

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES– TOWN BOARD – July 20, 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
Karen Ashley – Dog Control Officer
Robert Mc Namara – Planning Board Chair
Ronald Sakonyi – County Legislator
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:31 Mr. Gilkey called the regular meeting of the Constantia Town Board to order with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment at this time.

AMBULANCE:

Mr. Colesante gave an overview of the meeting with North Shore Ambulance, this meeting was to discuss, cost containment, possible district formation and alternative service suppliers. Full text of meeting minutes are on file at the Town Clerks Office.

Noted points:

- 492 Calls
- 330 Transports
- 96 Basic life support, 235 Advanced life support

The big issue is the cost difference between what the Town of Constantia pays, and what other towns in Oswego County pay. The next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2010, 7:30pm at the North Shore Ambulance building.

COUNTY LEGISLATURE:

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

- Pat Egan reported that radiological drills will be held September 23 and October 6, 2010
- Emergency Management Office applied for the State Homeland Security Program grant for \$223,184. It has been approved
- The Sheriff Department requested permission to accept a Homeland Security Grant to purchase equipment and to pay for overtime in operations to support border patrol initiatives
- The ATV trail will be extended from the County line to behind Oneida Lake Petroleum
- NYS Health Department received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding from the Federal Government for \$53,084 for the Early Intervention Program
- The Sheriff Department requested permission to accept a Homeland Security Grant to enhance our County’s ability to prevent, respond to and to minimize the danger of terrorist attacks
- Passed a resolution urging NYS to cut the unfunded mandates that cause local property tax increases
- Application to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation for Camp Hollis Bath/Shower House
- Inter-municipal County meeting at Campus Center Auditorium July 27, 2010 from 6-9pm.

Mrs. Ko asked Mr. Sakoni to look into the possibility that the County will offer flu clinics at the local schools, the need is there for adults and children.

MINUTES:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the June 15, 2010 Town Board and the June 29, 2010 work session, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

BUDGET TRANSFER:

Mr. Gilkey made the motion to transfer \$6,627.35 from A7110.1 Park PS to A5132.4 CE Highway Garage. This transfer is necessary to cover the cost of the new boiler. 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 #7, Dated July 20, 2010:

General Fund	201-245	\$ 31,748.33
Highway Fund	122-145	\$ 50,219.77
Northshore Water District	18-26	\$ 1,685,540.65

seconded by Mr. Moran.

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. Colesante.

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

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge reported that they are currently working on Dutcherville Road, removing trees and stumps, they will be ditching and then paving. They put 1,200 ton of binder on Martin Road, oil and stone next year, will be moving to Roosevelt Road next. OSHA did their inspection, no violations were reported.

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Highway Superintendent’s Reports, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

TOWN CLERK:

Mrs. Haynes updated the board on the ongoing changes to the Dog Licensing System, on January 1, 2011 the State will no longer support the towns in licensing dogs. It is still a New York State Law that all dogs over four months old be licensed, but now the town will need to supply the tags, mailings, etc. Information is vague, more news to follow, this must be considered in the budget process.

A memo was given to all Board Members in reference to proposed Local Law C and D which would change the terms of the Highway Superintendent and the Town Clerk to four years. There are a few steps to this process, it must be approved by the Town Board before it can be put on the November ballot. The deadline for Board approval is the August 17th meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Metzger to approve the Town Clerk’s Report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Illingworth reported on nine active complaints, one has been closed. There were no bids on the securing of the unsafe building on Kibbie Lake Road, and the lawn needs to be mowed. Mr. Illingworth will contact local businesses to get some pricing.

As per the Town of Constantia’s procurement policy, Mr. Illingworth is requesting permission to replace two computers, the total cost will be \$2,700. Mr. Baxter will contact Dell, they are no longer the primary bid holder on the State’s procurement contract but are willing to work with the municipality on pricing. The approval will be tabled until the August 3rd work session.

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

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

ASSESSOR:

The assessment roll was filed with Real Property on July 1, 2010. Our equalization rate will be 100% for the fourth consecutive year. No one has filed for a Small Claims Hearing, individuals wishing to seek Judicial Review, have until July 31, 2010 to file the necessary paperwork. 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

DOG CONTROL:

Mrs. Ashley continues to work on the enumeration, working on the south side of State Route 49 and then the Village of Cleveland. Please remember that as long as the dog has food, water and shelter, the animal can be left outside. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Dog Control Officer’s Report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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. Colesante.

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

PLANNING BOARD:

- Application submitted from Kleis Equipment has been approved
- Scrap metal company is doing an investigation to purchase old Copart property
- Worked on reviewing Land Development Law, next work session on August 10, 2010
- Invited Town Board members to the next work session to answer any questions on the proposed changes to the Sub-division Law, all in agreement to attend

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the Planning Board Report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the June 29, 2010 Board of Appeals minutes, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

WATER:

On June 28, 2010, Notice to Proceed was issued to Contract #1, 2, 4A and 4B. Notice to Proceed was issued on Contract #3 on July 7, 2010. Contract #1 and 4A have commenced construction. Contract # 1 has installed nine out of ten horizontally bored highway crossings, two directional drilled creek crossings and approximately 15,000 linear feet of ductile iron water main and appurtenances. Contract #4A has commenced site work and excavation for the foundation. Contract # 2 and 4B have submitted a majority of the required shop drawings.

There are 33 outstanding easements, 12 in West Monroe and 21 in Constantia.

It is anticipated that a revised preliminary eligibility determination will be received from Rural Development this week for the Proposed Bernhards Bay Water District.

Mr. Gilkey is working with Barton & Loquidice to get a flyer mailed to residents in the water district to explain what will be required for water line installation and to answer some frequently asked questions. This should be completed by mid August.

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Water District Report, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

AUDIT:

Mr. Moran completed the 2009 audit for both judges on June 21, 2010. Mr. Colesante made the motion to approve the 2009 audits for Justice Pelon and Justice Simpson completed by Mr. Moran, further to instruct Ms. Butler send completed audits to the Office of Court Administration. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Scriba asked the Board if the County owned any piece of property on Panther Lake, the property that was the Panther Lake Hotel had a section opened for people to put in their boats. The new owner has chained off that area, if the County owns any piece then residents can access the lake on that right of way. Mr. Gilkey will review the tax map to see if there is access.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter told the Board of the upcoming Budget Process Workshop that will be held on August 24, 2010 in Altmar-Albion Municipal Building and August 26, 2010 at the Boonville Town and Village Office Building.

BOARD COMMENT:

The Board set the next Town Board Work session to be held on August 3, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Constantia Town Hall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:45pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters, this will include Ms. Butler, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

At 10:06pm Mrs. Haynes and Ms. Butler were asked to leave the executive session.

At 10:18pm Mr. Tomaio made the motion to re-open the Town Board Meeting, no action was taken during executive session, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Mr. Colesante made the motion to amend the town's current no pay increase policy. This policy does not apply to a change in position for the employee, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

The memo that was received by Mrs. Haynes in reference to Proposed Local Law C and D increasing terms for the Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk will be tabled until the August 3, 2010 work session.

ADJOURN:

At 10:20pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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