

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES– TOWN BOARD – March 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  
Robert McNamara – Planning Board Chair  
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission  
Jamieson Persse- Eastern Shore Associates

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 7:31 Mr. Gilkey called the regular meeting of the Constantia Town Board to order following the public hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mrs. Kenney from DiDi Dreams Farm wanted to introduce herself to the board, she runs an animal rescue in Bernhards Bay. Mrs. Kenney is aware of some false rumors that have been told around town and on the internet and wanted to take a few minutes to answer any questions that the board might have. Mr. Gilkey did receive a letter that he gave to the Dog Control Officer to handle. There were no further questions.

**INSURANCE PRESENTATION:**

Mr. Jamieson Persse of Eastern Shore Associates Insurance was in attendance, he give a presentation about our insurance carrier NYMIR. Mr. Persse gave the board the 2010 insurance proposal for the Town of Constantia. Mr. Metzger made the motion to have Supervisor Gilkey review and sign the proposal from Eastern Shore Associates for the 2010 insurance proposal for the Town of Constantia, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

**WATER:**

Mr. Parker from Barton & Loguidice gave the board an update on water.

- Ready for the board to approve advertisement for bids for all contracts tonight
- Bid opening is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Town Hall
- Approximately 70% of easements have been received
- Water Committee met on March 12<sup>th</sup> to review outstanding easements, starting door to door follow-up.
- Joint application for permit was submitted to NYSDEC and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on January 20, 2010.
- Proposed Bernhards Bay Water District has moved from the Regional Office to the State Office for processing.

Mr. Moran asked what the process would be if people do not return their easements. Mr. Bader said the district will then start the condemnation process, when this happens, the town takes easement when papers are filed in court. Mr. Tomaino wanted to know what the water tower looks like, it is a multi column tank, it is back into the woods most will not even see it, the tower will be 110 feet high. Mr. Parker would like the board to pass a resolution to advertise for the contracts.

COUNCILMAN: **MORAN**

Introduced the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that:

**The Town Supervisor Charles Gilkey is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the Constantia and Toad Harbor Water Districts, Contract No. 1 – Water Mains (NYS Route 49), Contract No. 2 – Water Mains (County, Town and Private Roads), Contract No. 3 – 500,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank and NYS Route 49 Pump Station, Contract No. 4A – General Construction and Contract No. 4B – Electrical Construction.**

Seconded by Councilman: **COLESANTE**

Aye: **MORAN, TOMAINO, COLESANTE, METZER, GILKEY**

**COUNTY LEGISLATURE:**

Mr. Sakoni gave the board an update on the County Legislature's activities:

- Opposed the proposal that provided incentives for the wind mills towers in Lake Ontario
- Opposed Gov. Patterson's recommendation to close Fort Ontario and Selkirk Beach
- Opposed Gov. Patterson's recommendation to sweep \$1,000,000.00 from the Snowmobile Trail and Maintenance Fund
- Ron Darrow appointed to the Board of Directors of the Western Regional Off Track Betting Corporation
- New Emergency Radios - One for one replacement, tower on Route 17 will be upgraded
- Passed resolution to amend the Agricultural District Plan Boundaries

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2010 Town Board and the February 25, 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 #3, Dated March 16, 2010:

General Fund	69-97	\$ 421,716.62
Highway Fund	34-53	\$ 48,822.78
Northshore Water District	5-6	\$ 95,557.97

seconded by Mr. Gilkey.

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

**SUPERVISOR:**

A motion was made by Mr. Moran to accept the Supervisor's Report as given, seconded by Mr. Gilkey.

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

**TOWN CLERK:**

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

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

**DOG CONTROL:**

Mrs. Ashley reported that last month was slow, but two people have been bitten this past week. Mr. Metzger asked how the enumeration was progressing, she feels it is about three quarters complete, it is a long process. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Dog Control Officer's Report, seconded by Mr. Gilkey.

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

**JUSTICE COURT:**

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

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

**PLANNING BOARD:**

Mr. McNamara told the board that he was elected Chairman of the Planning Board. They are now going to be reviewing the Subdivision Law, and then follow with the Land Development Law. Mr. Gilkey asked Mr. McNamara to please put something in the paper so property owners are updated. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Planning Board's Report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

**BOARD OF APPEALS:**

Nothing to report.

### **ASSESSOR:**

The required mailing of the impact notices has been completed. A majority of these notices contain a \$0 net change on assessed values from the prior year. The only changes would be for any new construction that was collected so far this year. During the next few weeks, Mr. Wheeler will be working on building permits that have occurred prior to March 1, 2010, the information will be collected and valued. New notices for these properties will be generated and mailed out by the first week in May. Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the Assessor's Report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Complaints:

- Farrell – Shacksbush Road – burned out trailer (mostly completed)
- 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
- 989 County Route 17 – Condemned trailer, letter to remove waiting on weather
- Rose – Kibbie Lake Road – Waiting for action from Town Board

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

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

### **HIGHWAY:**

The highway department is doing tree work, sweeping intersections and culvert - road inspections. Mr. Woolridge asked the board to sign the Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds (Section 284) that needs to be returned to the County, this is a yearly agreement.

Mr. Woolridge would like the board's permission to advertise for the hauling of stone, this year he intends to purchase the stone thru Oneida County under their purchase contract. This will make the stone much cheaper but still need to have it hauled to Constantia. Mr. Colesante made the motion to have Mr. Woolridge advertise for the hauling of stone, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

The County has the bid for belly scrapers under contract and Mr. Woolridge would like to purchase one, the cost is \$6,204. Having this additional piece of equipment on the truck, increases reimbursement for that vehicle by \$6.00 an hour. Mr. Tomaino made the motion to purchase the belly scraper from the County at the cost of \$6,204.00, seconded by Mr. Gilkey.

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

Mr. Gilkey would like to have a work session on March 25, 2010 at 10:00am in the Constantia Town Hall to discuss Highway Department issues, Mrs. Haynes will advertise. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Highway Department's Report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

### **AUDIT:**

Mr. Beers was here on March 11<sup>th</sup> and will return on the 18<sup>th</sup> hopefully to wrap up the audit. He has assured Ms. Butler that he will be completed so she can file her Annual Financial Report by April 1, 2010.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. K. Lewis possible change of water testing company for park
2. NYMIR – Clement/Garish
3. NYS DOT – Replace stop sign Winona Park Drive
4. Cleveland Fire Department Report
5. Barton & Loguidice – Billing of March 10, 2010
6. NYS Fire District Officers' Guide – Ordered/Received
7. Anti Virus – Ordered/Received

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mrs. Ko is part of the Oswego County Leadership Class and wanted to let the board know that the Town of Constantia will be part of the Oswego County History Board Game. The Elks in Oswego will be holding a benefit so games can be purchased, then they will be given to gathering places in the area.

### **TUG HILL COMMISSION:**

Mr. Baxter told the board of the upcoming Land Use Workshop to be held on March 31, 2010 in Watertown. The Commission will be looking to set up some Planning Board Basics there seems to be a lot of new members.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Mr. Colesante made the motion to have Supervisor Gilkey hire The Door Guy to replace the front door and fix the Judge's entrance to the Town Hall for \$1,620.00, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

After speaking to the four lowest bidders for the siding of the Town Hall, Mr. Gilkey would like to recommend the lowest bidder R. P. Alberti Construction, Inc. With the additional work of fixing the outside sill plate and insulation his total bid is \$13,280.00. Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept R. P. Alberti Construction, Inc. bid of \$13,280.00, an additional \$1,000.00 can be spent at the discretion of the Supervisor for unforeseen issues that may arise, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

Mr. Gilkey has tried to contact Mr. Demma of the North Shore Ambulance, he has gotten no response. Mr. Colesante requested that Mr. Gilkey try one more time and then send a letter, time goes by quickly and he would like to get a cost containment work session set up soon.

**ADJOURN:**

At 9:42 pm Mr. Tomaino made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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