

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES - TOWN BOARD –July 16, 2013**  
7:30pm Constantia Town Hall

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

Others Present: Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent  
Paul Baxter - Tug Hill Commission  
Ron Sakonyi - County Legislator  
Michael Parker - Barton & Loguidice

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 7:30pm Mr. Gilkey called the regular meeting of the Constantia Town Board to order.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**WATER/SEWER:**

Constantia and Toad Harbor Water Districts Construction

- Contract No. 4 (Pump Station) – All work under this Contract has been completed. Status unchanged for Contract No. 4A bonding/payment issues.
- Contract No. 5 (Water Mains – Extensions) – Remaining work includes restoration/punch list.

Proposed Bernhards Bay Water District

- The petition process continues. Currently, 56.1% of the total assessed value and 57.6% of resident assessed value have signed the petition. A few additional signatures have been received, but haven't been validated by the assessor yet.
- The project will not receive 25 points for the Arsenic MCL exceedance at Winn's until there is a violation (RAA exceeds MCL). It is anticipated that the joint project with the Village of Cleveland will score approximately 125 points. Last year the subsidized funding was 145 points. Therefore, it is not anticipated that the project will meet the funding line this year.
- A revised Preliminary Funding Estimate (PFE) was received from USDA RD on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The PFE results in an estimated annual user cost of \$707.31, which is above the Comptroller threshold and estimated user cost in the Map, Plan and Report. The PFE requested that the Town submit a Full Application within 90 days (September 3, 2013).

Constantia Lakefront and Hamlet Sewers

- The 2014 Draft CWSRF IUP (Intended Use Plan) is available online. In order to move the project from the Multi-Year List to the Annual List on the Final IUP the PER needs to be submitted by the end of the comment period (August 26, 2013). B&L will submit a draft report to the Town by August 2<sup>nd</sup> and would like to set-up a meeting the week of August 12<sup>th</sup> to review comments. Relevant comments will be incorporated into the Final PER and submitted to EFC by August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Proposed Bernhards Bay Water District -because it does not appear that funding will be coming from DWSRF this year, the town could accept the funding offer from Rural Development to get the project moving. Continue to stay on the DWSRF funding line, if the district qualifies next year then refinance the loan from Rural Development. With Rural Development you must spend the money and then get reimbursed. This requires hiring bonding council, takes a few months to get the bonds. Mr. Colesante asked how we do this, we are over the comptrollers accepted amount. Either a new petition can be sent with the corrected amount or by order of the board which is subject to a permissive referendum. Mr. Tomaino asked if we could expand the district at this point, yes but already have used all the grant money so the cost might increase even more. If additional areas are added then they will need to be included in the new petition process. The Rural Development offer does not include the village of Cleveland where DWSRF does.

The board set a special meeting for Wednesday, August 14th at 9am in the Constantia Town Hall to review comments from the draft report for sewers that will be given to the board by August 2nd. The Final PER will be submitted to EFC by August 23rd to meet the funding deadline, this should move the Town from the Multi-Year List to the Annual List. This action puts us on the list, the Town does not have to move forward with the project.

**COUNTY LEGISLATOR:**

Mr. Sakonyi reported:

- Next rabies clinic is August 7th at the Granby Town Garage from 6 to 8 pm  
- A question came up at the last meeting concerning why ATVs are only allowed on the eastern most section of the recreational trail between Toad Harbor Rd and the Oswego-Oneida county line. This was requested by the Oswego Valley ATV Club Inc. to the Infrastructure and Facilities Legislative Committee who then accepted the agreement and lease. This prompted further discussion amongst the board. Mr. Colesante is most unhappy because these vehicles have destroyed our park and trail in Constantia. He would like to exempt our town from ATV use. Mr. Sakonyi will get a copy of the lease. Mr. Colesante feels the town should have been asked to sign off before the lease was signed by the County.

- The Oswego County Environmental Management Council forwarded to members of the Legislature a position paper regarding solid waste issues, namely transfer stations. They looked into both positive and negative sides of the issue which was documented and presented at a meeting in Lacona. It was **not** brought up to the Economic Development Committee before it's dissemination. The Council concluded with the comment that:

*"Passing the trash ball to the townships is not responsible management by the county. Oswego County should maintain the system they accepted and created, continue to apply for as many outside grants as possible, more wisely use employee's time and effectively reduce costs where ever possible. The county's general fund should continue to make up the difference in expenditures."*

Mr. Moran agrees with this statement - county government has a responsibility to its people, closure is not efficient must still provide the service. The money that would be saved would not go back to the people but just be spent on something else. He encourages Mr. Sakonyi to advocate keeping them open.

- Rabies handout - information to be used for your protection against rabies. Let the health department's staff help you determine if exposure has occurred.

-Protect yourself from West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis by using insect repellent, wear protective clothing, be aware of peak mosquito biting hours. (dusk to dawn)

#### **MINUTES:**

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the minutes of the June 13, 2013 special meeting and the June 18, 2013 town board meeting, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

#### **VOUCHERS:**

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #7, Dated July 17, 2013:

General Fund	191-216	\$15,129.89
Highway Fund	113-133	\$21,262.69
Northshore Water District	15-16	\$12,795.98

Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

#### **SUPERVISOR:**

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Supervisor's report for June, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

#### **HIGHWAY:**

Mr. Woolridge would like to put the 2008 F350 w/plow on the Auctions International web site. If a high enough bid is received this would be sold and a new 3/4 Ton pickup will be purchased. Board agreed.

The roof on the highway garage needs to be repaired, a number of contractors have looked at the roof and have given various opinions as to how to fix. Barton & Loguidice does have a facilities group that could come and do an inspection and give an evaluation. Mr. Parker will get a proposal for engineering services for the inspection and evaluation of the highway department roof for the August 14th meeting. Mr. Metzger asked about how much this would be - he estimates a ball park figure at \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Mr. Woolridge was intending on fixing Redfield Street, the original thought was to replace the culverts from the railroad bed to State Route 49 to fix the drainage problem. To cross State Route 49 you must have engineered stamped drawings. Mr. Parker brought with him: Redfield and Frederick Streets Drainage Analysis, Proposal for Engineering Services with a total cost of \$4,200.00. This will give a full analysis of the existing closed drainage system along Redfield and Frederick Streets and around the intersection with County Route 23 and NYS Route 49. These services do not include final design or preparation of the construction documents. Mr. Colesante questioned if the highway department has the money for this. Because he is going to postpone the work intended to be done this year, he will use part of that to pay for the engineering services. Mr. Moran made the motion to authorize Mr. Gilkey to sign the Proposal for Engineering Service, Redfield and Frederick Streets Drainage Analysis at a total cost not to exceed \$4,200.00, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Village of Cleveland - Letter received - asked the question as to who is responsible for bridges (culverts) within the village of Cleveland. Mr. Parker has spoken to the Barton & Loguidice - Bridge and Highway group and they stated that it is considered a culvert until the span reaches 20ft, then it is a bridge. Mr. Bader will research before responding to the Village.

If all goes as planned, paving should start around the first week in August. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Highway Superintendent's report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

**TOWN CLERK:**

Mr. Haynes gave the board a copy of the Public Information Meeting Culvert Replacement Project that will be held in West Monroe on July 25th. Mr. Moran 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:**

Nothing to report.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Mr. Colesante 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:**

Mrs. Ashley has gotten a lot of complaints. A dog bite on Whipple Road and County Route 17, waiting for the victim to return and sign the complaint. The owner has been told to keep the dog tied up at all times and can only be walked by a person over the age of 18 years old until the court date. Mr. Moran asked if Mrs. Ashley has re-located, mileage seems higher. Yes she has, but is only charging the town mileage when she hits the town line, which depends where she is coming from as to where her starting point is. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Dog Control Officer's report, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

**PLANNING BOARD:**

There will be a public hearing at 7pm on July 23rd in the Constantia Town Hall, site plan review for 1067 State Route 49, which applied for a liquor license, change of use requires a site plan review. The stipulation for this is there will be no outdoor music allowed. They are also finishing up the survey that will be sent to town residents that will help with the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Macari made the comment that when speaking to Mr. Chuck Williams of C & J Farm he was surprised at the price of a building permit for a pole barn. Mr. Macari suggested when the fees are reviewed it might be a good idea to put a cap on some of the charges.

**BOARD OF APPEALS:**

Nothing to report.

**JUSTICE:**

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**BOARD COMMENT:**

- Two workman's comp cases sent to the County, 1 highway, 1 park.
- Public Hearing for August 20, 2013 at 7pm - Land Development Law changes.
- July 8th natural gas surveys went out to about 420, please fill out and send back.
- Employee Handbook - still needs to be completed but with paving starting will revisit next month.
- Tentative budget worksheets will be going out to departments. Mr. Colesante would still like the first budget meeting to be about salaries/wages.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 9:20 pm Mr. Metzger made the motion to go into executive session to discuss a real estate issue, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

At 9:45 pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to close the executive session and reopen the regular town board meeting, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

No action was taken during executive session.

**TUG HILL COMMISSION:**

Mr. Baxter:

- NYS has a new grants gateway web site [grantsreform.ny.gov](http://grantsreform.ny.gov). There is a form that needs to be filled out and sent in, he will be happy to help anyone who is interested.
- Winter in Oswego County information form given to board members.
- Web site has the information that David C. Webb Park at Taft Bay is closed because of blue green algae.
- Posted information about August 1st concert at the park.
- Final assessment roll has been posted to the web site.
- Posted highway report on web site.
- Attended a workshop on free GIS mapping system - Quantum GIS - not suited for casual use.

- Will post the brochure on the Route 49 culvert project in West Monroe as more information becomes available.
- Cooperative Council for the Tug Hill Commission will be hosting another meeting date, date to be determined.
- On vacation end of July and end of August.

**ADJOURN:**

At 9:53 pm Mr. Moran made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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