

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES– TOWN BOARD – September 21, 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
Michael Parker – Barton & Loguidice

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:30 Mr. Gilkey called the regular meeting of the Constantia Town Board to order with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. and Mrs. Miller residents from Keller Drive are here to give a petition to the Town Board that has 16 residents that would like Keller Drive and Keller Drive Extension included in the first phase of the North Shore Water District. At this point the district has already been formed, and no additional roads can be added. The Town is now in the process of getting funding for Phase 2 which would include Keller Drive, the original funding amount fell thru, but the Town is currently having a Map and Plan Report completed which is necessary to receive any funding.

Mr. Confer wondered why they were not included in the original project, along with the rest of State Route 49. The funding agency would only fund 14 million, so after that amount the area of the proposed district needed to be cut. In the original project property owners all the way to Cleveland were sent mailings.

Mr. and Mrs. Keiser from County Route 17 were here to speak to the board about a dangerous dog that they and other residents from their neighborhood are dealing with. About four weeks ago Mrs. Ashley was out to deal with this dog and they are still having problems and would like to know what the Board can do to help them. Mrs. Ashley is aware of the problem, she spoke to the owner and he told her that he would get rid of the dog in two weeks that has not happened. She has been trying to issue an appearance ticket for the dangerous dog and for unlicensed animals, but the owner is never home, and she must be careful because the dog has come after her before. Mr. Bader told the Board that the Town Justice can issue a summons and then the Sheriff’s Department will serve the summons. Please make sure the Sheriff knows that the dog is dangerous.

COUNTY LEGISLATURE:

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

- Proclamation was read establishing September as Literacy Month
- Resolution passed authorizing transfer of funds to rent a crusher to access the feasibility of making the Highway Departments own crushed stone. This one month rental will help with determining if purchasing a crusher will be a cost saving measure
- Resolution passed to accept and disburse funds of \$15,724 to the snowmobile clubs for trail maintenance
- Approved budget modification to cover the cost of spraying for EEE carrying mosquitoes
- Resolution passed to increase appropriations and revenues for Family Assistance and Safety Net accounts
- Resolution passed to accept \$65,715.36 in Workforce Investment Act Trade funding to provide employment and training services to eligible dislocated workers
- Resolution passed accepting \$1,394 from the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for participation in the seatbelt campaign
- Resolution passed accepting an equipment grant from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation to the Oswego County Sheriff’s Office, 2010 Parker boat and a new 200 hp twin outboard motor and trailer was donated

Mr. Moran asked if at the County level has there been any discussion to help with the cost of dog licensing, he is not aware of any County involvement at this time.

Mr. Colesante would like Mr. Sakoni to look into what types of vehicles can us the snowmobile trail. There must be some kind of classification written down somewhere.

Mr. Metzger would like to challenge the County Legislators to have the budget come in with a tax decrease this year, besides cost cutting measures, hopefully they are considering revenue options.

WATER:

Constantia & Toad Harbor Water Districts Construction

Contract No. 1 (Water Mains - NYS Route 49) has completed installation of water main along NYS Route 49 and installed 92 services (~30%).

- Contract No. 2 (Water Mains - County, Town & Private Roads) has installed bored highway crossings, drilled creek crossings and 15,000 linear feet of ductile iron water main and appurtenances (14%) along Shacksbush Road, Nicholasville Road and Toad Harbor Road.
- Contract No. 3 (500,000 Gallon Elevated Tank) subcontractors have commenced site work, including installation of water main and electrical service at the tank site. B&L received tank shop drawing and foundation calculations for review last week.
- Contract No. 4A (Pump Station – General Construction) has completed floor slab, installed door jambs today and will start block work tomorrow (weather dependent).
- Contract No. 4B (Pump Station – Electrical Construction) is on hold until pump station building by Contract No. 4A is completed.

Waterline Easements / Property Acquisition

- There are currently 18 outstanding easements including 11 in Constantia and 7 in West Monroe.

Proposed Bernhards Bay Water District

- B&L is awaiting input from the Town Board on proposed District Boundary that was distributed at the July meeting to finalize Map, Plan & Report.

Mr. Whitney would like to include the fire department for the hydrant placement for the next water district, some of the hydrants are not placed very well. Mr. Parker indicated that the Health Department regulations state all fire hydrants be 600 ft apart, that is where the placement comes from. The contractors will be coming back around and putting culverts and dirt around the ones that are in some of the ditches. The Board will be sure to include the fire department in the final drawings for any future districts.

MINUTES:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the minutes of the August 17, 2010 Town Board and the August 31, 2010 and September 8, 2010 work session, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

BUDGET TRANSFER:

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the following transfers:

\$134.43 from A1990.4 Contingency to A7110.1 Park Salary
\$458.72 from A1620.13 Bldg & Grounds PS to A5132.4 Highway Garage CE
\$134.43 from DB5110.4 General Repair CE to DB5130.42 Insurance CE

Seconded by Mr. Moran.

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 #9, Dated September 21, 2010:

General Fund	283-319	\$ 153,409.44
Highway Fund	158-166	\$ 91,782.81
Northshore Water District	32-39	\$1,117,768.94

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. Moran.

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

HIGHWAY:

The Highway Department is done with paving for 2010, the new paver that was purchased with an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of West Monroe has been delivered, hopefully next year more paving can be completed. They are now working on shoulders for Martin and Dutcherville Road. The signed snow and ice agreement has been sent back to the county. There are a few adjustments that Mr. Woolridge needs to make to the road standards before he wants to give them to the Board, he will make amendments and then the Board can review. Mr. Woolridge would like to put the 2008 truck out to bid, the Board agrees.

Mr. Tomaino would like to credit Mr. Woolridge and the Highway Department for the work done on Dutcherville Road, it is one of the nicest roads of any Town he has been on. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Highway Superintendent's report, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

TOWN CLERK:

Mrs. Haynes gave her report and then told the Board that we are still waiting on the sample dog law from the State for review. A motion was made by Mr. Tomaino to approve the Town Clerk's Report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Illingworth reported that he has six active complaints. Mr. Moran asked how the unsafe building on Kibbie Lake Road was coming along, the owner has hired a contractor they are making progress. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Code Enforcement Report, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

PLANNING BOARD:

Mr. Mc Namara reported that the Planning Board had a work session at the Constantia Fire Department to address subdivision and roads as they relate to the fire department. They have scheduled a public information session for September 28, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Constantia Town Hall for any questions on proposed changes. After this informational session, the Planning Board would encourage the Town Board to set a date for a public hearing. They currently have no projects under review. 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

ASSESSOR:

Nothing to report.

DOG CONTROL:

As a reminder, tickets will be given to the dog owners that have not gotten their animals licensed. Mr. Tomaino 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. Colesante made the motion to accept the Justice Report's, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the minutes for the June 29th and August 18th Board of Appeals meeting, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Office of the District Attorney – Gregory S. Oakes – thanking the members of the Constantia Fire Department for their response to the incident on Oneida Lake
- Public Service Commission – Public Hearings on electric rates

BOARD COMMENT:

Mr. Gilkey informed the Board that the 2011 Tentative Budget has been completed and thanked Ms. Butler and Mrs. Haynes for their work at putting it together. First work session will be on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 6pm in the Constantia Town Hall.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter told the Board of an upcoming meeting on Energy Efficiency and Alternatives in your community, this will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2010 from 1pm to 5pm at the Parish Village Hall. Mr. Baxter also handed out the 2010 comparisons for the Oswego County Town that he puts together yearly for the budget workshops.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:02pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

At 9:25pm Mr. Moran made the motion to reopen and then adjourn the Town Board meeting, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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