

Minutes of the Town of Constantia Town Board meeting held on March 17, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Constantia Town Hall.

Present: Andrew Kelsey – Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Frank Tomaino -
Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Warren Bader – Town Attorney
Others Present: Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendant
Ken Macri – Board of Appeals Chair
Chuck Gilkey – Planning Board Chair
Absent: Daniel Buck – Council Member

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept General Fund Vouchers numbered 55 thru 86 in the amount of \$409,098.84. Highway Fund Vouchers numbered 37 thru 48 in the amount of \$16,024.12 and North shore Water district Vouchers in the amount of \$263,172.18. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Colesante to accept the minutes of the February 17, 2009 town board meeting, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Tomaino made the motion to accept the Supervisor's Report as read, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

TOWN CLERK:

Mrs. Haynes told the board that tax collection is almost complete, March 31, 2009 will be the last day for collection. 77% of the town's total levy has been collected. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's report as given, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

WATER:

A memo was received from Mr. Pond stating that the easements have been identified, and the Town Board needs to pass a resolution authorizing Barton & Loguidice to prepare the necessary documents.

Mr. Colesante proposed the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that: The Town of Constantia hereby authorizes Barton & Loguidice to prepare the necessary easement maps and boundary descriptions on a time and expense basis using Barton & Loguidice's remaining sub consultant allowance for survey and soil borings. Seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

ASSESSOR:

The deadline of March 2, 2009 for filing exemptions has passed, they are currently processing all exemptions and collecting information with regards to building permits. The value changes that result from building permits will be mailed out during the first week of May along with any other assessment changes. Grievance Day as usual will be the fourth Wednesday of May (May 27, 2009).

Mr. Colesante questioned the board if they were going to make a decision in regards to the assessor's options on trending. The assessor did make a recommendation at the last meeting and the board does need to make a decision. Mr. Kelsey would like to get him back for the April Town Board meeting to answer a few more questions, Mr. Colesante thinks that the April meeting is too late in the month and Mr. Wheeler is going to need an answer before then so his letters can go out as required. Mr. Kelsey will ask Mr. Wheeler if the April meeting is too late, if it is, he will call a special meeting so the board can make a decision.

VETERAN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

All lights have been shut off at the memorial, with the exception of the 1000 watt light that illuminates the American Flag. This single fixture does cast light on the monument as well as the flag, it is also on a timer so periodically it will need to be adjusted. Hopefully this will decrease the light bill to an acceptable amount. Contact can be made with a committee member through our e-mail address at tcveteransmemorial@gmail.com or by calling the Highway Department at 675-8264. Mr. Baxter will be asked to provide a link on the Town's website (www.townconstantia.org).

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Illingworth gave the board three memos for review:

- Fee schedule changes
- Changes to Outdoor Storage on Private Property Law
- Land Development Law –proposed changes

All memos were given to Mr. Bader for review, will be completed for April 21, 2009 meeting. Mr. Buck did compile a packet of fees for the surrounding towns for comparison to the suggested fee changes for the Code Enforcement Office.

PARK AND RECREATION:

Jeanine Hamlin has notified the board that she will not accept the position on the Parks and Recreation Commission, Carolyn McNamara will not be seeking re-appointment. Mr. Colesante wanted the board to know that they were long standing members and they will be missed. This leaves an open spot on the board, Mr. Tomaino made the motion to appoint Cybil Ruffles to the Park and Recreation Commission, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried: Tomaino – Yes Colesante – Abstain Metzger – Yes Kelsey – yes

PLANNING BOARD:

Mr. Gilkey has received the package from Mr. Marr, this was put together in January. This information is outdated and is not complete. Mr. Marr has hired an engineer and will resubmit new information by May. The townhouses are still waiting for DEC approval.

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Next meeting will be March 31, 2009, one variance application for that meeting.

ADJOURN:

At 8:02pm Mr. Tomaino made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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