

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES– TOWN BOARD – January 19, 2010
7:30PM – Constantia Town Hall

Present: Charles Gilkey – Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran and Frank Tomaino –
Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Others Present: Nancy Butler – Supervisor’s Clerk
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent
Ronald Sakonyi – County Legislator
Karen Ashley – Dog Control Officer
Ken Macri – Board of Appeals Chair
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:30 pm Mr. Gilkey called the meeting to order. Mr. Bader, Town Attorney is on vacation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Gilkey will be changing around the meeting agenda, public comment will now be at the beginning of the meeting. There was no public comment.

MINUTES:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2010 Organizational Meeting, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey - Yes

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #1, Dated January 19, 2010:

General Fund	1 - 37	\$ 14,439.90
Highway Fund	1 - 15	\$ 75,459.31
Northshore Water District	1 - 2	\$ 31,097.81

seconded by Mr. Moran.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey - Yes

SUPERVISOR:

A motion was made by Mr. Tomaino to accept the Supervisor’s Report as given, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey - Yes

TOWN CLERK:

Mrs. Haynes gave the board her Town Clerk’s Report. Following this, Mrs. Haynes told the board that the tax warrant was received and she is charged to collect \$3,834,525.71 of that, \$1,241,954.27 belongs to the Town. Mrs. Haynes wanted the board to know of an unexpected expense to the Town, when the county printed the tax bills, they included the line Address Service Requested. When this service is requested, the tax bill gets forwarded, then Town gets a photocopy of the forwarded item at 50 cents per copy, at this time the cost to the Town is \$21.00. This is a reminder to the taxpayers, if your address has changed, please notify the Assessor’s Office so forwarding will not be an issue for next year. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Town Clerk’s Report, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey - Yes

ASSESSOR:

Mr. Wheeler has been notified of a potential issue that might prohibit us from qualifying for state aid. There is one statistical unit of measure called Price Related Differential (PRD), the PRD measures assessment regressivity/progressivity, which is a fancy way of measuring vertical equity. When a PRD is greater than 1.0 it is considered assessment regressivity, which tends to indicate that lower value properties are over assessed, while a PRD of less than 1.0 indicates assessment progressivity, which tends to indicate that higher value homes are over assessed. Our situation, there are two neighborhoods in Town that have an issue with the PRD as it related to both regressivity and progressivity. I have been in constant communication with the Office of Real Property to try to get an answer to the question, “Will this impact the Town of Constantia’s 2010 Annual Assessment Program? I have not yet received an answer to this question. The reason this question needs to be answered is if they are not going to grant us state aid, then there is really no reason, or incentive to mail out impact notices, since it is a direct requirement of our agreement with the state. I will notify the Town Board when an answer is received.

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

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey - Yes

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Complaints:

- 50 Gale Road, still one camper and trailer that needs to be removed, second letter sent
- Farrell – Shacksbush Road - dumpster on site
- Baxter – commercial business being run from a residential property-ongoing
- MEGS, new corporation stop work issued, needs site plan and many issues to be resolved – Mr. Lyboldt has been in contact with the Planning Board for needed plans
- Parker - 1479 State Route 49, re-wiring – resolved
- Digney – State Route 49 Cherry Ridge, abandoned trailer – resolved
- 54 Doris Park Drive, old furniture on lawn – resolved
- 989 County Route 17 condemned trailer, letter to remove sent

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the Code Officer's Report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey - Yes

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge told the board that for almost three weeks they were busy plowing and sanding with only a few minor breakdowns. With the break in the weather, they have removed the Christmas decorations and have done truck maintenance along with trimming trees. The crew has also been replacing some of the older signs in Town, the state has new regulations, they will be replacing signs as needed. The new truck will be sent to Henderson to be outfitted with the sander and plow and should be back in about two weeks. Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the Highway Superintendent's Report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey - Yes

DOG CONTROL:

Mrs. Ashley updated the board on her monthly activities, currently she is doing the dog enumeration, as of this date around 589 dogs have been counted in the Town, she expects that number to be in the range of 1100. She will be revisiting residents to verify licenses have been purchased, the next step will be to issue tickets. It is a New York State law that all dogs harbored in the state have a valid license. Today Mrs. Ashley started working an animal cruelty case along with the State Police. Mr. Tomaino asked how long it will take to enumerate the Town, she hopes to be done in the next three months. Mr. Tomaino made the motion to accept the Dog Control Officer's Report, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey - Yes

WATER:

Mr. Gilkey had a meeting with Mr. Pond from Barton and Loguidice, there are 91 easements still outstanding, 21 West Monroe and 70 for Constantia. Mr. Bader will be sending out a third mailing to these property owners so hopefully we can get the numbers down, we cannot go on to the next step until a certain percentage of easements are returned. Mr. Pond is hopeful that we can receive enough back to start the bid contracts in March for approval at the April meeting to start digging in May, Mr. Bader thinks that July to August is a more realistic time frame.. The water tower and pump station surveys have been completed.

JUSTICE COURT:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Justice Report's, seconded by Mr. Moran.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey – Yes

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Ken Macri thanked the board for filling the vacant positions on the Board of Appeals. The Burger application has been approved after a public hearing on January 12, 2010. There is one item left before the board (Laska-Kulba) that needs clarification, should be completed at the next meeting which is scheduled for February 9, 2010.

AUDIT:

On Thursday, January 21, 2010 Mr. Beers will be working with Mrs. Butler. The 2008 audit is completed, they will be working on 2009 from this point forward.

COUNTY LEGISLATURE:

Mr. Sakonyi updated the board on the activities of the County Legislature, he has been assigned to the Economic and Planning Committee and the Health and Human Resources Committee. The Legislature passed the contract with Oswego County Opportunities, and they also passed the 2010 rates for Camp

Hollis. The new emergency radio system that is a multi county contract, is moving forward. All emergency vehicles in the county will have the new Digital GPS System.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter notified the board of an upcoming training session on Fiscal Oversight/Red Flags for Fraud. The next session will be Tuesday, January 26, 2010 7:00pm, at the Altmar-Albion Municipal Building.

BOARD COMMENT:

Mr. Colesante wanted to discuss the Land Development Law and Sub-Division Law. It was again mentioned and agreed upon that the Planning Board should head up the revision along with Mr. Woolridge, Mr. Illingworth and hopefully a few people from the public will be willing to be on the task force. The task force ideally would be working on a time line so the revision will be done in a timely manner. Mr. Gilkey will contact Mr. Johnson from the Tug Hill Commission who helped with the original document to see if he will be available to attend the meetings. The next meeting for the Planning Board will be January 26, 2010 the members will get together a brief summary of what will be expected of any individual that might like to be on the task force, this will be advertised.

On January 21, 2010 at 7:00pm there will be a workshop held by the Town Board to discuss the Code Enforcement Officer's job duties.

Mr. Tomaino questioned if everyone received the speed limit reduction notification from the state. The reduction will be from approximately Whipporwill Lane to Keller Drive and Shacksbush Road. The new speed limit will be 45mph.

ADJOURN:

At 8:39pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moran.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey - Yes