
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission Rep
Charles Gilkey – Planning Board Chair
Ken Macri – Board of Appeals Chair
Dana Boots, Michael Whitney – Constantia VFD

Mr. Kelsey started the meeting explaining the reason for calling a special meeting was to talk about and get committees set up for the upcoming Constantia bicentennial celebration.

The idea that Mr. Kelsey had for the celebration was to have old home days. The celebration will be the weekend of October 4, 2008, this is in conjunction with the Constantia VFD Annual Fall Fest.

Some of the contests and events could be: cooking, canning and woodsmen contests, chicken cook-off, Constantia idol, old time games, pony rides and petting zoo.

The community members that came to the meeting gave many other good ideas including antique auto show, sink the boat, and having a hay ride. It was thought that maybe some of these events should be held on separate weekends to spread the celebration through out the year.

We now have a \$2000.00 budget for the celebration, we need to raise some more money to pay for some of the events and prizes. Mr. Kelsey would like to order tee shirts and mason jar glasses with a logo on it to start selling as soon as possible. The town would like to come up with a logo to put on shirts and mugs and any other items that might be ordered.

The idea was given to hang a banner over State Route 49 now so people know that we are celebrating the bicentennial. Mr. Boots stated the fire department has the permit forms for doing that and where to order such a sign, he will get with Mr. Kelsey to give him the information.

A sheet was passed around for community members to sign up for which ever committee they would like to work on. The next informal meeting will be May 14, 2008, 7:00 at the Constantia Town Hall. Any community members that is interested in helping or that has any ideas are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Boots and Mr. Whitney wanted to stress that the Constantia VFD would do anything possible to help the town with this celebration, but it must be understood that any games or events would need to be run by the town’s volunteers and ran under the direction of the Constantia VFD, for insurance reasons.

At 8:15 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Metzger to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.
Carried: Colesante – yes Metzger – yes Kelsey - yes