

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD –March15, 2011
7:30pm Constantia Town Hall

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

Others Present: Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent
Nancy Butler – Supervisor’s Clerk
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments at this time.

WATER:

Constantia & Toad Harbor Water Districts Construction

- Contract No. 2 (Water Mains - County, Town & Private Roads) has shut down for the winter. It is anticipated that they will return in early April to complete services and restoration.
- Contract No. 3 (Tank) plans to mobilize erection crew to site on April 4, 2011.
- Contract No. 4A (Pump Station – General Construction) has enclosed the building (i.e., block work, roof, louvers, windows and doors complete with the exception of overhead door, which is boarded up). Their schedule indicates that they will finish interior (i.e., installation of insulation, FRP board, etc.), pour equipment pads for pumps and generator and install monorail hoist this week.

Water Service Connections

- The Contract No. 1 water mains (NYS Route 49) have been approved for connection. To date, 28 people have connected.
- It is anticipated that the Contract No. 2 water mains will be approved for connection after a walk-thru is completed with OCWA in the spring.

Proposed Bernhards Bay Water District

- Public Information Meeting scheduled for March 24, 2011 at Cleveland Elementary School.

MINUTES:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the February 9th Town Board meeting and the March 8th work session, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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 #3, Dated March 15, 2011:

General Fund	76-107	\$433,966.19
Highway Fund	40-52	\$ 31,880.31
Northshore Water District	20-29	\$184,224.25

seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Tomaino made the motion to accept the Supervisor’s Report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge brought before the board the agreement to spend town highway funds pursuant to the provision of Section 284 of the Highway Law. The board needs to approve this so it can be sent to the county by March 31st. This agreement holds Mr. Woolridge accountable to spend this money on infrastructure for the Town of Constantia. Discussion followed. Mr. Moran made the motion to sign the agreement for the sum of \$240,000.00 this may be expended for general repairs upon 60.17 miles of town highways including sluices, culvers and bridges, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey – No

At the March 8th work session it was discussed that it was time to purchase a new plow truck, this truck will replace the 1994 International. It will be purchased thru state bid from the Mac Dealership and Henderson Trucking. The anticipated cost will be \$197,604.91, Mr. Woolridge needs a letter of intent, on or before April 1st, after that the cost of the truck will be going up 20%. Mr. Tomaino made the motion to purchase a 2012 Mac will all attachments including a stainless steel sander/dump box/underbody scraper/wing and front plow for \$197,604.91, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey – No

Clean up days will be May 2nd and 3rd, the following items will be picked up if left by the roadside. Metal, appliances (refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers), furnaces, water heaters, bicycles, car rims (no tires) and televisions. Unacceptable items will be left by the roadside which will include, porcelain (toilets, sinks) florescent lights, carpet, furniture, mattresses, building materials (wood, sheetrock, etc), paint cans and nothing in bags or boxes. If there are questions, please call the highway garage at 675-8264.

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

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

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

- Letter received from Mrs. Mahaffy declining appointment to the Board of Assessment Review
- Liquor license renewals received from The Old Boathouse

Mr. Metzger made the motion to approve the Town Clerk's Report, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

ASSESSOR:

Right now we are currently entering all of the exemptions received by the March 1 deadline.

Since the Department of Taxation and Finance (DTF) and the Office of Real Property Services (ORPS) merged forming Office of Real Property Tax Services (ORPTS) they are more closely monitoring those municipalities that have received state aid in the past.

I have completed our annual sales analysis for the upcoming roll year and have to address a certain area in town where the assessments and the sales are no longer at acceptable ORPTS intervals. As a result, I will be reassessing approximately 175 residential properties located within the Village of Cleveland limits, for the current 2011 assessment roll.

We are also right in the middle of the data collection of all building permits that were filed after March 1, 2010. During the next few weeks I will be visiting these properties and collecting the necessary information as it pertains to assessment value.

Any property affected by the building permits or the 175 residential properties located within the Village can expect to receive their new assessed value by the first week of May 2011. As always, once they get their notices, they are encouraged to contact our office with any questions.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

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. Moran made the motion to accept the Code Officer's Report, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

DOG CONTROL:

Mr. Bader has updated the kennel contract between the Town and the DCO, the major change is the kennel payment will now be paid quarterly as suggested by the auditor. 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. Moran made the motion to accept the Planning Board Minutes for February 22nd, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Next meeting will be March 29th at 7:00pm.

JUSTICE COURT:

Mr. Gilkey read a letter given to the Town Board by Justice Simpson letting them know that they did received the JCAP Grant for \$1,750.00 to purchase panic buttons and a dutch door for the entrance to the court offices. Mr. Moran has agreed to do the yearly audit after the March 31st Tug Hill Conference, there is a class offered there that will hopefully answer some of his questions. 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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Notice of claim received by the Town from North Country Contractors, LLC, Mr. Bader has responded.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Kline from Cleveland wanted to personally thank Mr. Gilkey for taking care of the problem with the wild dog that was running around causing problems.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

- Annual Conference will be March 31st, they already have just under 600 participants
- Tug Hill Commission wanted to thank the board for all their support since finding out they are not included in the Governor's Budget.

Mr. Colesante asked what will happen if they are dissolved, there is not an answer to that, they do not know what will happen after April 1st, which is the day the budget starts. Today, both the Assembly and Senate passed their budgets, Mr. Baxter has not seen copies, he does not know if funding for the commission is in there.

BOARD COMMENT:

-As mentioned earlier, Mrs. Mahaffy has declined her re-appointment to the Board of Assessment Review, Mrs. Haynes will advertise for two positions.

- Grant, Mr. Gilkey spoke to a representative in Albany, additional paperwork is needed, he will send that in for review.

- March 24th informational water meeting at the Cleveland Elementary School

- April 14th at 8:00am work session for the Town Board

Mr. Colesante made the motion to have Mr. Gilkey sign the Ambulance contract, Fire District contract, Constantia Protective District contract, Cleveland Protective District contract and the Kennel contract for the Town of Constantia, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

ADJOURN:

At 8:55pm Mr. Colesante made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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