

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD –June 19, 2012
7:30pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Charles Gilkey – Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran – 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

Absent: Frank Tomaino - Council Member

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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 14, 2012. Guarantee inspection for Town/County Roads will be conducted the week of August 13th.
- Contract No. 3 (Tank) – A guarantee inspection will be conducted on August 2, 2012.
- Contract No. 4 (Pump Station) – LaFleur will be installing the bypass line in the pump station this week.

Water Service Connections

- To date, 410 people have connected to the water system (311 in the Constantia Water District and 99 in the Toad Harbor Water District). This is up from 385 last month.

“In-District” Extensions & Toad Harbor Water District Extension #1

- It is anticipated that the Advertisement for Bids for Contract No. 5 (Extensions) will be published the week of July 16th after the Toad Harbor Water District Extension No. 1 is formed and the bid opening will be the week of August 13th.

Proposed Bernhards Bay Water District

- The water committee collected 118 signatures, which amounts to 42.4% of property owners and 45.6% of assessed value.
- A petition mailer was sent to approximately 164 property owners the water committee couldn't reach in mid April. To date, the following responses have been received:
 - In favor - 19
 - Blank or Against - 26
 - Undeliverable, New Owner or Questions - 5

Mr. Colesante wondered if there was a deadline for returning letters from the recent mailings. There was not a deadline indicated in the letter. Mr. Colesante is surprised by the poor response.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR:

Mr. Sakonyi:

- State is providing \$150,000 for the mosquito program which will be divided among six counties
- County has paid \$365,000 to lodge homeless people (511 individuals)
- Highway Department anticipates receiving approximately \$2,705,385.22 in CHIPS funding for road improvements
- A committee to look at redistricting has been convened
- State's budget will impact the county by:
 - Medicaid reform that the county proposed did not get passed
 - New tier 6 added to the pension system
 - Preschool mandate is the full responsibility of the county
 - There may be a cost shift from the state to the county for Medicaid
 - There may be a cost shift from the state to the county for child support enforcement
 - DMV will begin to receive 4% of internet revenues
 - District Attorney salaries will increase by about \$40,000. State to pay all this year and only 40% for following years
 - 43% of wireless surcharge will now be county share however 35% of that money is competitive grant so the county will need to compete for that funding
- Approved the transfer of \$2,000,000 to fund Capital Project #184 for paving. For Constantia this will be County Route 17 from State Route 49 to Dutcherville Road and County Route 23 from Grannis Road to Holley Hole Road

- IDA is working with Macintosh Pallet on new building

MINUTES:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the May 10th and May 31st special meetings, and the May 19th town board meeting, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #6, Dated June 19, 2012:

General Fund	158-196	\$ 39,535.44
Highway Fund	84-99	\$ 13,724.29
Northshore Water District	29-32	\$ 25,564.08

Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

SUPERVISOR:

There will be no supervisor's report, the computer that houses the Quick Books program has been compromised by a virus, it will take a few months to input all lost data.

HIGHWAY:

Lower Road has been paved, 1.9 miles. They will be shimming part of Whipple Road next, next year they will shim the rest and then oil and stone at that point. That is it for paving this year, the cost is high. Culvert job on Tynan Road is next and then move to Center Street to cut brush and trees to get this area ready for paving in the future.

Mr. Woolridge asked Mr. Gilkey if he signed the mowing contract with the county, yes he did and has already returned it. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Highway Superintendent's report, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

TOWN CLERK:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

ASSESSOR:

Grievance Day was May 23, 2012. We had a total of 11 filed grievances that the Board of Assessment Review heard as follows:

- 3 No change
- 8 Changes of Value

There were also 6 properties that were settled via stipulation, and 4 corrections.

All property owners have been notified of the Board of Assessment Review decisions, and anyone seeking further remedy, will need to file the Small Claims paper work by July 31, 2012.

The final roll will be filed on July 1, 2012, and our equalization rate will once again be 100%.

I will be attending the Summer Seminar on Appraising at Cornell from July 14 – 20, 2012, and therefore will be out of the office, and will be on vacation from August 20 – 31. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Assessor's report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Hall from County Route 17 has retained an engineer, Mr. Cummings, who has contacted Mr. Illingworth. Mr. Cummings will be out of town for a few weeks, when he returns he will begin looking at the property and will then generate a report as to the possible rehab of the building. As for the rest of the properties on the complaint list, Mr. Bader has reviewed our law and if there are properties that are not complying, then Mr. Illingworth can ticket so they appear before the town court. He would advise the town board let the judges know of the law, in which the property owners can be charged \$250 a day for non compliance. It is Mr. Bader's suggestion that the judges understand, that the town does not want the fine, but movement on cleaning up the property. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Code Officer's complaint report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

PLANNING BOARD:

No report, next meeting will be June 27th.

BOARD OF APPEALS:

At the May 29th meeting the variance for Mother of Joy, Hatchery Road was granted.

JUSTICE:

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter received from Mrs. Norma Williams about a special day for seniors on the north shore at Vanderkamp on September 21st.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter:

- Annual Tug Hill dinner was held on May 31st there they presented the new regional map, of which Mr. Baxter gave the board one with the town highlighted.
- Early July Mr. Baxter will be on vacation

BOARD COMMENT:

- Workplace Violence Prevention Policy, Mr. Bader will review for approval at July meeting
- Standard Workday Resolutions, requested by retirement system to approve separately, each time a member gets re-elected or appointed, a new resolution must be passed. They are as follows:

For the years of 2010 to 2011 Mr. Moran made the following resolution:

STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Constantia hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees ‘ Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Title	Name	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Mth (based on Record of Activities)
Elected Officials					
Town Clerk	Clare Haynes	8	01/01/2010-12/31/2011	N	20
Highway Super.	Wayne Woolridge	8	01/01/2010-12/31/2011	N	20
Councilman	Frank Tomaino	6	01/01/2010-12/31/2013	N	1
Appointed Officials					
Town Attorney	Warren Bader	6	01/01/2010-12/31/2011	N	2
Justice Clerk	Lynn Tennant	6	01/01/2011-12/31/2011	N	4
Dog Control	Karen Ashley	8	01/01/2011-12/31/2011	N	10
Park Director	Krista Lewis	8	01/01/2011-12/31/2011	N	1

Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

For the years of 2012 to 2013 Mr. Moran made the following resolution:

STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Constantia hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees ' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Title	Name	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Mth (based on Record of Activities)
Elected Officials					
Town Clerk	Clare Haynes	8	01/01/2012-12/31/2013	N	20
Highway Super.	Wayne Woolridge	8	01/01/2012-12/31/2013	N	20
Councilman	Frank Tomaino	6	01/01/2010-12/31/2013	N	1
Appointed Officials					
Town Attorney	Warren Bader	6	01/01/2012-12/31/2013	N	2
Justice Clerk	Lynn Tennant	6	01/01/2012-12/31/2012	N	4
Dog Control	Karen Ashley	8	01/01/2012-12/31/2012	N	10
Park Director	Krista Lewis	8	01/01/2012-12/31/2012	N	1

Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:35 pm Mr. Metzger made the motion to go to executive session to discuss pay scale and possible litigation, seconded by Mr. Colesante. *Mrs. Haynes did not go into executive session.

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

At 9:27 pm Mr. Moran made the motion to return from executive session, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

No decisions were made in executive session.

ADJOURN:

At 9:28 pm Mr. Metzger made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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