

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES, Special Meeting - TOWN BOARD –8:00 am –June 30, 2011
Constantia Town Hall

Present: Charles Gilkey - Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran, Frank Tomaino - Council Members
Clare Haynes - Town Clerk
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent
Warren Bader – Town Attorney
Michael Parker – Barton & Loquidice
Eric Pond - Barton & Loquidice

CALL TO ORDER:

At 8:00 am Mr. Gilkey called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

WATER:

Mr. Parker gave the board an updated map of the Proposed Bernhards Bay Water District along with a chart with updated numbers from the interest survey as follows:

<u>All parcels (vacant and developed)</u>			<u>Developed Parcels</u>		
Total surveys sent	304		Total surveys sent	245	
Total surveys returned	198		Total surveys returned	168	
Response rate	65.1%		Response Rate	68.6%	
<u>Original Survey Area</u>			<u>Original Survey Area</u>		
In favor	140	70.7%	In favor	117	69.6%
Not in favor	58	29.3%	Not in favor	51	30.4%
<u>Revised district boundary</u>			<u>Revised district boundary</u>		
In favor	140	74.5%	In favor	117	73.1%
Not in favor	48	25.5%	Not in favor	43	26.9%

-Mr. Tomaino wondered what happened to the approx 35%, what do they think, why would then not respond. Mr. Pond responded that usually the response rate is 50 - 60% so 65% is very good. Sometimes people feel they have already answered the survey or they are indifferent, if they are against, they are more apt to make their opinion known.

-Macintosh Pallet did not respond, how many EDU's would this business use? Mr. Metzger wanted to make sure that hydrant placement is looked at very closely for this location.

-Impact on Winn's Trailer Park for Mr. Moran is a concern, Mr. Wheeler will need to look at the numbers for the parcel (RVs/mobile homes) to get an accurate count. Right now it looks like they will have about 20 EDU's. The trailer parks in this proposed district will be treated the same as the parks in the North Shore Water District.

-This proposed district will go all the way to Martin Road/Village line. Mr. Moran is concerned about the number of no responses close to that area, currently only one green dot is on the parcel that has since been subdivided, that will give 7 more yes votes for that parcel. Mr. Parker indicated that the percentages from the chart above do include the additional responses, he just put one green dot on the map, he will update the map.

*Mr. Tomaino left at 8:52am

-Not everyone will be satisfied with the boundaries, this district is for the better good of the community. The parcels that are currently being serviced by the Village of Cleveland water department must remember if anything happens to either their line or the supply of water from the village, they will be the first to be cut from the supply. The village cannot spend money outside of the village for repairs and they must supply the village residents first.

MOTION:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the proposed boundaries for the Bernhards Bay Water District as shown on the map received from Barton & Loguidice, dated June 29, 2011, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

Carried: Moran - yes Colesante - Yes Metzger - Yes Gilkey - Yes

SURPLUS:

-Mr. Colesante would like to know what we are doing with the surplus money. The Health Department must approve of any extensions. In the past extensions have been approved as long as they stay within the geographic boundaries of the district. Currently there are two locations that are being considered for the town of Constantia. Mr. Colesante requested that the board get updated on the possibilities more frequently.

* Mr. Metzger left at 9:12am

-Mr. Pond reminded the board that any money left over is taken off the grant portion of the money not the loan amount. The reminder amount is also shared with West Monroe.

-Lengthy discussion followed.

PETITION:

Mr. Bader asked if the board was thinking about people that would be part of the petition process. Maybe contact some of the original 8 members of the water committee. The board members typically do not take part in the petition process. Of course people that are chosen are usually in favor for the district. Once the petition process is done, the board could form the district by resolution, at that point the SEQR has to be completed. It is important that all information is retained, the town will be doing an assumed funding scenario so if funding does become available we are ready to go.

The board could also have a referendum to form the district, November would be the earliest that a referendum could be held and to be valid 50% of the properties and 50% of the assessment would be needed, the assessor would need to validate.

The goal would be to have the map plan report for the July 19th meeting, Mr. Parker will get the numbers together so the board can have it before the board meeting so they can review.

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge was here to speak about the leaf vacuum, the original plan was to have Constantia, Cleveland and West Monroe all purchase the machine with an inter-municipal agreement. West Monroe has since opted out. Mr. Colesante is for the leaf vacuum the only issue is they might have to extend the program to the entire town but as a pilot project he feels it is a good idea. Mr. Moran made the motion to give Mr. Woolridge authority to purchase a leaf vacuum with an inter-municipal agreement with the village of Cleveland, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

Vote: Colesante - Yes Moran - Yes Gilkey - Abstain

(must have a minimum of three yes votes to be approved not just a quorum.).

ADJOURN:

At 9:56am Mr. Moran made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

Carried: Colesante - Yes Moran - Yes Gilkey - Yes