

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES - TOWN BOARD –April 19, 2011**  
7:30pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Charles Gilkey – Supervisor  
John Metzger, Thomas Moran– Council Members  
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk

Others Present: Warren Bader – Town Attorney  
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent  
Nancy Butler – Supervisor’s Clerk  
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission  
Ken Macari – Board of Appeals Chair  
Robert McNamara – Planning Board Chair  
Ronald Sakonyi – County Legislator

Absent: Richard Colesante, Frank Tomaino – Council Members

**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:**

Mr. Macari commented on the number of County Legislators for Oswego County, currently there are 25. He thinks that number could easily be cut in half, with the economy the way it is this would be a good area to cut spending. He encourages Mr. Sakonyi to investigate this further.

Mr. Sakonyi does think that after all demographics are completed the number will probably be reduced, but not by that many.

Mr. Dan Dwyer, 54 Auringer Road presented the board with a petition from residents on Auringer Road that are opposed to water. Mr. Dwyer states that 13 residents do not want water, 2 do and one is still in Florida. He asked how long it will take for the board to consider this petition, Mr. Gilkey answered that Auringer Road will be out of the district.

Mr. Rockdashil, 280 County Route 23 has a small wood mill and one neighbor is complaining, they say he runs a business. His question is who determines if it is a business. Mr. Gilkey is aware of the complaint and it is really a change of use issue as he sees it, he will discuss again with the Code Enforcement Officer and will get back to him. Second question, will the water be going up County Route 23, Mr. Gilkey responded no, County Route 23 and Salt Road are out of the district.

**WATER:**

**Constantia & Toad Harbor Water Districts Construction**

- Contract No. 2 (Water Mains - County, Town & Private Roads) plans to remobilize to the site Monday April 25, 2011 to complete installation of water main, services and restoration.
- Contract No. 3 (Tank) is currently erecting the tank.
- Contract No. 4A (Pump Station – General Construction) is currently installing process piping and FRP board inside the pump station.
- Contract No.4B (Pump Station – Electrical Construction) is coordinating with the general contractor to begin work as soon as the associated interior work is completed. It is anticipated that the new pole will be installed on or about the first week of May by National Grid.

**Water Service Connections**

- The Contract No. 1 water mains (NYS Route 49) have been approved for connection. To date, 39 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 May.

**Proposed Bernhards Bay Water District**

- A Public Information Meeting was held on March 24, 2011 at Cleveland Elementary School.

- The Town Board has indicated that they would like to solicit input from residents within the proposed water district. B&L has provided a letter proposal to assist the Town with the development and mailing of an interest survey as well as compiling results.
- RD has indicated that the initial application will need to be received by June 1, 2011 to be considered for funding in the next fiscal year (October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012).

-The charge for Barton & Loguidice to do the interest survey for the Bernhards Bay Water District will be \$3,200. The decision needs to be made who will be doing this mailing. Cost is the concern, B & L will create the survey at no cost and the town will do actual mailing.

-Boundaries for the mailings, will be State Route 49 to the Village line, roads on the south side of the lake, Simmons Drive, and Railroad Street which will stop about the 5<sup>th</sup> house from the end.

### **COUNTY LEGISLATOR:**

Mr. Sakonyi reported:

- Rabies Clinic scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> at West Monroe Firehouse from 6pm to 8pm
- Emergency Management Office would welcome the opportunity to work with the town in developing a County Emergency Management Plan
- Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Constantia resident Nicholas Kellison participated in County Government Day, he toured the County building and participated in a mock debate
- As a reminder, as there is no open burning from March 15<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>, a \$350 fine can be imposed to violators of this law
- Harbor Fest will be July 28<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup>
- Emergency number worldwide for mobile phones is 112. If you find yourself outside your coverage area and there is an emergency dial 112 the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you
- 90% of the 2011-2012 budget gap was closed through spending actions
- County pension contributions are estimated to grow by 113% for the period 2010 to 2013
- Resolution approved to transfer revenues for Project Lifesaver. This non-profit organization whose goal is to assist in the location of lost people who have Alzheimer's, Down Syndrome, Dementia, Autism and other related disorders

Mr. Confer asked Mr. Sakonyi how much revenue does the airport create, it seems that they keep putting money into it. Mr. Sakonyi will look into and report back next month.

### **MINUTES:**

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the March 15th Town Board meeting, March 24<sup>th</sup> Informational Meeting and the April 14<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried: Moran – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey - Yes

### **VOUCHERS:**

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #4, Dated April 19, 2011:

General Fund	108-142	\$ 15,114.71
Highway Fund	53-71	\$ 22,613.55
Northshore Water District	30-36	\$149,800.77

seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried: Moran – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey – Yes

### **SUPERVISOR:**

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Supervisor's Report, subject to changes to SF1-3410.4 and SF2-3410.4, seconded by Mr. Moran.

Carried: Moran – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey – Yes

### **HIGHWAY:**

All plows are off trucks, they have been doing some preventative maintenance items on the trucks, mainly electrical rewiring. They have been sweeping in the town, will continue as long as weather holds. They continue to do tree work and fix potholes. Clean up days will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, for a complete list of items that will be accepted please visit the website or call the town hall.

### **TOWN CLERK:**

Mrs. Haynes reminded the board that she will be attending the NYS Town Clerk Conference the first week of May. The following are the office hours for May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30 to 11:30, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:30 to 4:00 and

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 to 11:30 with normal hours on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 to 4:00. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

Carried: Moran – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey – Yes

#### **ASSESSOR:**

Mr. Wheeler came in to give his report.

-Grievance Day will be May 25<sup>th</sup>, appointments can be made, but not mandatory. Packets will be available the first week of May

-Working on revaluing the Village of Cleveland and reviewing properties with building permits, changes will be mailed out by the last week of April

-On May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup> he will be sitting with the tentative roll in the morning for Constantia

Mr. Wheeler wanted to let the board know he has been nominated to the NYS Assessor's Association Executive Board, this is an honor and it will be beneficial to the town as he will have advance knowledge of information on changes from the State.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Assessor's Report as given, seconded by Mr. Moran.

Carried: Moran – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey – Yes

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

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

Carried: Moran – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey – Yes

#### **DOG CONTROL:**

Ms. Ashley reports that there are a lot of running dogs. Owners, please put your tag on your dog so they can be returned to you quickly. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Dog Control Officer's Report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried: Moran – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey – Yes

#### **PLANNING BOARD:**

Mr. McNamara told the board that there will be a full agenda for the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. There are two possible subdivisions to review and a possible bottle return in Bernhards Bay. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Planning Board Report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

Carried: Moran – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey – Yes

#### **BOARD OF APPEALS:**

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Appeals reviewed a deck addition that required a side yard variance, it was approved with restrictions. On May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm there will be another meeting for a barn and residence variance. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Board of Appeals report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried: Moran – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey – Yes

#### **JUSTICE:**

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Justice Reports, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried: Moran – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey – Yes

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Macari wanted to make mention that at the recent Tug Hill Commission Conference, Constantia sent 17 members of various boards. This shows that members take training seriously and want to do what is best for the town.

Mr. Confer thanked the highway department for putting grindings at the entrance to the David C. Webb Park at Taft Bay, it looks really nice.

#### **TUG HILL COMMISSION:**

Mr. Baxter:

-Thanked everyone that came to the conference, they had an excellent turn out this year. Thursday, March 29, 2012 will be the date for next year's conference.

-Tug Hill has been reinstated in the budget, they will now be evaluated by the SAGE Commission along with all the other commissions that the State financially supports.

-Super COG meeting will be May 5, 2011

-Amboy will host the next Board of Directors meeting for Tug Hill. The meeting will be in late May, Paul should have the date by the next board meeting.

#### **BOARD COMMENT:**

Mr. Gilkey received three letters from people who wish to be on the Board of Assessment Review. Mr. Moran made the motion to appoint Thomas R. Noonan, term expires 9/30/2014 and Jeremy J. McCarthy, term expires 9/30/2015 to the Board of Assessment Review for the town of Constantia, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried: Moran – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey – Yes

In February the board approved the revised Subdivision Law with some modifications, because of the modifications, it needs to be approved again. Mr. Moran made the motion to approve Local Law #1 of 2011, Subdivision Law for the town of Constantia, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried: Moran – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey – Yes

**ADJOURN:**

At 8:52pm Mr. Moran made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried: Moran – Yes Metzger – Yes Gilkey – Yes