

Minutes of the Town Board meeting held on December 16, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Constantia Town Hall.

Present: Andrew Kelsey – Supervisor
Daniel Buck, Richard Colesante, John Metzger and Frank Tomaino -
Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Wayne Woolridge –Highway Superintendant
Warren Bader – Town Attorney
Others Present: Chuck Gilkey – Planning Board Chair
Ken Macri – Board of Appeals Chair
Michael Marr – Water Committee Chair
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission

MINUTES:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the minutes of the Town Board meeting held on November 18, 2008, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

VOUCHERS:

A motion was made by Mr. Metzger to approve Highway Vouchers numbered 160 – 172 and General Fund Vouchers numbered 340 – 370. All are listed on Abstract #12 dated December 16, 2008, seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

SUPERVISOR:

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

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

TOWN CLERK:

Mrs. Haynes asked the board for permission to purchase a fire file, this filing cabinet will be used to house all vital records. Mr. Colesante made the motion to approve the purchase of a fire proof filing cabinet , seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mrs. Haynes also let the board know that the Town Clerks office will be closed on December 24th and 31st.

Mr. Kelsey used this opportunity to discuss the memo given to the board in regards to the cost difference between the Citizen Outlet and The Queen Central. The Queen Central does offer some savings, but the final decision on which newspaper will be the official paper will be made in January.

Motion to accept the Town Clerk’s Report was made by Mr. Colesante, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Tony Visco – Interested in filling vacant seat on Planning Board
Marsha Rowe – Interested in Dog Control Officer position

HIGHWAY:

New truck has been ordered, expected delivery date will be March 1, 2009. Mr. Woolridge will have a revised equipment replacement plan and the new blacktop management program ready by spring. Christmas decorations are up, they are in bad shape, fixed what we could, hopefully if price comes down and budget allows, a few more could be purchased for next season. Flags need to be purchased for spring, Park and Recreation should be able to supply them out of their budget. Mr. Buck made the motion to accept the Highway Report, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

ASSESSOR:

Most of the analysis is completed for the 2009 assessment roll, as a result the overall trend for the Town of Constantia was 5%. Commercial properties 0%, and vacant properties 8%. Based on this information, there are a few options that the board could choose from.

1. Trend vacant property by 8%
2. Trend vacant property by 8% and neighborhood 26005 by 2-3%
3. Trend vacant property, area 26005 and waterfront 4%

Implementing any of the options would keep our equalization rate at 100%. The board would need to make the final decision by early January. The assessor's office will be closed December 24th & 25th, and December 30th thru January 2nd. The board members had a few questions that Mr. Wheeler will need to answer, so a decision will be made at the organizational meeting which will be January 6th, 2009 at 7:00pm. Mr. Kelsey will ask Mr. Wheeler if he is available to attend. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Assessor's Report, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Illingworth wanted the board to know, effective immediately the code enforcement office will only accept written complaints. Mr. Kelsey read two letters in regards to the Marr/Barnello ongoing complaint. Mr. Marr was in attendance and questioned the board on the fact that the planning board at the present time does not have enough for a quorum, so he would not be able to meet the deadline stated. Mr. Colesante assured Mr. Marr that the planning board will have enough members, if not, the date for his required site plan review can be moved. Mr. Tomaino made the motion to accept the Code Officer's Report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

WATER:

Mr. Kelsey read a letter from Mr. Pond from Barton & Loguidice. DWSRF Funding has not been affected by the "funding crisis". The first reimbursement has been initiated and Jeff Carpenter of EFC will be assisting with this. Waterline design is progressing, identification of specific land needs is expected by next month.

PLANNING BOARD:

Mr. Gilkey reported they are still working on three projects:

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

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

Unger – Auto repair and sales, preparatory stage

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the Planning Boards Report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Mr. Macri reported that no meeting has been held, and none expected until after the first of the year.

Mr. Buck made the motion to accept the Board of Appeals Report, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter wanted to congratulate the board on their recent attendance at the Robert Freeman seminar that was held at the West Monroe Town Hall, a majority of the board was there. The next NOCOG meeting will be in January, it will be hosted by Constantia, will firm the date up when it get closer. Mr. Baxter helped decommission the Tax Collector computer which was then put into use at the Highway Garage. The Land Development Law has been updated and is online.

DOG CONTROL:

Karen Ashley has requested permission to close the Dog Control Officer checking account, the account has a balance of \$12.00. The account was used for processing adoption fees, because of the way fees are now processed, this account is no longer needed. Mr. Metzger made the motion to close the Dog Control Officer checking account, seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

ADJOURN:

At 8:33 pm Mr. Tomaino made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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