

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES - TOWN BOARD –December 20, 2011**  
7:30pm Constantia Town Hall

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

Others Present: Warren Bader – Town Attorney  
Ronald Sakonyi – County Legislator  
Paul Baxter - Tug Hill Commission

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 7:32pm Mr. Gilkey called the regular meeting of the Constantia Town Board to order with the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Confer was in attendance to thank the board for their recent donation to the VFW for the purchase of flags. The Memorial Day Parade will be held in Bernhards Bay in 2012, it will start at the Methodist Church and end at the David C. Webb Memorial Park at Taft Bay.

**WATER:**

Constantia & Toad Harbor Water Districts Construction

- Contract No. 1 (Water Mains – NYS Route 49) - Guarantee inspection for Constantia portion of project was completed November 30, 2011.
- Contract No. 2 (Water Mains - County, Town & Private Roads) – Guarantee inspections will be conducted in the summer of 2012.
- Contract No. 3 (Tank) – The tank was placed in service on November 28, 2011.
- Contract No. 4 (Pump Station) – OCWA began operating the pump station on November 28, 2011. The Contractors are working on punch list items.
- Addendum to Amendment No. 3 for Engineering Services.

Water Service Connections

- To date, 335 people have connected to the water system (249 in the Constantia Water District and 86 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

- To date, the water committee has collected 118 signatures, which amounts to 42.4% of property owners and 47.6% of assessed value.
- The Town received a proposed funding estimate from Rural Development on December 16, 2011 and an application meeting has been scheduled for January 4, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Mr. Parker requested that an addendum to Amendment No. 3 for engineering services be approved by the board. There is no cost increase just a language change that was requested to comply with NYSEFC recently enacted Service Provided Disadvantaged, Minority and Women Owned Enterprise/Equal Opportunity requirements. B & L has requested a waiver but by signing this amendment will free up DWSRD disbursements. Mr. Tomaino made the motion to have Supervisor Gilkey sign the Addendum to Amendment No. 3 for Engineering Services, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

All in district extensions need to be approved, B & L will do the design and then will need approval to go forward. These in district extensions will be covered by the original loan and grant money. Mr. Bader requested that the town get something from West Monroe approving their extensions. Constantia is the lead agency, but it needs to be on file that they agree. Mr. Parker will contact West Monroe and then get the information ready for the December 28th end of year meeting for board for review and possible approval.

USDA came back with a funding offer, this offer is \$729 which is \$45 more than the original estimate. Mr. Colesante wanted to know how long the offer is on the table. Mr. Parker responded 90 days, but we can respond, thanks for the offer, but no thanks. This might get them to look at the offer again. There is a meeting scheduled for January 4th at 1:30 in the town hall to meet with Cleveland. DWSRF might have money for a joint project with Cleveland. If the village wants to look at the system wide rehab again and put it in with the funding for Bernhards Bay, it might bring up our point score.

**COUNTY LEGISLATOR:**

Mr. Sakonyi reported:

- Passed a resolution pursuant to Section 122 of the Agriculture and Markets law authorizing imposition of a dog quarantine in the County of Oswego until April 30, 2012.

- Passed a resolution calling on Congressional delegation to ensure the future of economically vital cormorant management activities on Lake Ontario, Oneida Lake and in the CNY Region.
- Public hearing will be January 3, 2012 at 1pm for the proposed County of Oswego local law establishing a permit requirement for demonstrations at funeral events within the County of Oswego.
- Resolution passed authorizing the execution of an inter-municipal agreement with County of Onondaga regarding Air One funding grant. Oswego County agrees to pay Onondaga County the sum of \$10,000 as a partial inducement to continue the same or similar emergency response that has traditionally been provided by Air One to Oswego County.
- 2012 organizational meeting will be January 3, 2012 at 1 pm. Fred Beardsley is now chairman.
- Authorized execution of a public safety grant agreement with Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, LLC. This annual grant in the amount of \$500,000 which will be paid during the 2012-2014 fiscal years. This amount will be put into the revenue lines for the Sheriff, E-911 and Drug Task Force which will have the effect of lowering the 2012 tax levy.
- 60 Assemblyman/Senators have proposed legislation for the State gradual takeover of Medicaid over a 8 year period. If this were to pass at the end of the 8 year period, our taxes in the county would be cut in half. Medicaid cost run about \$25M and are rising every year. We are only one of three states that include Medicaid in their budget.

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the November 10th public hearing and the November 15th town board meeting, seconded by Mr. Metzger.  
 Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino - Yes Colesante - Yes Metzger - Yes Gilkey - Yes

**VOUCHERS:**

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #12, Dated December 20, 2011:

General Fund	351-411	\$ 22,440.96
Highway Fund	201-235	\$ 27,058.21
Northshore Water District	104-107	\$ 44,714.00

Seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

**HIGHWAY:**

Mr. Woolridge sent the following report:

- Traffic signs are being replaced, the ones in the poorest condition are being done first. If you see a sign down or missing, please call the highway garage.
- Several culverts on Salt and Knapp Roads have been cleaned, one on Kibbie Lake Road was replaced.
- Filling pot holes and tree trimming being done daily.

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

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

**TOWN CLERK:**

Mrs. Haynes told the board that Mrs. Cottet has passed her notary, she will be available for notary services by late February. Also a copy of the procurement policy has been given to the board for review. This policy should be approved at the organizational meeting. Mr. Moran has requested that all department heads be given a copy after approval. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

**ASSESSOR:**

We have received over 190 renewals to date, and will continue to process them between now and the first of March. Things will continue to be relatively quiet until the tax bills go out in January.

I wanted to let you know of my intention to take December 27, 2011 off, and return to work on January 3, 2012. Although I will not be in the office, I am always available through email or my cell phone.

Should you have any further questions, do not hesitate to ask. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Assessor's report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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:**

Mrs. Ashley reported that there are many missing dogs, if you find a dog please call her so she can try to get the animal back to their owner. Mr. Moran asked if there is any requirement for animals to be walked on a leash. No, we do not have a leash law in the town. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Dog Control Officer's report, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

**PLANNING BOARD:**

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Planning Board's report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.  
Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino - Yes Colesante - Yes Metzger - Yes Gilkey – Yes

**BOARD OF APPEALS:**

Nothing to report.

**JUSTICE:**

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

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

**AUDIT:**

The town had a IRS compliance exam, we have some issues that Ms. Butler will be correcting. We were red flagged which is why they were here, as long as they see some progress on the problems we will be okay. The red flag came about because we did not file any 1099's. Ms. Butler will be reviewing 2011 and send them out to all that need them.

**CORRESPONDANCE:**

- Cleveland Fire Department's monthly report
- Copy of Resolution on the cormorant management activities on Oneida Lake
- E-mail from Mr. McNamara regarding districts in the town, hold off until January

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TUG HILL COMMISSION:**

Mr. Baxter told the board:

- Online mapping resources session will be held, date to follow.
- Meeting in Altmar in regards to the large commercial landholders selling their property. This was triggered by Harden selling off a large amount of land. The Tug Hill Commission will be watching forest land sales, follow up meetings will follow.
- Tug Hill Conference will be held on March 29, 2012 look for your pre-registration packets in the mail.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

- Fire Contracts, proposed changes - Mr. Bader will have a response by the December 28th meeting.
- 2012 Tax Cap, there was a change to the Tax Levy Cap - Calculation and Totals. The town does have a PILOT program, the corrections were made and submitted. The town is still within the 2% cap.

**ADJOURN:**

At 8:40pm Mr. Moran made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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