

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD –September 17, 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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Klein asked Mr. Woolridge if he was going to replace the road sign for Gale Road. Mr. Woolridge responded that he will be as soon as possible.

WATER/SEWER/HIGHWAY PROPOSALS:

Constantia and Toad Harbor Water Districts Construction:

- Contract No. 4 (Pump Station) - All work under this Contract has been completed. Status unchanged for Contract N. 4A bonding/payment issues.
- Contract No. 5 (Water mains - Extensions) - All work under this Contract has been completed. Waiting on substantial completion paperwork from Syracuse to recommend final

payment.

Proposed Bernhards Bay Water District:

- RD funding continues to be a moving target and is currently moving in the wrong direction. The intermediate interest rate is currently 3.75% vs. 2.75% in the PFE that was received in June.
- Based on conversations with Steve Marshall at NYSDOH, the project will be listed at 115 points on the DWSRF 2014 Final IUP. The funding line on the Draft IUP is 130 points. Therefore, it is not anticipated that the project will meet the funding line this

year.

- Senator Patty Ritchie has requested \$50,000 in funding for the project. This could be used to progress the low cost, long lead time items like district formation, SEQR, intermunicipal agreements, etc. so that an entire year isn't lost waiting for DWSRF's next funding cycle.

Mr. Gilkey stated that we will not get points towards the funding line from DWSRF until the check from Patty Richie has been received by the town.

Mr. Metzger asked about the asbestos pipes in the village and points that go along with that. The Village does not have a mapping system so there is no way to know for sure where and if any there are any asbestos pipes.

Mr. Colesante asked Mr. Parker what we are missing that we can't get the funding like we did for the Northshore Water District. Community water source violations are basically the difference.

Once the \$50,000 is received from Patty Richie it would be a good idea to use this funding for finalizing the map/plan/report to include the village of Cleveland. If there is still interest, the board at this point could add roads.

Constantia Lakefront and Hamlet Sewers:

- The PER was submitted to EFC on August 26, 2013, which should move the project from the Multi-Year List to the Annual List on the Finals 2014 IUP.
- Review Interest Survey options and select preferred option.
- Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) program is a competitive, statewide reimbursement grant program open to local governments and not-for-profits organizations for projects that directly address documented water quality impairments. The NYSDEC administers the program. Applications are due by November 8, 2013. Grants up to \$2M are

available. B&L could shift unused subcontractor allowance under agreement to do this application on behalf of the Town.

After discussion the majority of the board agreed to use the expanded version of the sewer survey.

WQIP program, B & L might be able to transfer the \$4,000 to \$5,000 left over from the sewer grant study to pay for the application for this grant. Mr. Colesante would like to see the application along with additional information before he will consider this grant. Mr. Parker will e-mail the requested information to Mr. Colesante. B & L would need a resolution from the town board before starting the application for this grant.

Redfield & Frederick Street Drainage:

- The Redfield & Frederick Street Drainage Analysis has been completed. The Technical Memorandum is attached for review. Assuming this is competitively bid, the estimated construction cost is \$412,000. For cost savings, the Town could bid the Route 49 crossing only and the highway department could install the remainder of the storm sewer.

Copy of Redfield and Frederick Streets Drainage Analysis is available in the Town Clerk's Office.

Highway Garage Roof Evaluation:

- Site visit scheduled for Tuesday, September 24th.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR:

Mr. Sakonyi reported:

- The Legislature passed a resolution which supports the Assembly (A6146-2013) proposed efforts to expand pre-qualification drug screening random drug testing and other drug testing in connection with the application and receipt of public assistance benefits under the TANF program.

- Approved resolution to accept \$57,456 in Trade Act Funding for workers who have been displaced due to trade agreements. This funding will be used to cover cost of re-training workers along with training expenses.

- NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance announced it was suspending the Furnace Program for the 2013-2014 HEAP season due to reductions in federal dollars.

Customers in need of assistance may be referred to the local weatherization program or Fulton Community Foundation.

- 2013/2014 HEAP Season:

HEAP Heat Season: November 18, 2013 to February 1, 2014

HEAP Cooling Season: April 1, 2014 to August 29, 2014

HEAP Crisis Assistance: January 2, 2014 to March 17, 2014

*Time frames are entirely based on availability of federal dollars.

- Lead poisoning has become an issue in the County, Health Dept is actively following 10 cases.

- Be aware of scams, the latest is the 419 Scam out of African countries. NEVER give out any personal information.

MINUTES:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the August 14, 2013 special meeting, August 20, 2013 public hearing and the August 20, 2013 town board meeting, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #9, Dated September 17, 2013:

General Fund	254-279	\$148,373.21
Highway Fund	159-175	\$ 73,970.47
Northshore Water District	17	\$ 5,328.64

Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Moran asked Mr. Gilkey to thank Ms. Butler for expanding the pages on the Supervisor's report. The change makes it much easier to read. Mr. Gilkey added that Mr. Baxter also needs to be thanked for his help with the change. Mr. Moran then made the motion to accept the Supervisor's report for August, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

HIGHWAY:

Done blacktopping, Winona Park Drive was oil and stoned last week. Mowing on County roads is completed, will submit the paperwork to be reimbursed. Mr. Woolridge is intending to rent a long arm mower to take care of brush in October. Making and hauling sand is a priority right now to get ready for winter. They will continue to do tree work, ditching and replacing road signs.

Mr. Moran asked if there was a lot to do at the park to repair from the tractor show. Mr. Woolridge just plans on rolling the area to remove ruts. There were a lot of people, but the grounds held up well. Mr. Colesante is concerned at how large the show is becoming with liability issues, does the town carry insurance thru NYMIR? Mr. Gilkey will call carrier to verify. The softball teams that are sponsored by the town have to submit a binder they should as well. Mr. Colesante will contact Mr. Condgen to discuss liability insurance for 2014 as part of the permit process. The Park and Recreation Commission will also discuss the need for No Parking, signs on State Route 49.

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

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

ASSESSOR:

According to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance (DTF), all tax payers that are required to re-register for the Basic STAR have been sent their notices. Anyone receiving the Basic STAR that has not received their letter should contact DTF at (518)457-2036 before December 31, 2013; to ensure that they will remain eligible for the 2014 Assessment Roll.

Senior Citizens that have in the past filed for the STAR with the Assessor's office; will continue to do so; in fact, the renewal notices for both the Enhanced STAR and the Senior Citizen exemption will be mailed out in the next couple of weeks.

I have gotten notice from the County that the Office of Real Property Tax Services will no longer be supporting the Windows XP operating system through Version 4, which means that I will need to upgrade both my Laptop and Office Desktop in 2014. I have been looking around; and it would appear as though I can replace the desktop for less than \$500. Since the laptop is used by all towns, I was hoping that the Board would consider sharing the cost of acquiring a new laptop. The current laptop was purchased in 2006. A new laptop would cost between \$1,000 and \$1,500; and would run the town between; \$275 - \$385 if the cost was shared between municipalities based on parcel count. If I can get approval from all towns, I would like to make this purchase in December, since I still have money in my account for purchases, and then buy the desktop sometime in 2014 when I absolutely have to.

I also wanted to let you know that I will be attending the Fall Conference during October 1 – October 4; which means the office will be closed, but I can be contacted through email at wjwheeler@nyassessor.com.

Should you have any further questions, do not hesitate to ask.

Mr. Colesante made the motion to approve the expenditure for a laptop as described above, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Illingworth is requesting permission to spend \$3,580.00 to purchase an inspection program for his Code Enforcement BAS system. This upgrade will help with tracking any annual inspections. Mr. Moran asked if the program and the cost could be shared with Amboy, Mr. Gilkey is unsure and will ask Mr. Illingworth. Mr. Moran is not against spending the money but if can be shared the better, can vote on this at the special meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 19th at 9 am.

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:

The comprehensive plan survey is ready to be mailed. Cost is a concern, Mr. Gilkey has contacted a printing and mailing company waiting for a price. Mr. Moran is concerned that this survey was not scheduled to be mailed to the village when in fact they are part of the town. After discussion, it was decided to mail the survey to town residents only.

On September 24th at 7pm the planning board will be having a public hearing on Valentine property, 541 Salt Road on the opening of a doggie day care business.

BOARD OF APPEALS:

August 27, 2013 - side yard variance for 43 Doris Park Drive - approved.

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:

Local Law 2 of 2013 has been filed with the Department of State.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter:

- July and August village of Cleveland FD report given to Mr. Gilkey. Mr. Baxter just left village meeting and asked to deliver.
- New Oswego County hiking trails and natural areas map
- Tug Hill Legislative Summit still planned for end of October
- Assisted town with setting up 2014 budget
- Assisted bookkeeper with changing format of financial report
- Offered Tug Hill assistance in considering or implementing inter-municipal cooperation efforts
- Tug Hill core forest meeting this Thursday at 6:30 pm at Redfield
- Town should survey all computers to make plans for 2014 replacement of Windows XP computers. Microsoft will not be doing security updates for Windows XP as of April

2014

BOARD COMMENT:

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- Received letter back from County Attorney Mr. Mitchell in regards to the ATV Trail and the town's concerns. Mr. Mitchell is requesting a letter back with a list of specific concerns include:
 - Destruction of property on and off the trail
 - Safety concerns for pedestrians or other people using trail
 - ATV usage is not compatible with new hikers trail brochure just issued from the County
 - Fire Departments have had to respond for accidents
 - We are the only section of the trail that ATV's are authorized to use
 - Lack of enforcement

Mr. Colesante does not want to exclude ATV's or anyone from using trails, but we need law enforcement here to make sure property is not being damaged and they are properly using the trails.

Mr. Gilkey has requested that the board review the alterations information given at the August meeting for discussion at the next town board meeting.

ADJOURN:

At 9:40 pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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