

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES– TOWN BOARD– December 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: Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent
Karen Ashley – Dog Control Officer
Ronald Sakonyi – County Legislator
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission
Ken Macri – Board of Appeals
Robert McNammara – Planning Board Chair

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:32pm Mr. Gilkey called the regular meeting of the Constantia Town Board to order with the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Gilkey would like to welcome Boy Scout Troop 724 to the meeting tonight, they are here to help fulfill requirements for one of their badges.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment at this time.

WATER:

Constantia & Toad Harbor Water Districts Construction

- Contract No. 1 (Water Mains - NYS Route 49) was issued Notice of Substantial Completion on December 10, 2010 and has demobilized for the winter. They will be back in the Spring for miscellaneous restoration.
- Contract No. 2 (Water Mains - County, Town & Private Roads) has installed approximately 93,000 linear feet of ductile iron water main and appurtenances (85%). Whipporwill Lane, Lakeview Grove and Doris Park remaining. One (1) water main crew will turn into a service crew after Whipporwill Lane and -Lakeview Grove are completed.
- Contract No. 3 (500,000 Gallon Elevated Tank) subcontractors have completed foundation construction, water main installation and electrical service installation to the tank site. Caldwell has commenced steel purchase and shop fabrication. It is anticipated that steel will be delivered to the site in early March for tank erection.
- Contract No. 4A (Pump Station – General Construction) has enclosed building (i.e., block work and roof construction complete).
- Contract No. 4B (Pump Station – Electrical Construction) is on hold until pump station building by Contract No. 4A is completed.

Waterline Easements

- There are currently 3 outstanding easements (one (1) in West Monroe and two (2) in Constantia) and the Towns have commenced the eminent domain process.
- Public Hearing for eminent domain scheduled for January 4, 2010

Water Service Connections

- The Contract No. 1 water mains (NYS Route 49) have been approved for connection. To date, 5 people have connected.
- It is anticipated that Contract No. 2 will commence service installation on private roads the first week in January after water main is installed on Whipporwill Lane and Lakeview Grove.

Proposed Bernhards Bay Water District

B&L is preparing NYS SEQR long form EAF and MP&R for the formation of the proposed water district, see below for anticipated time line:

- B&L submits drafts to Town – Week of December 27th
- Town review/submit written comments to B&L – Week of January 10th
- Discussion on review comments – January 18th Board Meeting
- B&L finalizes SEQR & MP&R – Prior to February Board Meeting
- Town accepts SEQR & MPR – February 15th Board Meeting

The appraisals have been completed for the properties that are moving forward with eminent domain. Property owners will receive the appraisal information and if they approve we can move forward, if not the property owners will have to hire their own appraisers.

COUNTY LEGISLATURE:

Mr. Sakoni gave the board an update on the County Legislature's activities along with an answer to a question that was asked at the last Town Board meeting. In response to the question as to the rationale of having the size of our current legislature, a study was done about 5 years ago and the consensus of the Towns were to keep the size of the legislature as it is today. Onondaga County it did reduce its size but then increased the support staff. In a year from now we will very likely be redistricting, this may change the number of the legislators we currently have.

Resolutions:

- Increase the appropriation on emergency aid to adults from \$30,000 to \$60,000.
- Imposed dog quarantine in the County in accordance with Section 122 of the Agriculture and Markets law to preclude dogs from running deer.
- Authorized budget modification to the Social Service Department Green Jobs Corps Program Grant. This is to accept a grant award of \$85,000.
- Passed a resolution for professional services contract for a shoreline access study which will include Oneida Lake.
- IDA approved a PILOT EDF loan for Kleis Equipment LLC

MINUTES:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the minutes of the November 16th Public Hearing and Town Board meeting, and the December 7th Public Hearing., seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #12, Dated December 21, 2010:

General Fund	378-432	\$ 26,135.98
Highway Fund	200-215	\$ 12,030.49
Northshore Water District	53-64	\$ 878,038.65

seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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. Tomaino.

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

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge reported that the underbody scraper is working well, good feedback from residents. They are doing winter maintenance on the trucks and the buildings. Street lights that are out have been reported to National Grid, they are not fast at fixing, if there is a red tape on the light pole, it has been reported.

Mr. Woolridge has spoken to National Grid thru their small business service program and has gotten information to replace all fluorescent lights with new energy saving ones. National Grid picks up a little more than half of the total cost, there is also a 24 month interest free payment option. The Board agrees this is the way to go but all would like to review the contract for discussion at the next board meeting.

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the Road Standards as given to the board by Wayne Woolridge, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Highway Superintendent's report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

TOWN CLERK:

Mrs. Haynes gave her report for the month of December. Mrs. Haynes asked the board to give verbal approval for the increase fee for certified copies of birth/death/marriages from \$10 to \$15. If the board would give verbal approval a letter can go to local funeral homes notifying them of the increase. Official vote will be at the organizational meeting January 4th. All are in favor of increase. 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

ASSESSOR:

A few weeks ago we finalized the newly created water district, known on the assessment roll as WD262 ~ Water District 1. After all analysis, the district ended up containing 853 parcels with 912 EDU's, for the 2010 Assessment Roll. Those parcels will be billed beginning with the 2011 Town and County bill due in January 2011. We will continue to monitor the EDU's in the water district on an annual basis as we add and delete EDU's as a result of new construction and splits/merges.

Currently we are receiving back the exemptions that we mailed out two months ago. Again, these and all exemptions are due back in our office by March 1, 2011. This includes all renewal applications as well as any first time filers.

Our application for State Aid was submitted by the State Deadline of December 1, 2010. As I receive more information about the status of our annual aid check (\$5.00 per parcel) I shall pass it along.

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Illingworth reported that he has nine active complaints. Mr. Gilkey added that there are three new problems, one on County Route 17, one on County Route 23 and one on State Route 49, two of these complaints the Town is working with the Health Department to help resolve. Mr. Colesante 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

DOG CONTROL:

Mrs. Ashley continues on with the dog enumeration. Two new dog bites cases have been reported. Mr. Moran asked her about her kennels, she has two different kennel buildings one for Constantia and one for West Monroe. 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

PLANNING BOARD:

Mr. McNammara told the Board that they continue to work on the Land Development Law. It is almost completed and should be ready for final board review in February. Mr. Colesante would like to have time for the Town Board to meet with the Planning Board to answer questions they might have. This meeting was set for the January 25th regular meeting of the Planning Board. The public hearing for the Sub Division Law will be January 18, 2011 at 7:00pm.

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:

No new business.

JUSTICE COURT:

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

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

AUDIT

Mr. Moran has completed the 2010 audit for the Constantia Tax Collector, there were no problems found. Mr. Tomaino made the motion to accept the checklist for review of tax collector records as completed by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Environmental Protection Fund grant – Quick Start Arbor Day
2. DEC – Frenchman's Island State Park to be transferred to DEC from Parks Department
3. Cleveland Fire Department Reports August – November 2010

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Macari would like to congratulate the board on a job well done, a full year with a lot of accomplishments.

Mr. Gilkey agreed and thanked the Board, Mr. Woolridge, Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Bader, Mr. Baxter and Mrs. Ashley for all they do.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter reminded the board that the Local Government Conference will be held March 31, 2011 some of the classes offered will be:

- Time management/reducing stress
- Leadership and resolving conflicts
- Fiscal responsibility
- Auditing Justice Court
- Hot topics for local officials
- Many planning board/zba classes

Mr. Baxter would also thank Mr. Colesante for attending the recent NORCOG meeting.

BOARD COMMENT:

Mr. Colesante asked Mr. Gilkey how the grant paperwork was coming along for both the Parks and Recreation and the Highway Department. The financial analysis person for the State of New York has the paperwork.

ADJOURN:

At 9:23 pm Mr. Moran made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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