

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES - TOWN BOARD - September 18, 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  
Paul Baxter - Tug Hill Commission

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**GORDON HALL:**

Mr. Gordon Hall was called forward, he had requested time to speak to the board about his unsafe property located at 1314 County Route 17, Bernhards Bay. He apologized to the board for not coming to speak to them sooner. Mr. Hall works out of town, and did not realize what was happening. He has moved a lot of stuff from this location because of vandals. He would like to re-work the building to use as a garage again when he retires. The engineer's letter is what he thinks needs to be done when he is ready to re-build. He intended to repair the walls by using pilasters two on one wall and one on each of the others. He had no intention to leave it in this condition for this long, but money and time are the issue. He does not feel the building is unsafe and would like to salvage what he can to cut cost in the future.

Mr. Colesante asked when he thought he would be working on the building. He is hopeful that in the spring he would be able to start. Mr. Colesante reminded Mr. Hall that the board has been dealing with this for over a year. Mr. Hall wondered who deemed it unsafe, the code officer did as a result of a complaint. Mr. Hall was given a copy of the memo from Mr. Illingworth to the board that includes a checklist of the unsafe items, plus recommendations. Mr. Metzger outlined that this started with a complaint, Mr. Illingworth did the inspection which he communicated to the board via the memo, at least 3 letters have been sent by our attorney with no response. This issue does need to be resolved, remedy some of the issues to satisfy the code enforcement officer. Give the code enforcement officer and the board a timeline plus they need a commitment from Mr. Hall that he is going to follow thru with the timeline. Mr. Bader did suggest a drop dead date so that it is not another year and this is still hanging out there. Mr. Metzger asked if Mr. Hall could meet with Mr. Illingworth before the October 16th town board meeting so the board can see the timeline. If no progress is being made the board will take action sometime after November 25, 2012.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mrs. Kline from Gale Road wanted to thank Mr. Woolridge for replacing the signs on the town's end of Gale Road. She also wanted to complain about a dog that runs up and down the street, it causes the rest of the dogs on the street to bark and it is bothersome. She understands that there is no leash law, but can't something be done. Mr. Gilkey will speak to Ms. Ashley and request she contact Mrs. Kline.

**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) – The guarantee inspection for private roads was conducted on May 14, 2012 and deficiencies have been corrected. The guarantee inspection for Town/County Roads was conducted on August 15<sup>th</sup>, deficiencies have been identified and are expected to be addressed by September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Contract No. 3 (Tank) – The guarantee inspection has been rescheduled for October, 2012 due to seasonally high water demand in the OCWA system.
- Contract No. 4 (Pump Station) – LaFleur has installed a solenoid valve on the bypass line and OCWA has provided the water meter. S.C. Spencer has installed the electrical components for the bypass as well as the OCWA supplied meter. All work under this Contract has been completed.

**Water Service Connections**

- To date, 435 people have connected to the water system (330 in the Constantia Water District and 105 in the Toad Harbor Water District). This is up from 432 last month.

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

- The bid opening was held at the Constantia Town Hall on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 2012. See the attached recommendation for award.

**Proposed Bernhards Bay Water District**

- The petition process continues. Currently, 54.6% of the total assessed value and 55.9% of resident assessed value have signed the petition.
- A second petition mailer was sent to property owners that haven't responded on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

The PER for the joint water project was submitted to the NYSDOH on September 4<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Parker give the board a copy of the Recommendation of Award from Barton & Loguidice. This follows the bid opening from Monday, September 17, 2012. It is suggested that the board award the bid to the lowest bidder, but only award the base bid because to award the base plus the additive would leave no contingency funds. Mr. Metzger asked if there were any outstanding issues with the water district that would eat into the contingency. Mr. Gilkey and Mr. Parker both stated they feel they are safe with the contingency that would be remaining. Of the \$420,000 being awarded, West Monroe is going to pay \$95,000 to extend the water line past the district boundaries. They wanted to get water to the fire department on Route 11 and to the town park on Depot Road. If there are no problems with the extensions, the additive roads might be done at the end of the extension project. Mr. Parker has spoken with Mr. Messere and he is okay with the project as it stands.

Mr. Colesante made the motion to award the Constantia and Toad Harbor Water Districts, Contract No. 5 - Water mains (Extension) to Syracuse Constructors, Inc. for the total contract amount of \$420,000.00, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

Mr. Dwyer - 50 Keller Dr. asked to be brought up to speed on the Bernhards Bay proposed water district. The preliminary engineering report has been sent to the Health Department for consideration for DWSRF funding, if we meet the point score, this project could get the same funding as the North Shore Water District. There should be an answer by the next regular town board meeting in October. We do have a funding offer, but the cost is too high.

Mr. Murphy - 3 Keller Drive Ext. asked if all goes perfectly when can we see ground being broken. That should be around the spring of 2014.

Mrs. Miller - 44 Keller Dr. asked when we will hear about the funding that was just submitted, should be by October 16th meeting. This will give plenty of time to submit information for the next deadline which is December 1st.

#### **MINUTES:**

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the July 24th and August 14th special meetings and August 21st town board meeting, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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 #9, Dated September 18, 2012:

General Fund	265-291	\$ 144,566.70
Highway Fund	232-148	\$ 15,592.70
Northshore Water District	36-38	\$ 11,330.83

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 for August, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

#### **HIGHWAY:**

The highway department has been cutting trees, grinding stumps and sealing roads. They are going to be moving sand from the pit starting next week. The roof is being replaced on the front building on Railroad Street. The fire detection system is all installed and should be ready for use by the end of the month. Snow and Ice Agreement and the CHIPS forms have all been signed and mailed in. Mr. Moran asked if there was any problem with the park after the tractor show. Mr. Woolridge said everything looked good, grounds were left in good order, and many people attend the show. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Highway Superintendent's report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

#### **TOWN CLERK:**

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 – Yes

#### **ASSESSOR:**

As a result of the school bills being mailed out the beginning of the month, our office has seen a dramatic increase in questions with regards to taxes, assessments and exemptions. For the most, taxpayers are looking to apply again for the following year; and as we have done in the past, we will be mailing out our renewal notices by the middle of next month. Every property owner that needs to reapply; will receive a renewal notice in the mail. Should anyone have any questions or concerns from their school bill or STAR Exemption, they should contact our office.

We are still waiting for the State to present us with any of the analysis for the 2013 roll.

Oswego County will be holding a Pictometry seminar on Monday, September 24, 2012 at various times throughout the day, at the Legislative Committee Chambers in Oswego. Anyone interested in this latest technology and how it can assist municipalities in the near future; are encouraged to attend.

As a reminder, I will be attending the fall conference on October 2, 2012.

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

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Mr. Tomaino asked about the fee changes that were discussed last month, where do they stand. Mr. Gilkey said that they have been dropped. Mr. Tomaino made the motion to accept the Code Officer's report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

**DOG CONTROL:**

Ms. Ashley could not be in attendance tonight, report will be given at the October meeting.

**PLANNING BOARD:**

Mr. Johnson from the Tug Hill Commission is still completing the proposed changes to the Land Development Law.

**BOARD OF APPEALS:**

None

**JUSTICE:**

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TUG HILL COMMISSION:**

Mr. Baxter:

- Reminded the board of the upcoming Oswego County seminar on Pictometry. Held Monday, September 24, 2012 at various times throughout the day in the legislator's chamber in Oswego.
- Helped Ms. Butler to put budget blank on her computer.
- Will be attending workshop for grants involving broadband in NYS.
- For the tractor show next year, must get information to Oswego County Tourism Advisory Board they will help with advertising.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

First budget meeting will be September 27th 9am. The following dates will be used if necessary, October 4th at 9am, October 11th at 6pm and October 18th at 9am.

**ADJOURN:**

Mr. Metzger made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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