

Minutes of the Constantia Town Board Meeting held May 20, 2008 at the Constantia Town Hall at 7:30p.m.

Present: Andrew Kelsey – Supervisor  
Daniel Buck, John Metzger, Richard Colesante – Board Members  
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk  
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent

Others Present: Nancy Butler – Supervisor’s Clerk  
Mike Marr – Water Committee Chair  
Charles Gilkey – Planning Board Chair  
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission Rep.  
Paul Auringer – Board of Appeals Committee Member

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the minutes of the town board meeting held April 15, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Buck.

Carried: Buck – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Kelsey – Yes

Vouchers:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to pay vouchers Highway numbered 47-68 and General Fund 116-145. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

Carried: Buck – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Kelsey – Yes

Supervisor:

Mr. Kelsey made the board aware of a problem with line A1110.13 Justice Clerk. This line on the approved budget has the amount of \$11,000. this line should read \$13,000. This will make the line short by the end of the year we will need to make a transfer in December. Hopefully the Justice C.E. account will have enough money left over to cover the shortage. Another line that might be an issue is the medical benefits A9060.8 is at 40.2% already, this might indicate a problem by the end of the year.

The bicentennial plans are moving forward Mr. Kelsey is concerned that the \$2000. Is not enough, might need to have a loan from the special reserve, hopefully with fundraisers the borrowed monies will be paid back. The next bicentennial meeting will be May 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Constantia Town Hall.

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

Carried: Buck – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Kelsey – Yes

Motion to accept the Town Clerk’s report was made by Mr. Colesante. Seconded by Mr. Buck.

Carried: Buck – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Kelsey – Yes

Highway:

Mr. Woolridge Highway Superintendant informed the board that he would like to purchase a new snowplow/dump truck. He is looking at the numbers, would like to get on a 12 year replacement schedule for these trucks, one every 3 years. Bids that he has received put the cost of the truck at about \$173,000. Mr. Woolridge will have the replacement schedule set for discussion at next meeting.

Sealed bids were opened for items from the Highway Department:

- 1 - Army air compressor \$35. Each
- 2 - 1970 Oshgosh \$400.
- 3- 1997 Pickup \$275.
- 4- 1970 Oshgosh \$600.  
1997 Pick up \$200.  
Compressors - \$10. Each
- 5 – Hydraulic Sander \$50.  
Pick up tool box \$5.  
Diamond plate tool box \$5.  
Various tires (30) \$10.20 Each

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept bids for all tires, small tool boxes, both compressors, and sander. Small tools, and sander to Roger Allen. Both compressors will go to Richard Sikora. Seconded by Mr. Buck  
Carried: Buck – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Kelsey – Yes

Mr. Buck made the motion to reject the bids for the 1997 pickup and the Oshkosh truck, all bids were too low. Seconded by Mr. Colesante. Carried: Buck – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Kelsey – Yes

Assessor:

After Mr. Kelsey read the Assessor's report, there was a lengthy discussion regarding the tentative tax roll that is currently on file. Many people had questions that the board felt would be best answered by Mr. Wheeler the assessor. Mr. Kelsey will talk to Mr. Wheeler to set up a date to have an open work session. A legal notice will be put into the paper as to the date and time. Mr. Kelsey requested that any questions the public might have for Mr. Wheeler be given to him so Mr. Wheeler will have time to investigate the answers.

Code Enforcement:

A FOIL Request was received in regards to the Christmas property on County Route 65. Mr. and Mrs. Kieffer were present at the meeting to express their concerns. They feel the building permit should not have been issued, in their opinion there are many errors on the application. They feel the Land Development Law was not followed properly, this building permit before being issued should have gone to the Board of Appeals. Mr. Illingsworth did consult Mr. Bader before issuing the permit. Mr. Kelsey stated that we cannot rescind a building permit. Mr. Bader is willing to take another look at the property and the documents.

Ms. Klein from Gail Road expressed her concerns with her neighbor. She feels the trailer that was placed on the property is too close to her line. Has asked Mr. Illingsworth to look at location, has not heard back from him.

Mr. Garish also had a problem with Mr. Illingsworth putting a stop work order on his well drilling job. Mr. Garish told the board that only NYS can give well permits. Mr. Kelsey told Mr. Garish he was aware of the issue with the well permits and unfortunately that was an error that started with the past code enforcement officer regarding a letter that was received from the county. Well drilling permits are no longer issued.

Mrs. Pierce and Mr. Parmley were both there to address the board regarding the noise that is coming from The Old Boathouse. The music is sometimes played until 1 a.m. and is very loud. Mr. DeFuria the owner of The Old Boathouse stated they try to keep the decibels under 96, he checks it often, but not every day. He is willing to do anything to make the community happy.

Water:

Mr. Clark was in attendance from Barton & Loguidice, he told the board that the survey is being done now. The town might have to do inter fund borrowing to pay for this, monies are expected to the town by July. At that point you can reimburse the funds after the money comes in.

The Water Committee has done the re-canvas, all roads were 50/50 who wanted it, Salt, Lower, West Road. Will have to wait and see what West Monroe is going to do with Lower Road before a decision will be made. Mr. Marr wanted to remind everyone that the income survey is very important so we can get grants for the families that need it.

Mr. Colesante made the motion to retain Costelli, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC as spelled out in the following agreement. Seconded by Mr. Metzger. (5.1.2008)  
Carried: Buck – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Kelsey – Yes

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept ORRICK of New York, NY. as Bond Council to the Town as outlined below. Seconded by Mr. Buck. (5.2.2008)  
Carried: Buck – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Kelsey – Yes

The town board was presented with a detailed project budget by Barton & Loguidice, P.C., the town board was requested to approve the budget as it applies to the legal fees, having a budget up to \$150,000. Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the legal fees for the project. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried:                      Buck – Yes    Colesante – Yes                      Metzger – Yes                      Kelsey  
– Yes

Planning Board:

Problems were again brought before the board regarding the “Constantia 12” and the proposed development of the Kessler property. Mr. Kelsey is concerned the developer is receiving incorrect information from the Planning Board regarding the water line that is currently serving the “Constantia 12”. There is no way that anymore stress can be put on the current water line, it is in bad shape and in need of repair. The board agreed to set up a work session with the “Constantia 12” to see what can be done to fix the problem. Mr. Kelsey does not want the developer to spend unnecessary time and money developing plans that are going to include adding to that existing line. Mr. Gilkey assured the board that the developer is aware that the line has a problem and he is looking into other options.

Board of Appeals:

Mr. Auringer told the board the next meeting will be June 3, 2008. At that meeting they will be discussing a side yard variance for Reservoir Road.

Bicentennial:

Mr. Basile was at the May 14th meeting and has agreed to photograph items and put into a digital format. Next meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2008, 7 p.m.

Park and Recreation:

Mr. Colesante told the board that the re-dedication ceremony for the park will be held June 14, 2008 at 2:00.

They are going to have many people speak from the originations that Dave was involved in, fire department, boy scouts, etc. They are planning on about 200 people, the Webb family is aware of the date and time.

Home Rule Request:

A Home Rule Request was received from Mr. Townsend’s office regarding the Constantia Library. This was not something that was requested by the board. Mr. Kelsey called Mr. Townsend’s office to get addition information, the call was not returned. Mr. Colesante spoke to Mrs. Williams from the library gild and she indicated the gild would like to put this up for a vote in November.

Tug Hill Commission:

Mr. Baxter from the Tug Hill Commission let the board know of a meeting of NORCOG. The meeting will be held Thursday, May 29, 2008 at Katie and Carls in Camden, will cover local issues and needs.

Motion:

At 10:40 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Metzger to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

Carried:                      Buck – yes                      Metzger – Yes                      Colesante – Yes  
Kelsey - Yes