

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES - TOWN BOARD –May 15, 2012**  
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  
Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent  
Nancy Butler - Supervisor's Clerk  
Paul Baxter - Tug Hill Commission  
Ronald Sakonyi - County Legislator

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:30 pm the regular meeting of the Constantia town board was called to order.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Sakonyi reported that he has received many calls about atv's riding on town streets. It is not legal, law enforcement will stop them when they see them.

**WATER:**

**Constantia & Toad Harbor Water Districts Construction**

- Contract No. 1 (Water Mains – NYS Route 49) – Change Order No. 5 (Over/under quantity adjustments) has been sent to North Country Contractors for signature. Upon receipt of the signed Change Order No. 5, recommendation for final payment will be forwarded to the Town Board.
- Contract No. 2 (Water Mains - County, Town & Private Roads) – Guarantee inspection for private roads was conducted on May 15, 2012. Guarantee inspection for Town/ County Roads will be conducted in August 2012.
- Contract No. 3 (Tank) – A guarantee inspection will be conducted in July/August 2012.
- Contract No. 4 (Pump Station) – LaFleur will be installing a bypass line in the pump station, which will allow OCWA to feed water back toward Central Square instead of dumping water at the tank site in order to ensure adequate turnover in the tank and improve water quality.\*

**Water Service Connections**

- To date, 385 people have connected to the water system (290 in the Constantia Water District and 95 in the Toad Harbor Water District). This is up from 370 last month.

**“In-District” Extensions and Toad Harbor Water District Extension No. 1**

- B&L has commenced design of the extensions. It is anticipated that plans and specifications will be submitted to regulatory agencies in May for review and approval. Bidding will be in July/August after Toad Harbor Water District Extension No. 1 is formed.

**Proposed Bernhards Bay Water District**

- To date, the water committee has collected 118 signatures, which amounts to 42.4% of property owners and 45.6% of assessed value. A petition mailer was sent to property owners the water committee couldn't reach.

A meeting was held with the Village of Cleveland on April 30, 2012.

\*Mr. Metzger asked if this will be covered with the surplus funds, yes. They are installing the bypass line to help improve water quality. This will enable water to flow both ways. There is still plenty of money left over for the planned extensions.

**COUNTY LEGISLATOR:**

Mr. Sakonyi:

- Handouts: Fight the Bite and Your Local Taxes and State Mandates available at the town hall.
- Project approved to trap adult mosquitoes, marking them and releasing to see where they travel. This will help determine migrating patterns. Cost \$18,436.95.
- Permit granted to Oswego Valley ATC Club, Inc for event to be held June 7th and October 6th.
- Oswego County Fair is June 30th to July 4th.
- County Legislature changed the date of its June session from the 7th to the 14th at 7pm and the November session from the 8th to the 15th at 2pm.
- Daniel Donegan from CS Middle School spent the day with Mr. Sakonyi for County Government Day.
- Legislature opposed the MOU between NYS and the Federal Government to speed development of wind towers in Lake Ontario.
- Opposed the BV7 Plan which will increase the current range of water levels. A public hearing will be held by the IJC on May 31st at 7pm in the SUNY Oswego Campus Center

Auditorium.

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the April 12th and April 26th special meetings, and the April 17th town board meeting, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

**VOUCHERS:**

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #5, Dated May 15, 2012:

General Fund	130-157	\$ 38,329.75
Highway Fund	68-83	\$ 38,966.38
Northshore Water District	27-28	\$ 17,697.22

Seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

**SUPERVISOR:**

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

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

Ms. Butler will be holding a few of the vouchers for completed W-9's as required by the IRS.

**HIGHWAY:**

Mr. Woolridge left meeting earlier due to a road issue.

Mr. Moran indicated he left three quotes for fire protection to be considered, Mr. Gilkey would like to wait until next meeting.

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

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino - Yes Colesante - Yes Metzger - Yes Gilkey – No

**TOWN CLERK:**

Mrs. Haynes gave to the board a copy of the PESH Directive in regards to the Workplace Violence Prevention Policy that the town needs to put into place. PESH is out doing inspections, West Monroe was written up. If the board members could review, we could discuss at the June town board meeting. We need to also look at our Sexual Harassment policy. Ms. Butler is currently updating the resolutions that are needed for the retirement system. These items were a topic of discussion at the Town Clerk's Conference. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's report, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino - Yes Colesante - Yes Metzger - Yes Gilkey – No

**ASSESSOR:**

Field work is completed for the 2012 roll, in fact, the tentative roll was filed on May 1, 2012. We mailed out 126 change of assessment notices, for a net increase of \$3,476,470. Again, the majority of these changes were the result of physical changes from alterations or new construction. Now that the roll is published, Grievance Day is scheduled for next Wednesday, May 23, 2012. We are currently accepting appointments for those property owners's seeking relief from excessive assessments. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Assessor's report, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Mr. Hall from 1314 County Route 65 has not followed thru with the promised engineering documents. Mr. Bader stated the letter that was last sent to Mr. Hall has a response date of May 17th, we must wait until after that date before going forward. This will be put on the agenda for the June meeting. Mr. Colesante would like to come up with a rational plan on how we deal with these in the future. He understands that we can't go after them all, but there is not a major change for any of them on the list. If we have to concede that the best way to go is legal, then fine. Mr. Bader will look into a law that might have more enforcement power. 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:**

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

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

**PLANNING BOARD:**

Mr. Gilkey received a letter from Mr. McNamara stating his intent to step down from the chairman position on the planning board as of June 30, 2012. He would still sit on the board as a regular member. The planning board will need to appoint another member to the position. Mr. Moran would like to task the board with sending the residents of the town a survey to see in what direction the board should be going, example sewers/parks/zoning. It was decided it would be a good idea to wait until the new chairman is named before tasking the planning board.

**BOARD OF APPEALS:**

Next meeting scheduled for May 29, 2012.

**JUSTICE:**

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TUG HILL COMMISSION:**

Mr. Baxter:

- Friday May 18th, Mr. Gilkey and Mr. Baxter will be attending a CFA State Funding conference to get more information on upcoming grants. Applications due July 16th. In reference to this, Mr. Colesante thinks maybe we will be too late to get all information together for the Mill St property. Mr. Gilkey has spoken to Mr. McDougall he did not commit, but did ask how much property the town might need for this fisherman/canoe access. There are some issues right now, Mr. McDougall will speak with his partner.

- Mr. Baxter reminded the town board that the state does have money available for waterfront revitalization projects. This funding helps to draw up plans with 90% funding.

- This is a good example of why the Comprehensive Plan if updated might help. Mr. Baxter suggests that this would be a good thing for the planning board to look at. Just a light duty update will help the plan, review goals and objectives.

- Annual Tug Hill Commission Dinner will be May 31, 2012

- Updated the town's Tentative Tax Roll on the website.

- Gave to the Board a copy of the Oswego County Calendar, summer events.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

- May 23, 2012 Grievance Day

- Flow of legal notices, Mr. Gilkey will speak to Mr. Illingworth to make sure Mr. Baxter gets them for both the planning board and the board of appeals so he can update the website.

**FIRE DETECTION:**

Mr. Woolridge would like the board to consider the bids for fire detection at the town garage. He has met with each contractor. Time Warner is not the cheapest, but Mr. Woolridge thinks this is the best option, it has room for future updates without re-wiring. It has a cell phone with battery backup so if cable is out, there is still protection. He would suggest Option #2 outright sale install pricing \$9,915.00 with the \$80 monthly charge. This includes the required state engineering print. Mr. Gilkey would like time to review proposals, this will be on the addenda for the May 31st meeting.

9:03pm Mr. Gilkey left the meeting.

-Fence is up waiting for the gates.

**ADJOURN:**

At 9:09 pm Mr. Moran made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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