

Minutes of the Constantia Town Board Meeting held June 17, 2008 at the Constantia Town Hall 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
Warren Bader – Town Attorney
Charles Gilkey – Planning Board Chair
Ken Macri – Board of Appeals Chair
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission

ASSESSOR:

Mr. Kelsey opened the meeting acknowledging the many people that were in attendance. Mr. Kelsey is aware that many were there to discuss assessments, there is a meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at A.A. Cole 7:00 p.m. to answer all questions. Mr. Kelsey did agree to let Mr. Young address the board. Mr. Young is the spokesperson for the newly formed Constantia Taxpayers Association. Mr. Young let the board know that they did submit their questions for the meeting on Wednesday, but one question they had was what was the benefit to the taxpayers to go the 100% assessment? Mr. Metzger stated that the re-value was done to equalize all properties in the town. That was the premise, assessments should be a fair distribution across the town. Mr. Colesante answered that there were a high number of properties that were not assessed properly, if the town was not at 100% assessment and a house sold for \$300,000.00 but was assessed at \$80,000.00 the town did not have the right to change their assessment. The board invited everyone to the meeting on Wednesday, more questions will be taken at that time.

MINUTES:

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the minutes of the May 20, 2008 Town Board Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to pay vouchers for Highway Fund numbered 69 – 82, and General Fund numbered 146 – 176 listed on Abstract #6 dated June 17, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

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

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

TOWN CLERK:

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

Carried: Buck – Yes Colesnate – Yes Metzger – yes
Kelsey – Yes

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ann Pierce – Letter addressing the board regarding the loud music from The Old Boathouse.

NYS Board of Real Property Services – Hearing date July 7, 2008 for Tentative Assessment Roll.

ASSESSOR:

Grievance Day hearings have been completed and all notices have been mailed. Our equalization rate should be finalized sometime in July at 100%. The annual training seminar on appraising at Cornell is July 14th thru 18th. This seminar is

mandatory training to keep his certification. Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the Assessor's Report. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Illingworth outlined the five complaints that he has received.

1. Mrs. Kline- Gale Road, trailer on adjoining property too close to line, property line is in dispute, no CO will be issued until matter is resolved.
2. Mrs. Kline – 234 Center Street, no CO was issued for trailer in question, Mr. Illingworth asked the owner to submit the missing HUD information so a CO can be issued.
- 3.
4. Boathouse Restaurant noise complaints from several property owners, there is no remedy thru this office.
5. Boathouse Restaurant, new deck constructed without permit. The managers had gotten incorrect information from another Code Office. Mr. Illingworth told them not to use the deck until the proper permits and inspections have been completed.
6. Mahalick property- Doris Park, garbage bags accumulation and above ground pool collapsed. Owners live in Florida and have been contacted. The garbage complaint is also being handled by the Oswego County Health Department. This is an ongoing matter.

Mr. Parmley addressed the board regarding the Old Boathouse and the noise level. Mr. Parmley had a tape recording letting the board hear how loud the music can be. The board understands that this is a problem, but there is nothing the board can do about it. Mr. Colesante suggested he call the police for disturbing the peace. Mr. Parmley had heard that in the past they were working on noise ordinance, Mr. Kelsey is not aware of anything, but we still have no way of enforcement.

Ms. Griffin from Bernhards Bay complained about the dust in the air from McIntosh Pallet. The board told her to fill out a complaint form, Mr. Illingworth may have a number to call.

WATER:

West Monroe has still not completed their survey, this will push all information back until July. It looks like West Monroe is not putting Lower Road into their district. If this is true, Lower Road might not be able to be part of District #2. Next month the board must make a decision, information must be in by August or we will have to wait one more year.

Mr. Kelsey wanted the board to be aware that by paying voucher # 176 it will overdraw the research C.E. account. The proceeds from the loan should be here by the end of July and then all monies will be replaced.

There has been a petition sent around by some residents that boarder the Cleveland Water District. The petition had 168 signatures, unfortunately it is not considered a legal petition. It must be said that because of the petition, Barton and Loquidice will be making recommendations as to the use of OCWA water vs. Village of Cleveland water. That report is due in July, copies will be available for inspection.

PLANNING BOARD:

There will be a Public Hearing on the Kessler property on June 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Constantia Town Hall. Mr. Gilkey also indicated that there is an error in the letter that was sent out and the legal notice in the paper, there is only one town house with seven units that is being considered.

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the planning boards report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Mr. Macari told the board that on June 3rd a public hearing was held and a side yard variance was granted for a property on Reservoir Road. They have nothing else pending. Motion made by Mr. Metzger to accept the Board of Appeals report, seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

PARK AND RECREATION:

Mr. Kelsey brought to the board’s attention that a resolution should be passed regarding the renaming of Taft Bay Park. Mr. Colesante Introduced the following and moved its adoption: Resolved that Taft Bay Park shall be renamed David C. Webb Memorial Park at Taft Bay, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

There was a problem with the payroll for the park employees, will discuss in executive session.

The water at the park has still not passed testing, it was tested before the chlorination system had a chance to run, is now running and waiting for the water sample to be approved.

Bicentennial:

A letter that went out regarding historical displays had a limited time for showing displays, would like to change that, this will be considered when the time gets closer.

A flyer went to both schools regarding the essay/poster contest. The awards will be given out at the Constantia Fire Department Field Days. We are asking for a total of six prizes with two categories K-2 and 3-5. A \$100.00 bond for first place and \$50.00 bonds for second and third place.(both categories)

A motion was made by Mr. Colesante to approve the purchase of savings bonds for the awards to total no more than \$200.00 for the essay/poster contest, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mr. Kelsey would like the next meeting to be July 1st for the bicentennial to see where everything is standing. The shirts and mugs have been ordered and will be here to sell at the Field Days.

Mr. Colesante suggested that a banner be placed so that people will know that this is our bicentennial year, he is sure not everyone is aware. Mr. Kelsey will get with Mr. Dana Boots from the Constantia Fire Department, he should have the sign that could be used.

MINUTES:

Mr. Colesante made the motion that the unapproved minutes of the Constantia Town Board meetings be put in the Citizen Outlet, Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

At 9:12 p.m. Mr. Metzger made the motion to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

At 10:05 a motion was made by Mr. Buck to return from executive session, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter let the board know of an upcoming meeting of the Tug Hill Commission to be held June 24th, at the Parish Village Gym, and on August 14th there will be a NORCOG meeting in Central Square.

Mr. Baxter let the board know of an antivirus program that will cover the entire town. He is aware of at least a few of the town’s computers do not have a program at this time, he can help the town purchase a package that will cover all the

computers. The board thought this was a good idea and asked him to please set it up.

A motion was made by Mr. Metzger to accept salary increases for all park employees that were promised the increases, Seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

At 10:13 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Buck to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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