

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES– TOWN BOARD – February 16, 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  
Warren Bader – Town Attorney

Others Present: Nancy Butler – Supervisor’s Clerk  
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent  
Ronald Sakonyi – County Legislator  
Karen Ashley – Dog Control Officer  
Ken Macari – Board of Appeals Chair  
Krista Lewis – Park Director

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 7:30 pm Mr. Gilkey called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Macari likes the fact that public comment has been moved to the beginning of the meeting to help with people that do not want to stay for the whole meeting, but would encourage the board to open public comment again at the end of the meeting for questions that arise during the meeting. The board agreed.

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2010 Town Board and the January 21, 2010 worksession, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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 #2, Dated February 16, 2010:

General Fund	38-67	\$ 10,596.18
Highway Fund	16-26 and 28-33	\$ 34,829.68
Northshore Water District	3-4	\$ 55,917.60

seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

**SUPERVISOR:**

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

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

At this time Mr. Gilkey would like to welcome members of Boy Scout Troop 724, Constantia. Mr. Kane is here as their leader.

**TOWN CLERK:**

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Town Clerk’s Report as given, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

**AWARDS PRESENTATION:**

Mr. Colesante would like to introduce Jeanine Hamlin, Carol McNamara and Curt Schwalbe. They are here tonight for their long standing dedication and membership on the Park and Recreation Commission. All have volunteered for at least 15 years on the commission and their participation was invaluable. With this in mind, the Town of Constantia would like to present Mrs. Hamlin and Mrs. McNamara with a plaque for their service to the town. Mr. Schwalbe was not in attendance.

**ASSESSOR:**

The Office of Real Property Services has notified Mr. Wheeler that we have qualified for state aid this year without having to adjust our residential property values. This agreement comes with a stipulation, in order to qualify for reimbursement in 2011 we will most likely be required to reappraise two neighborhoods in the town. These neighborhoods consist of approximately 700 residential properties. During the next few weeks, the County will begin printing our change of assessment notices for the 2010 assessment roll. These notices should be mailed out by the first week of March. For the majority of the property owners, these notices will show a ‘no change’ in value from last year to this year, due to the fact that we have not had to adjust residential property values. The only changes will be for those that have

split and/or merged their property or physical changes to properties through building permit applications. Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the Assessor's Report as read, seconded by Mr. Moran.  
Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey – Yes

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Mr. Baxter in a e-mail questioned if the proper procedure was followed when the recent changes were made to the Land Development Law, in particular if adjoining municipalities were notified of the changes. This would be necessary if the Town of Constantia had zoning. It is Mr. Bader opinion that the Land Development Law is a Site Plan Review Law and, therefore may be amended without providing notice to adjoining municipalities.

#### **Complaints:**

- 50 Gale Road, resolved
- Farrell – Shacksbush Road – burned out trailer (mostly completed)
- 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
- 5989 County Route 17 – Condemned trailer, letter to remove

Mr. Tomaino made the motion to accept the Code Officer's Report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.  
Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey - Yes

#### **MEMO'S**

-Fire Alarm System – at Highway Department, Mr. Woolridge would like to get a cost estimate for the installation and monthly maintenance of a fire alarm system. Mr. Moran made the motion to have Mr. Woolridge get installation and monthly maintenance estimates for an alarm system for the Constantia Highway Department, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

-Code Violation – Restroom in the Town Hall is in violation

-Operating Permit - Mr. Illingworth has been in contact with Mr. DeFuria the owner of The Old Boathouse and Mr. Hamner, Commander of the VFW. Has not had contact with either owners of the Wander Inn or Manhattan Moon, waiting for the change to the Local Law lowering the occupancy number. Mr. Bader will draft a resolution for the March meeting for approval, then Mr. Illingworth can deal with the other establishments.

-Unsafe Building – 36-42 Kibbie Lake Road Mr. Illingworth is requesting the board's approval to send a letter to the property owners that the building is unsafe and needs to be boarded up. A motion was made by Mr. Metzger to have Mr. Bader draft a proper resolution for the March Town Board Meeting, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

#### **HIGHWAY:**

The new truck is in Watertown being fitted with plow equipment and will be completed by the end of the month.

Mr. Woolridge is requesting approval from the board to advertize the 2008 F-350 pickup, Mr. Tomaino questioned why he would do this so soon. Mr. Woolridge would like to do this every two years, should get a high dollar value for the truck and then turn around and purchase another new one. The town would benefit from this course of action. Mr. Metzger made a motion to have Mr. Woolridge put to bid the 2008 F-350 with V-Plow will advertize as a Legal Notice and on Craig's List, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Tomaino to have Mr. Woolridge post roads in the Town of Constantia when needed that all roads are closed to vehicles over 4 tons per axel until the frost comes out of the road, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

#### **DOG CONTROL:**

Mrs. Ashley reported that she picked up three dogs, two owners have been found. Mr. Gilkey asked how the enumeration was progressing, she feels it is about three quarters completed. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Dog Control Officer's Report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

**WATER:**

Water easements are approximately 60% completed. Mr. Bader feels that the Water Committee might want to look at the list of easements outstanding so a personal contact can be made with the property owners. Mr. Gilkey will contact Mr. Marr so a meeting can be set up, Mr. Bader will compile the list of outstanding easements. We need about 90% of easements returned before we can go to the next step, we are not far from that number.

Mr. Bader sent a letter and purchase agreement to the property owners of the proposed site for the water tower, Barton and Loguidice would like to start test borings.

The property owners for the original site for the pump station does not want to sell, second site is now being looked at.

**JUSTICE COURT:**

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

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

**PLANNING BOARD:**

Mr. Johnson from the Tug Hill Commission will be at the February 23, 2010 Planning Board meeting. Mr. Johnson will help the with the process of reviewing the Land Development Law, Comprehensive Plan and the Sub-Division Law. Mr. Colesante requested they have regular meetings and that they are advertized so the public will know and hopefully participate. Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the Planning Board's Report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

**BOARD OF APPEALS:**

Mr. Macari told the board that at the February 9, 2010 meeting the variance request for 1497 State Route 49 was withdrawn without prejudice. No new business is scheduled at this time.

**AUDIT:**

A letter was received from the State of New York, Office of the State Comptroller. The Town of Constantia has been selected to be surveyed on the town's financial operations. This survey will not start until our independent audit is completed. Mr. Moran is now completing the audits of the Justice's and will then start the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Gilkey thanked Mr. Confer and the VFW for the flag donation.

New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal – Recommendations from the underwriting survey  
Canalway Trail Celebration – National Trails Day, June 5, 2010  
Oswego County Emergency Management Office – Training session being held  
William J. Ostrowski – Interested in vacant position on the Board of Assessment Review  
Senator Aubertine – Notification of a \$50,000 Grant for building/park improvements

**COUNTY LEGISLATURE:**

Mr. Sakonyi updated the board on the activities of the County Legislature. 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. Mr. Woolridge asked Mr. Sakonyi if the highway department could be part of the radio system, would be nice to be included in the package as they have radio issues also. Mr. Sakonyi has information from the Oswego County Office for the Aging, a copy is on file at the Town Clerk's Office.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Mr. Gilkey would like the board's permission to attend the North Shore Ambulance meetings, he would like to attend with one other board member. Mr. Colesante agreed to attend, the board needs to enter into a dialog to understand the process so there can be some containment of cost. Mr. Metzger would rather schedule a work session. Mr. Gilkey will contact Mr. Demma.

There will be a special meeting on February 25, 2010 at 10:00 am in the Constantia Town Hall to open bids for the siding of the building.

**ADJOURN:**

At 9:26pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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