

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD –October 18, 2011
7:30pm Constantia Town Hall

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

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

Absent: John Metzger - Council Member

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:

None

WATER:

Constantia & Toad Harbor Water Districts Construction

- Contract No. 1 (Water Mains – NYS Route 49) is substantially complete. Inspection for the one-year guarantee period will take place in October.
- Contract No. 2 (Water Mains - County, Town & Private Roads) is substantially complete. Completion of remaining minor punch list items is ongoing.
- Contract No. 3 (Tank) – Corrosion Control (subcontractor) completed interior tank painting. It is anticipated that a final inspection will be conducted next week.
- Contract No. 4 (Pump Station) – Notice of Substantial Completion (NOSC) was issued today.

Water Service Connections

- The water mains have been approved for connection by DOH & OCWA. To date, 280 people have connected to the water system (204 in the Constantia Water District and 76 in the Toad Harbor Water District).

“In-District” Extensions

- The DOH/EFC approved “In-District” extensions.
- B&L can provide a proposal to assist with the design, permitting, bidding and construction of these “In-District” extensions if the Towns would like to move forward with all or a portion of these extensions.

Proposed Bernhards Bay Water District

- Town Board accepted Map, Plan & Report at July 19th Board Meeting. Circulation of petitions commenced the week of September 12th.
- To date, the water committee has collected 110 signatures and 36 have indicated that they aren’t interested in public water.
- The Town received a letter from the Village of Cleveland dated September 21, 2011 requesting another joint meeting to discuss some key issues. The letter included four (4) questions that were design and/or finance related. The letter did not object to the Town of Constantia acting as lead agency for the Bernhards Bay Water District and OCWA Interconnect and didn’t include any questions regarding environmental impacts. The Town responded to the Village’s letter on October 7, 2011 indicating that they welcomed the opportunity to meet, answered questions contained in Village’s letter and indicated that the Town planned to establish itself lead agency at its next Board Meeting. The Village read the Town’s letter at their October 11th Board Meeting, made no comment on the Town acting as lead agency and indicated that they would contact the Town to setup a meeting.
- If the Town Board desires they can pass a resolution, which formally designates the Town of Constantia as Lead Agency. The Town, as Lead Agency, must determine the significance of the proposed project (i.e., issue a Negative Declaration if it is found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, or issue a Positive Declaration if the project may have been a significant effect on the environment) within 20 calendar days of its establishment as Lead Agency (The Town can pass two resolutions at the same meeting; the first one, which establishes the Town as Lead Agency, and the second that establishes the determination of significance).

If the water district is going to do the extensions within the district, the paperwork needs to get started. The board is still waiting for a petition from Johnson Road, if it is not received by October 27th a decision will be made at that budget meeting. Additionally, a resolution establishing town of Constantia as lead agency will need to be approved.

There were two questions from the September 28th meeting,

1. What is the size of the water line coming from Vienna, it is a 16" line.
2. Mr. Bader was going to look into the possibility that the Constantia 12+ can form their own district with the infrastructure that is already in place. Mr. Bader apologized, he has not been able to consult with Mr. Langley another attorney that works with Mr. Bader, more research needs to be done.

The people doing the petition for Bernhards Bay are about 50% completed. Mr. Parker has heard from Rural Development about funding, they are almost ready to send to the next step. He thinks the town might get an offer by mid November.

Mr. Colesante asked why the hydrants are running, they are being flushed because OCWA is having a hard time keeping the chlorination up. Once the pump station is up and running this should stop because there is an additional chlorination unit there. They should be turning over the pump station next week.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR:

Mr. Sakonyi reported:

- Resolution passed supporting Senate Bill S5889B and Assembly Bill A8644 regarding multi-year State takeover of local share of Medicaid. This year Oswego County local property owners are paying \$24,266,000 in property taxes to pay for the State's Medicaid program which represents 66% of the entire county property tax levy. Oswego County's Medicaid costs are scheduled to increase to \$25,390,486 with an additional 3% every year thereafter.
- Adopted county of Oswego Law #1 of 2011 "A local law prohibiting the disruption of military funerals and events related thereto within the county of Oswego"
- Greg Heffner appointed Commissioner of Social Services
- August 23 - 26, 2012 the Bassmaster 2012 Elite Tournament, championship event will be held on Oneida Lake. This should be televised.
- NYS Impact 2010 report, the 6.5 billion raised through state and local taxes from tourism saves the average homeowner about \$800 in property taxes. Should have local figures next month.

Mr. Moran asked if the Legislature would redistrict using the census numbers, the information has gone to a sub-committee but no information has been received back to the entire Legislature.

MINUTES:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the September 20th town board meeting, September 28th 8am, budget meeting, September 28th 7pm special meeting, and the October 6th budget workshop, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #10, Dated October 18, 2011:

General Fund	294-323	\$ 10,877.67
Highway Fund	162-182	\$ 17,814.75
Northshore Water District	81-93	\$ 98,660.29

seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

SUPERVISOR:

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

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

HIGHWAY:

They have started hauling sand, this will take about two weeks. Leaf pick up has started in Cleveland, they will be coming back around. The park will be winterized by the end of the month. The mower used to mow the park blew the engine, it is a Farris and will be about \$800 to replace the motor. Mr. Colesante approved park and recreation to pay for the new motor. Mr. Colesante would like to have public water hooked up to the park before next season. Mr. Woolridge is getting a price together. Mr. Woolridge would like board approval to advertise on Auction's International a web based auction site, there is no fee involved and you have the right to accept or refuse the bid. Mr. Moran made the motion to have Mr. Woolridge use Auction's International to sell one maintenance vehicle, chimney pipe, 1995 sander, long arm mower and a C180 Cummings engine (parts), seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

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

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

TOWN CLERK:

Mrs. Haynes told the board that she sent out dog renewal licenses for November and December to anyone whose dog needs a rabies booster before licensing. This will give them the chance to attend one of the last clinics of the year. Oswego's last clinic is October 26th and Onondaga counties date is December 3rd. The licenses are not due until the expiration date on the form. Mr. Tomaino made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

ASSESSOR:

We have mailed out all of our Senior and Enhanced Star Renewal notices last week. The deadline for filing these and all other exemptions is March 1, 2012, and property owners can submit these forms to us during normal business hours, or by mail; provided they submit completed applications with all required information. Property owners with any questions should contact our office. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Assessor's report, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

There are still problems with property at 1314 County Route 17, Bernhards Bay, under the Unsafe Building law. Mr. Colesante made the motion to have Mr. Bader serve notice to the property owner, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

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

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

DOG CONTROL:

Mr. Moran asked Mrs. Ashley how the enumeration was going, he understand she still have the south side of 49 and the village to do. In fairness to all it needs to be finished. She continues to work on it, weather has been a factor. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Dog Control Officer's report, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

PLANNING BOARD:

There are two items on the schedule for the next planning board meeting on October 25th,

Hilton - Auto Repair

Pacific- Ice Cream Shop

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

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

BOARD OF APPEALS:

At the October 4th meeting one variance was approved, one was left open to be modified. On November 1st two more will be reviewed along with the one that needed modification. Most of them were for road frontage or setbacks. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Board of Appeals report, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

JUSTICE:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept Justice Pelon and Justice Simpson's reports, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter told the board:

-The last Tug Hill Commission meeting that will be held locally will be in Williamstown tomorrow October 19th at 4pm.

-CNY Regional Economic Council will be meeting at the OnCenter at 9:30am on October 19th. If you would like more information, google CNY Economic Council.

-Copy of yearly town comparison for Oswego County was given to Mr. Gilkey, he has distributed to board members.

-Attended the public forum on EEE.

BOARD COMMENT:

Mr. Colesante made the motion to establish a committee to look into getting natural gas to both Constantia and West Monroe. Mr. Chuck Williams and Mr. Nick Tassone will be Co-Chairs for this committee. Their terms will expire December 31, 2012, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:45 pm Mr. Tomaino made the motion to have the board along with Mr. Bader go into executive session for personnel issues and possible ligation, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

ADJOURN:

At 9:36 pm Mr. Moran made the motion to return from executive session, where no action was taken and to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

