

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING –March 5, 2013**  
6:30 p.m. Constantia Town Hall

Present: Charles Gilkey – Supervisor  
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran– Council Members  
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk  
Others Present: Michael Parker - Barton & Loguidice  
Absent: Frank Tomaino– Council Member

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 6:30 p.m. Mr. Gilkey called the special meeting of the Constantia Town Board to order with the pledge of allegiance.

**SEWERS:**

This meeting is to discuss sewer needs in the Town including the NYS Route 49 corridor, Constantia hamlet and Doris Park and to identify approximate potential/future service areas. Discuss conceptual alternatives for treatment, including:

- Alternative 1 – Gravity and/or grinder pump-based collection and treatment via Town of Hastings Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) (via facilities in the Town of West Monroe)
- Alternative 2 – Gravity and/or grinder pump-based collection and treatment via the Village of Cleveland WWTP
- Alternative 3 – Gravity and/or grinder pump-based collection and treatment via Hastings and Cleveland WWTPs (i.e., split flows between both plants)
- Alternative 4 – Gravity and/or grinder pump-based collection and treatment via a new Town of Constantia WWTP
- Alternative 5 – Decentralized systems including Septic Tank Effluent Pump (STEP) Collection System, recirculating media filter and subsurface disposal

Mr. Parker has reviewed previous studies for the town from 1996 and 1999, the map that was given to the board is from the 1999 report. It has been a question of the board if a district was formed, the report indicated that it was. In the May 1999 report from Blasland, Bouch & Lee, Inc. included in the introduction was the following statement: *During this same period, the Town residents approved the establishment of a wastewater service district, extending from the western border of the Village of Cleveland to the Doris Park area, to be served by any future wastewater facility projects.* Mr. Parker said that even if the district was formed, the map and plan report can change the boundaries.

Mr. Colesante would like to make the district as big as possible and then rule out areas when they are not feasible. Mr. Moran agreed, he would like the study to encompass the same area of the water district. It was decided to open the district from the western border of the town limits including Lower Road, and all areas that are currently or that are proposed to be serviced by public water. Mr. Metzger questioned Mr. Parker if opening up the boundaries will affect the cost. Minimally, some of the areas will be studied by soil maps to discount them, other areas will be discounted by population. Many areas in Constantia will have problems, but realistically you will not run a loop just to handle one area/person that is having a problem.

If it is at all cost effective, it is the consensus of the board that they would like as much waste as possible to go to the Cleveland plant. Mr. Parker is required to look at all possibilities as listed above, and it does appear that Alternative 3 will be the most cost effective. The study will help make the decision, the biggest thing will be if the people want it.

Mr. Confer asked about the boundaries and where the waste would go, he would encourage the board to send as much to Cleveland as possible.

Mr. Young asked how many gallons the whole project would generate, will not know that answer until the study is complete. Mr. Metzger asked what his opinion is, he realizes there is a need, but can the taxpayers afford it is the big question. That is why the board decided to do the study, but it will come down to the will of the town. This is just the beginning stage, we have a long way to go.

**ADJOURN:**

At 7:45 p.m. the meeting adjourned.