

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD –7:00 pm -February 8, 2011
Constantia Town Hall

Present: Charles Gilkey – Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran and Frank Tomaino – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:00 pm Mr. Gilkey called the work session to order with the pledge of allegiance.

WATER:

Mr. Gilkey has received correspondence from Rural Development, they have increased our priority point score so a possible funding offer could come as early as July. The board must pass a resolution to make Constantia the lead agency for the project. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Colesante:

**RESOLUTION
TOWN OF CONSTANTIA TOWN BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Town of Constantia (Town) is progressing the Bernhards Bay Water District (Project); and

WHEREAS, the Project is an “action” as defined by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) must be completed and circulated to all Involved Agencies for establishing the Town Board as “Lead Agency” in accordance with 6NYCRR Part 617.6 for the purpose of conducting a SEQRA/SERP review of the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Town of Constantia Town Board to assume the role of “Lead Agency” for purposes of Project environmental review; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of the Town of Constantia Town Board, Barton & Loguidice, P.C. (B&L) has been authorized to proceed with engineering services including assistance in compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, B&L has completed Part I of the Full Environmental Assessment Form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Constantia be and hereby is authorized to sign the Full Environmental Assessment Form; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town of Constantia Supervisor and Town Board will circulate said Full Environmental Assessment Form to the attached list of “Interested and Involved Agencies” under cover of the attached “Notice of Intent to Establish Lead Agency” letter for purposes of establishing Lead Agency status under SEQRA/SERP; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Constantia Supervisor and Town Board, together with the Town of Constantia Attorney and B&L, are hereby authorized to take all actions, serve all notices, and complete all documents in order to give full force and effect to this determination.

Seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

Mr. Colesante asked the board in which way they wanted to form the district, either by petition or by board vote, the overwhelming answer was that the petition was the way to go. That way a majority of the people have been spoken to. The problem with going with a vote would be the additional cost and then the fact that only a few people get out to vote.

The next step would be to establish the boundaries for the district. The boundaries can be changed after the survey, maybe eliminate some roads or add on others, but must always be mindful of the amount being spent. The boundaries can be voted on at the March meeting.

Mr. Metzger asked if the Water Committee should be reinstated, Mr. Gilkey thinks that if the board members do the survey it should only take about a month. There are about 380 parcels that need to be surveyed.

BUDGET:

A memo went to all department heads asking them to give proposals for a 5% and 10% decrease in their contractual spending. Most departments responded. Lengthily discussion followed on possibilities for decreasing overall expenditures and to look outside the box for additional revenues. It was decided to hold monthly meetings to review all spending, first meeting will be Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 10:00am.

Mr. Woolridge was in attendance to respond to the memo, he puts a lot on time and effort into his budget planning. Included in this is a replacement schedule for equipment, this is one of the highway's biggest expense. He is looking at replacing a truck in 2012 this is the only place that he can cut, but feels that it would be a mistake you just cannot keep putting off replacing equipment it just adds to the cost of repairs. They are now working with two men down and using that savings for purchasing smaller equipment items. The cost of paving roads is usually covered by CHIPS money, will find out later this spring if that spending is still going to be covered by the State. Mr. Woolridge is comfortable if he can keep his budget at a 2 to 3 percent increase.

ADJOURN:

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

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