

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – TOWN BOARD – NOVEMBER 4, 2010
PUBLIC HEARING – 2011 BUDGET
7:00PM – 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 (7:45pm)
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:02 Mr. Gilkey called the budget work session of the Constantia Town Board to order with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Woolridge, Highway Superintendent would like to discuss the retirement situation that was brought up at the end of the last budget workshop. At the present time, retirement is split 50/50 between the General Fund and the Highway Fund, the Board thinks this should change to reflect the actual bill. The split would be more like 35% to General and 65% to Highway. Mr. Woolridge felt blindsided by this and did not budget for it. He feels it would be better if they waited until next year to make the correction so he could make the necessary adjustments. The Board agreed to wait until next year to make changes, if need be phase it in over a few year period.

Members from the North Shore Volunteer Ambulance were in attendance to discuss the fact that they have given back \$10,000 from their original budget submitted to the Board. They would like to know if all departments are also feeling the crunch along with them. Mr. Metzger explained that yes, all budget lines have been looked at and have been cut where they can. The major problem is with retirement and insurance, the things the Board has no control over. The Board understands that they are under unfunded mandates, but all areas need to start watching spending. Mr. Metzger asked if they looked at the possibility of going to one ambulance. Mrs. LaVigne does not feel this is the right way to go, there has been many times that both ambulances have been out at once. Discussion continued as to other possibilities that could help both the ambulance and the Town as the increases to the Town budget continue to grow.

Mr. Colesante would like to put something in the paper so people know where their budget monies are going, Mr. Gilkey agreed to help put something together.

The Board made the following changes, take \$10,000 from A4540.4 Ambulance decreasing that amount to \$265,000 and increase A1990.4 Contingency to \$30,000. The Board will vote on the budget with the above changes at the regular Town Board meeting on November 16, 2010.

WATER:

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the one bid that was received for the Water District Office Space as advertised from:

Howard Foster
1744 State Route 49
Constantia, NY 13044
\$400.00 Monthly Total
\$350.00 for Rent
\$ 50.00 for High Speed Internet

Seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

ADJOURN:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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