

Minutes of the Town of Constantia Town Board meeting held April 21, 2009 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
Warren Bader – Town Attorney

Others Present: Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent
Nancy Butler – Supervisor’s Clerk
Chuck Gilkey – Planning Board Chair
Ken Macri – Board of Appeals Chair

MINUTES:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the minutes from the Town Board meeting of March 17, 2009 and the Special Meeting dated April 7, 2009, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mr. Kelsey would like to honor Mr. Paul Auringer who was a devout public servant to the Town of Constantia with a moment of silence.

VOUCHERS:

A motion was made by Mr. Tomaino to approve General Fund Vouchers numbered 87 thru 118 in the amount of \$21,364.69. Highway Fund Vouchers numbered 49 thru 73 in the amount of \$33,644.82 and Northshore Water District vouchers numbered 4 thru 5 in the amount of \$99,206.92. Seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Buck made the motion to accept the Supervisor’s Report as read, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

TOWN CLERK:

Mrs. Haynes told the board that tax collection is now completed, the town collected 83% of its total tax levy. The total amount returned to the county was \$1,844,558.10. The balance which includes interest, fees, penalty and second notice credit was \$11,798.89 which was turned over to the Supervisor on April 14, 2009.

Mrs. Haynes reminded the board that she will be at a Town Clerk Conference next week, her office hours for April 27th and 28th will be 8:30 to noon. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Town Clerk’s report, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

ASSESSOR:

Mr. Wheeler is currently working on the 2009 Assessment roll. All information regarding the assessment roll which includes building permits, exemptions, value changes, sales information, etc needs to be completed by April 2, 2009. Once all information is processed, the roll will be printed in Oswego and any change of assessment notices will be mailed out by the first week of May. Mr. Buck made the motion to accept the Assessor’s Report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Code Enforcement report as given, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

Mr. Kelsey would like to wait until next month to cover changes to the Land Development Law, have all council members review the law and submit the changes they would like to see a week before the meeting so all can review. Mr. Colesante would like to cover changes now, most changes especially for the Outdoor Storage Law are items that create issues for Mr. Illingworth. Lengthily discussion followed, Mr. Buck did have a few questions as to what Mr. Illingworth was suggesting in regards to the Land Development Law, Article 5 Section 515 which deals with u-type hunting and fishing cabins having 5 acres or more. The second issue was with Article 10 Section 1030, Mr. Buck does not agree with this change.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to approve all 6 changes to the Land Development Law, advertize have a public hearing on May 19, 2009 at 7:00 with the Town Board vote at the Town Board Meeting to begin at 7:30 pm. Mr. Buck disagreed and would like to remove change number 5, Article 10 Section 1030. The motion was changed, Mr. Metzger made the motion to approve changes 1 thru 4 and number 6 to the Land Development Law, and changes to the Outdoor Storage Law as given by Mr. Illingworth. This will be advertized, and have the public hearing at 7:00 pm on May 19, 2009 with the town board to finalize at the meeting to follow at 7:30pm. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

Carried: Tomaino – Yes Buck – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Kelsey – No

There are still a few questions with the new fee schedule, the board members would like more time to review and discuss at the May meeting. Mr. Colesante would also like to have the Operating Permit on the agenda for the May meeting.

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge would like to hire Shumaker Consulting Engineering Firm to do the blueprints, soil borings and SECRA for the salt storage shed, the cost will be \$11,000. Mr. Woolridge received a call today from Assemblyman Townsend with confirmation that the \$10,000 grant will be received by the town next week. The grant money can be used for preparation of the soil, so only some of the grant money can be used for this portion of the project. This information will be ours to keep, so if additional funding is not received, it can be used in the future. Mr. Colesante made the motion to have Supervisor Kelsey sign the proposal from Shumaker Consulting Engineering Firm for the blueprints, soil borings and SECRA documents for the salt storage shed, seconded by Mr. Buck.

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

Metal pickup for the Town of Constantia will be May 4th and 5th, please leave all acceptable items by the road for pickup.

Mr. Kelsey told the board he would like to have a town wide cleanup. Have interested people come to David C. Webb Memorial Park at Taft Bay, on May 2, 2009 at 9:00am so we can get organized. The town could supply garbage bags, donuts and coffee, return at 12:00 for hotdogs. All children must be accompanied by an adult, hopefully Mr. Woolridge can get some reflective vests for the participants to wear.

DIRECT DEPOSIT:

Ms. Butler gave the board information on direct deposit from Paychex. The cost for this is \$7.00 per payroll about \$182.00 a year, this would not include seasonal employees. Mr. Buck made the motion to offer direct deposit to the year round employees of the Town of Constantia, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

Carried: Tomaino – No Buck – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Kelsey – No

WATER:

Mr. Kelsey read the memo received from Mr. Pond.

Toad Harbor/Constantia Water District Development

- B & L continues to progress the waterline design
- Appraisal firm indicates the initial tank site appraisals should be completed this week
- Pump station design has begun

Waterline Easements

- Easement maps & descriptions are beginning to filter in. Working with Mr. Bader's firm to set-up streamline approach
- Targeting to have easements mailed out by the end of July so we can catch camp owners

Bernhards Bay Water District

- Contacted USDA Rural Development (Dave Miller) to set up a meeting with interested Town officials to discuss funding of this district.

Mr. Kelsey has also heard from Mayor Davis with additional ideas for the Village of Cleveland to supply water to the Bernhards Bay Water District, Mr. Kelsey will invite Mayor Davis to the meeting with USDA.

TRIATHLON:

Ms. Bender from T-4 events spoke to the board about the upcoming Tri-Around the Lake being held on July 5, 2009. This event has been moved from the David C. Webb Memorial Park at Taft Bay to the Constantia Cove. They will be handling all matters for this event.

PLANNING BOARD:

Mr. Gilkey reported on their current projects:

Ballagh – Townhouses still waiting on DEC Permits and Department of Health approval.

Unger and Cervillo – both might remove their request, will let board know of decision next month.

Marr – Information will be ready for the May meeting.

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Mr. Macri reported they had a Public Meeting on March 31, 2009 where a side yard, back yard, area and road variance was needed. This was for the Mathis property, did approve for a garage that will be as close as possible to the original footprint of demolished building.

With the passing of Mr. Auringer, there is a vacant seat on the Board of Appeals, will advertise for the position.

TOWN OF SULLIVAN:

Mr. Kelsey has made contact with the town in regards to the fishing pier, he let them know that we never received the SEQRA that should have been attached with the original letter, but the Town of Constantia has no problem with the pier.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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VETERANS MEMORIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

As the board is aware most of the lighting has been turned off at the memorial, the light bill has dropped from \$160 to \$80 a month. We now have two options,

1. Utilize the lights we have if they will operate on an electric eye
2. Purchase new set of light fixtures that meet our needs

The spring cleaning at the monument has been done, Mr. Griesmyer has also planted the flowers. The committee would like to add Kevin Slate as a member, Mr. Kelsey would like to leave the number of members at three in case a vote needs a tie breaker.

PUBLIC:

Mr. Harrison from North Auringer road had some questions for the board in relation to the town taking over a private road. He was informed that in order for the town to take over a private road, the road would need to be up to DOT specs. Mr. Woolridge did have a copy of these to give to Mr. Harrison.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter gave the board information on an upcoming workshop for Planning Board/Board of Appeals members. This workshop is opened to the public and will be on April 29, 2009 at the Altmar-Albion Municipal Building at 7:00p.m.

Mr. Baxter also gave copies to the board a booklet: ATV's in the Tug Hill Region: Issues to Consider. Area towns have been approached by ATV Clubs asking that certain roads be opened for ATV use, this is valuable information the town could refer to.

ADJOURN:

At 9:37p.m. Mr. Buck made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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