

Minutes of the Constantia Town Board Meeting held August 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall.

Present: Andrew Kelsey – Supervisor
Daniel Buck, Richard Colesante, John Metzger –
Councilmen Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Warren Bader – Town Attorney
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent
Ken Macri – Board of Appeal Chair
Mike Marr – Water Committee Chair
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission

MINUTES:

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the minutes of the July 15, 2008 Town Board Meeting and the July 30, 2008 Special Meeting, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to approve vouchers for Highway Fund numbered 100 - 111, and General Fund numbered 208 – 241 listed on Abstract #8 dated August 19, 2008, seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Kelsey reviewed the balance sheet that was given to all board members. A motion was then made by Mr. Buck to accept the Supervisor's report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

TOWN CLERK:

Mrs. Haynes let the board know that she has completed the Index of Local Laws and now have them categorized in a binder, hopefully this will make it much easier to find information that is needed. The board was also told that the next project will be indexing all marriage, birth and death records. 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

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge told the town that all blacktop has been completed. The cost was about \$109,000.00, some money was saved by using grindings as a base on Deer Track Lane. CHIPS monies will be in shortly, that amount should be approximately \$110,000.00.

The county will be holding an auction, included in that auction is a used rubber tire roller that should be sold for around \$3000.00. Mr. Woolridge would like to bid on this roller, it will help with shoulder and road work in the town. With the cost of oil, it is possible that the town will need to use oil and stone next year, the roller will be needed for this process. The board did not have any objection to this.

Mr. Woolridge also requested that the speed limit for Knapp Road be lowered to 40 mph. If the board passes the resolution, it then gets sent to the county for approval, and then the state will come out and have the final approval. Mr. Buck made the motion that the speed limit for Knapp Road now set at 55 mph will be reduced to 40 mph.

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

ASSESSOR:

This month has revolved around small claims hearings. There have been 15 hearings scheduled, all hearings should be finished by early next month. When all hearings have been completed, it will be time to start looking at all sales that have

occurred from July 1, 2007 thru June 30, 2008. This data will be used to determine any changes in assessments for 2009.

Our application has been submitted to the Office of Real Property Services for our reimbursement for year two of the annual assessment program. It will take a couple months to process and for us to receive the \$5.00 per parcel state aid check.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Assessor's report, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

There have been three new complaints reported to the code enforcement office:

- Doris Park - fence – civil matter
- Avery Road – trash - unfounded
- Lewis Road – trash - unfounded

Status on old complaints:

- Kline – Gale Road – not yet resolved re property line
- Kline – 234 Center St. – trailer is now not occupied and cannot be until CO is approved
- 17 Doris Park – Mahalick resolved

Mr. Illingworth gave the board copies of the Local Law # 1 of 1988, Outdoor Storage on Private Property. Mr. Illingworth would like the law changed to include excessive number of boats, snowmobiles, farm tractors and equipment not held by a registered dealer for resale. The board would like to review, and requested Mr. Kelsey speak to Mr. Illingworth to see if this could wait until January, at that time it could be combined with the Land Development Law.

WATER:

Mr. Pond told the board that the short term financing should be in by next month. The Bond Anticipation Note that was spoken about last meeting turned out to be too expensive, the cost was around \$7000.00.

Mr. Colesante spoke to Mr. Ross Supervisor of West Monroe, the two trailer parks will not be included in the Bernhards Bay Project, so we will not have the numbers we need to get the hardship financing. The project was still given to The SRF Program, but because of budget cuts all projects have been suspended for one year. Mr. Pond is going to discuss the project with Rural Development, they also have loans that could help the project, historically their interest rate has been quite high, but they have been lowering their rates, so that might be a possibility.

Mr. Colesante asked Mr. Marr if he got enough information from the hardship surveys that were returned to the town. Unfortunately not enough of them returned, we might need to do another mailing and or go door to door, this information is very important so members of the community can get the aid that is needed.

The land survey of the town has been completed, they are now working on the wetland delineation.

The people in the water district should see the debt service amount on their County Town Tax bill in the year 2011. This will give time for landlords to adjust monthly rents.

PLANNING BOARD:

Mr. Marr told the board that Mr. Ballagh's did not show for last month's meeting re Kessler property, will be adjourned until the next meeting. There is some new business for a proposed car lot on State Route 49, more information needs to be gathered.

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Mr. Macri told the board that there were two issues before the Board of Appeals:

1. Mr. Rastley requested a variance for 1372 County Route 17, his variance was denied, additional information is needed. Mr. Rostley should resubmit.
2. Christmas and Associates, County Route 65, road frontage reduction, a number citizens did turn out lots of related issues, variance was granted.

Next meeting will be September 2, 2008 two issues will be discussed, side yard variance and shed variance.

PARK AND RECREATION:

Mr. Colesante reported that the park has been vandalized again, sometime last weekend they broke or stole the remaining security cameras. It has been reported to the State Police. The public has been asked to keep be aware, call the State Police if there is anything suspicious going on, they will respond. Mr. Colesante has gotten three bids for replacement/upgrade of the security system, quite expensive \$4,000-\$6,000 the companies that gave the bids say they are vandal proof, hopefully that is true. The next step is to fence the park, they really do not want to do that.

BICENTENNIAL:

Mr. Kelsey has spoken to the Constantia Volunteer Fire Department, they are committed to having a two day event, October 4th and 5th. There will be an advertisement in the paper soon, need volunteers.

NOISE:

As requested, Mr. Bader sent a copy of proposed changes for the Public Assemblies Ordinance. The major changes include removing all references to temporary, and the size of gathering would be lowered to over 100 persons. A permit would need to be issued things like hours and noise levels could be included in the permit. Mr. Metzger would like to table for a month to give all a chance to review.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter told the board that the next meeting of NOCOG will be held on October 23, 2008 7pm at the West Monroe Town Hall. At that meeting they will continue to discuss economic development of the North Shore.

High speed broadband over the internet, is considering Oswego County as their next test market. Sometime in September there will be a public meeting to see who is interested. This will be able to provide internet where high speed is not available.

Mr. Ross Supervisor from West Monroe has recently spoken to National Grid about providing natural gas to his community. Mr. Colesante thinks we should also send them a letter letting them know of our interest. The idea might be of interest to them seeing that we are going to be putting water in and they can use the same path. Mr. Baxter feels this subject could be brought up at the same public meeting as the high speed internet to see if there is interest in the community.

ADJOURN:

At 8:43 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Metzger to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Buck.
Carried: Buck – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes
Kelsey - Yes