

Minutes of the Town Board meeting held on November 18, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Constantia Town Hall.

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

Others Present: Chuck Gilkey – Planning Board Chair
Frank Tomaino – Council Member Elect
Michael Baroodly – Velocitel
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission

MINUTES:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Town Board minutes dated October 21, 2008 and the minutes of the Preliminary Budget Public Hearing that was held on November 6, 2008, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

VOUCHERS:

A motion was made by Mr. Colesante to approve Highway Vouchers numbered 136 – 159 and General Fund Vouchers numbered 311 – 339 to exclude number 328. All are listed on Abstract # 11 dated November 18, 2008, seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

SUPERVISOR:

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

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

The 2009 Budget is ready, the tax rate per \$1000 for the General Fund is a 4.25% increase for outside the Village. The salt storage shed is the only new item that is in the budget, this did not account for a large increase to be raised by taxes. Mr. Webb had secured grants for the project and money from savings helped to fund the salt storage shed. Most departments saw a 3% increase. The major increase for this year's budget is the ambulance, after negotiations their budget increase is 17.8%. The ambulance accounts for 1/3 of the town's total budget and after speaking to the ambulance representatives the town can only expect additional increases in the years to come. Mr. Metzger made the motion to approve the 2009 Town of Constantia Budget as given, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

TOWN CLERK:

Mrs. Haynes told the board that Robert J. Freeman, Executive Director NYS Committee on Open Government will be holding a meeting at the West Monroe Town Hall, December 4, 2008 at 6:00 pm anyone is welcome to attend. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's report as given, seconded by Mr. Buck

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Fr. Paul Mathis – Attorney would like to verify the square footage size for buildings that need a building permit. Mr. Bader will follow up with attorney and hopefully answer all questions.

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge needs the board to pass a resolution to allow Supervisor Kelsey to sign agreements for the grants that have been secured for the salt storage shed. There are two grants secured at this time with the possibility for a third, would like to move on the two secured, with the current state of affairs, Mr. Woolridge does not want to lose this funding. One grant is from Senator Aubertine's Office \$50,000, and the second is for site work from Assemblyman Townsend \$10,000. Councilman Buck made the following resolution: Resolved, that: The Town Supervisor shall be authorized to enter into an agreement with New York State Department of Transportation to sign

documents related to the construction and funding of a salt storage shed. Seconded by Councilman Colesante.

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

ASSESSOR:

Mr. Wheeler has received word from the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance that all checks and applications for the 2008 Middle Class Star Rebate programs have been mailed out. If a property owner has questions whether or not they are entitled to receive the rebate, they should contact his office for instructions on how to proceed. The Exemption Impact Report was given to the board for the Town of Constantia, and the Village of Cleveland. Mr. Buck made a motion to accept the Assessor's report as read, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Metzger to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's report as given, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

WATER:

Mr. Pond is in the process of getting us a contact person at ESF so the town can get some of its money refunded. The next issue will be the site of the water tower, waiting to see the proposed sites.

PLANNING BOARD:

There are four issues before the Planning Board at the present time:

Cervillo – A. C. Auto Sales, still waiting on information

Ballagh – Townhouses, waiting for approval of sanitation permit from DEC

Hill – Site plan for U building has been approved

Unger – Auto repair and sales on County Route 17 informational meeting only

Mr. Baroody from Velocitel was in attendance to answer any questions in regards to the cell tower on Hillside Drive. There are currently three antennas on this tower, the proposal in front of the board is to remove these and put up two new antennas that will give better reception to area residents.

Mr. Buck made the motion to approve the revisions to the cell tower located on Hillside Drive, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

A lengthy discussion was held in regards to the Barnello and Marr situation. Mr. Barnello has given the board a list of items that he feels need to be addressed. A motion was made by Mr. Buck to have Supervisor Kelsey address a letter to Mr. Illingworth, Code Enforcement Officer to carry on with the issue on the building permit and violations concerning the Marr property. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

APPOINTMENT:

Mr. Metzger made the following resolution: Resolved, that: Franks S. Tomaino is to be appointed to the vacant position of Councilman effective as of December 1, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter presented the town with a Proclamation of Congratulations on its 200 Anniversary from the New York State Tug Hill Commission. Mr. Baxter has recently helped the town acquire and install their new tax computer, it is up and running. The next meeting of the North Shore Council of Government will be December 1, 2008 at 7 pm at the West Monroe Fire Station.

ADJOURN:

At 8:53 pm Mr. Buck made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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