

Minutes of the Constantia Town Board Meeting held September 16, 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
Chuck Gilkey – Planning Board Chair
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission

MINUTES:

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the minutes of the August 19, 2008 Town Board Meeting with the following changes. Planning board heading, change “did not show” as reported by Mr. Marr to read, attorney asked for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to approve vouchers for Highway Fund numbered 113 - 121, and General Fund numbered 242 – 265 listed on Abstract #9 dated September 16, 2008, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Kelsey told the board that the CHIPS money is in, this value will be reflected in next month’s report.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Supervisor’s Report, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

TOWN CLERK:

Mrs. Haynes made the board aware of a training session that she will be attending, Files Management will be held in Lysander, September 24, 2008, the Town Clerks office will be closed that day. There is no charge for this session, it is being conducted by NYS Archives.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Oswego County Dept. of Community Development, Tourism and Planning – Mandatory Training for Planning and Zoning Board Members.
2. Oswego County Highway Dept. – Snow and Ice Agreement.

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge reported that the culvert replacement projects are almost completed. Lewis Road is 90% complete, waiting for National Grid to move a guide wire. They are also working on grading the dirt roads in the town.

If anyone has a lot of brush that needs to be removed, call Mr. Woolridge at the highway garage to make arrangements, when possible they will come to chip up the brush. Same goes for tree removal, there is a long list, but they will get to all.

Mr. Woolridge would like the board’s approval to purchase a 2wd pick-up. Mr. Buck questioned why he wanted a 2wd vs a 4wd. Mileage is always a concern, they do a lot of running with the existing 2wd truck that they have now, 17 mph vs 10 mph on the 4wd truck. Mr. Colesante was wondering if he was using state bid contract, Mr.

Woolridge feels that putting it out to bid would be the best option, more competition that way.

Mr. Colesante made the motion for Mr. Woolridge to purchase a 4 wheel drive or a 2 wheel drive pick-up, seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

ASSESSOR:

Mr. Kelsey read the Assessor's Report. All small claims cases have been heard, as to date we have been notified of 13 out of 15 decisions. The results are 7 changes, 6 no changes.

Some property owners may be asking about the upcoming Middle Class Star Rebate Checks. Here is the information I know this far, the amount of the checks will be based on total household income for the 2006 tax year. Those residents receiving the Basic Star Exemption and had a total household income under \$90,000.00 will receive a rebate check in the amount of \$350.26, Enhanced Star Exemptions will receive \$386.87. Residents can expect to start receiving these checks in the mail during the week of October 13, 2008.

Mr. Wheeler will be out of the office on September 16, 23 and 30th, will be working at that time at the State Office Building going over sale analysis for the upcoming roll year.

Mr. Losurdo questioned why Mr. Wheeler never comes to the town board meetings. Mr. Kelsey responded that if the town board requested that he be in attendance for a specific reason, then Mr. Wheeler would be there, other than that, Mr. Wheeler is a part-time employee and is not required to be in attendance.

Mr. Buck made the motion to accept the Assessor's Report, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

New complaints:

1. New complaint – State Route 49, building being erected in undersized lot – stop work ordered

Old Complaints:

1. Kline – Gale road set back resolved owners still need to settle property line but we are done with it.
2. Kline – 234 Center Street – resolved.

Mr. Illingworth expressed his concerns in relation to the upcoming budget process. At the present time, board of appeals expenses come out of his budget line, he would like to see the board of appeals get their own line. Also a concern is site plan review monies are being shown as income for the code enforcement office, he feels this should be accounted for as planning board income. Mr. Macari Board of Appeals Chair was asked to get a budget together as soon as possible, need to have a tentative budget on file at the Town Clerk's Office by September 30, 2008.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Code Enforcement Report, seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

Mr. Colesante questioned if the board is going to take any action on any of the information Mr. Illingworth has given the board regarding operating permits, outdoor storage and changes to the land development law. Mr. Kelsey would like to put money into the budget so all the local laws can be re-typed and put onto our website and a consolidated book. Mr. Kelsey will speak to Mr. Illingworth to be sure nothing needs imitate attention.

Mr. Barnello asked if the board had a chance to review the information that was given during the August town board meeting regarding the Marr property and the Land Development Law. Mr. Bader was asked to review to see if there is anything

