

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD –August 16, 2011
7:30pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Charles Gilkey – Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran, Frank Tomaino – Council Members
Rhonda Cottet – Deputy Town Clerk

Others Present: Warren Bader – Town Attorney
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent
Michael Parker - Barton & Loguidice
Ron Sakonyi - County Legislator
Paul Baxter - Tug Hill Commission

Absent: Clare Haynes - Town Clerk

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. Losurdo from County Route 65 asked about the status of the two complaints he made at the last meeting.

WATER:

Constantia & Toad Harbor Water Districts Construction

- Contract No. 1 (Water Mains – NYS Route 49) is substantially complete. They plan to return to the site in September to finish minor punch list items (i.e., asphalt repair and seeding).
- Contract No. 2 (Water Mains - County, Town & Private Roads) is substantially complete for the camp road portion of the Contract. Restoration is ongoing.
- Contract No. 3 (Tank) – Tank has been blasted and primed. Approximately 60% of the intermediate exterior coat has been applied. It is anticipated that tank painting will be completed by the end of August depending on weather.
- Contract No. 4 (Pump Station) – Pump Station start-up was completed on August 3rd with the exception of the emergency generator which is expected to be completed by August 22nd.

Water Service Connections

- The Contract No. 1 water mains (NYS Route 49) and Contract No. 2 water mains have been approved for connection by DOH & OCWA.
- To date, 151 people have connected to the water system (97 in the Constantia Water District and 54 in the Toad Harbor Water District).

Proposed Bernhards Bay Water District

- Town Board accepted Map, Plan & Report at July 19th Board Meeting.
- Meeting w/ Village of Cleveland to discuss project, SEQR was held July 25th. Town sent revised part 1 of EAF to interested/involved agencies on August 4, 2011.
- Town published advertisement looking for people to serve on water committee. To date, no responses received.
- B&L will provide a fact sheet on the water district and attend a meeting at the Town Hall to train water committee members prior to circulation of petitions.
- Upon receipt of the petition bearing sufficient signatures as set forth in Town Law, the Town Board shall hold a public hearing in accordance with Article 12.

It was noted there has been no response to the advertisements seeking members for the Bernhards Bay water district. However, Mr. Woolridge knows of a few people who are interested in joining the committee and Mr. Gilkey will try to contact these people. Petitions should be circulated before people in the proposed district close their camps and leave for the winter, preferably prior to October 15, 2011.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR:

Ron Sakonyi reported the following:

- The Oswego County ATV Club has requested from the Legislature to open up the trail on to reforestation land. The request had gone through DEC and the County Attorney, and there is no problem with the request. This section of trail opens up access to Route 81, which will be beneficial to the ATV riders
- A resolution was passed authorizing budget modifications of the County Highway Department sales of asphalt to the towns and villages for the inter-municipal agreements for paving projects. The request is to increase the asphalt budget by \$150,000 to meet the paving commitments.
- Chicago-based Exelon Corp. has agreed to buy Constellation Energy Group for \$7.9 billion. The sale is expected to be completed early next year
- As of July 2011, the County's uncommitted balance is approximately \$17 million
- A resolution was passed establishing a public hearing for September 15, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the Legislative Chambers on Bridge Street in Oswego regarding proposed Local Law 2. This law would prohibit the disruption of military funerals and related events within the county of Oswego.
- A resolution was passed designating Director of Veterans Services to assist with interment of honorably discharged US service members who die within the County without sufficient means for funeral expenses

-A special bi-partisan committee was established to investigate and review the size of the Oswego County Legislature.

-A resolution was passed to allocate up to \$20,000 for the purpose of identifying the amount and condition of public access to waterfront areas within the County. The study includes the Oneida Lake shoreline.

-A resolution was passed to continue the 1 percent sales tax within the County. A large portion of this tax is distributed to the Towns and Villages

-Based on recent events, the County will prepare for aerial spraying of mosquitoes pending approval from the State

MINUTES:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the minutes of the July 19th town board meeting and the August 2nd budget meeting, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Tomaino made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #8, Dated August 16, 2011:

General Fund	234-262	\$ 13,530.17
Highway Fund	127-144	\$ 15,830.10
Northshore Water District	61-72	\$ 462,530.42

The motion was seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

SUPERVISOR:

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

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

HIGHWAY:

Paving of Doris Park Drive will be this week. The leaf vacuum has been purchased, and Mr. Woolridge is working on plans for resident notification and picking up the leaves.

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

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

TOWN CLERK:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's reports, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

ASSESSOR:

-For your information, we have been notified from the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance that our equalization rate has been finalized at 100%.

-Currently our office has one Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR) hearing scheduled for August 15, 2011. The deadline to file for SCAR was July 31, 2011.

-I have officially been notified of the results of the election to the NYS Assessor's Association Executive Board; I will be sworn into office at the Fall Conference in Buffalo in September. Consequently, I will be attending the conference, and therefore, will be out of the office from September 11 – 14, 2011.

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Illingworth inspected the property located at 1314 County Route 17, Bernhards Bay, tax map # 247.02-04-27, in response to a complaint. Mr. Illingworth deemed the building to be an unsafe structure, and provided a written inspection report with photographs. Mr. Illingworth's recommendation is the building be razed and removed. The property owner has not made any attempt to address the situation. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Town's options. The question was asked if the property taxes had been paid on the parcel.

Mr. Metzger made the motion for Mr. Bader to send a letter to the property owner asking him to address the issue pertaining to the referenced property. If the owner does not comply, the Town will review other options. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

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

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

PLANNING BOARD:

- The Planning Board has approved the subdivision request for the Loan property on Center Street
- The Board waived subdivision review on the Metzger division of one parcel into two
- The Site Plan Review process for Mike's Plumbing will continue at the next meeting

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Planning Board's report, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

BOARD OF APPEALS:

There is nothing to report at this time.

JUSTICE:

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

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

AUDIT:

The audit was noted to be okay at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment at this time.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

-Mr. Baxter from the Tug Hill Commission discussed the Property Tax Cap. Currently, there is no training scheduled. It is unclear what the comptroller is going to expect and require.

-There is still no news on the SAGE Commission's findings - expected sometime this fall.

-Budget forms are currently being passed out for next year, and Mr. Baxter commended the Town of Constantia for getting an early start on the budget process.

BOARD COMMENT:

-Working draft of Land Development Law will be discussed at the September 20th Board meeting

-Mr. Colesante questioned if the Board should look into bringing natural gas into the Town

ADJOURN:

At 8:56 pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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