

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD-SPECIAL MEETING, BUDGET –9 AM – September 25, 2013
Constantia Town Hall

Present: Charles Gilkey - Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran - Council Members
Clare Haynes - Town Clerk
Nancy Butler - Supervisor's Clerk
Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent

Absent: Frank Tomaino - Council Member

CALL TO ORDER:

At 9:08 am Mr. Gilkey called the budget workshop to order with the pledge of allegiance.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and review the proposed 2014 budget.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Colesante has revised the park and recreation payroll numbers from the original numbers given. With the revisions it has decreased the total amount for salaries (A7110.1) from \$47,459 to \$43,464.

The Park Commission has applied for a grant for playground equipment. Every year they try to earmark money for this purchase but the funds get spent elsewhere. Ms. Butler said if there is a possibility of grant money, it should be reflected on a line in the budget, it will not make a difference if the money comes thru or not it just needs to be in the budget so the money can be spent when it comes in. Mr. Colesante will find out the amount of the grant along with the amount that the town will have to match so the figures can be put into the budget.

Mr. Woolridge reminded the board that the park is going to need a new mower. Discussion followed on the possibility of contracting out the mowing of the park, there is about 10 to 12 acres of grass. Not sure if this is the answer but need to look into so all bases are covered.

Mr. Baxter has sent over the 2013 Comparison of Oswego County Towns, a copy was given to all board members.

Further discussion on pay increases, it was discussed instead of pay increases for the Assessor and Code Enforcement offices, a clerk would be given to both offices to share. The current Assessor's clerk will be returning from a leave of absence. Mr. Gilkey will discuss with her the need to be utilized as much as possible, if another office needs her help they will ask her for her assistance. With this change, this position will now report to the Town Supervisor

The follow changes were made to the budget:

| <u>Account:</u> | <u>Requested:</u> | <u>Changed To:</u> |
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| A1110.12 | \$ 9,155.00 | \$ 8,976.00 |
| A1110.13 | \$ 7,460.00 | \$ 7,300.00 |
| A1110.14 | \$ 7,178.00 | \$ 7,300.00 |
| A1355.11 | \$26,500.00 | \$26,000.00 |
| A1620.12 | \$ 2,678.00 | \$ 2,600.00 |
| A3620.11 | \$32,000.00 | \$31,200.00 |
| A7110.1 | \$47,459.00 | \$43,464.00 |

Ms. Butler gave to the board a revised tax cap form, the change was initiated by Mr. Woolridge asking that the amount under Highway OV Fund be changed from \$70,000 to \$40,000 discussion followed. It appears there might be a problem with the tax cap form Ms. Butler will contact the state.

LOCAL LAW:

There is a possibility that the Town might need to override the 1.66% tax cap. As a result the town will pass a local law to allow the override. This local law would only be used if the town needs it, but because it is a local law there are time frames that need to be followed, eg: legal notices and a public hearing. Again this law may not have to be used, but it needs to be passed now in case it is necessary. Lengthy discussion followed. It is important to note that this would be a precaution only, and the town might not have to utilize this law, but if it is not passed it could cause problems for the town if the override is necessary.

Councilor Metzger introduced proposed Local Law No. C-2013, relating to the ability of the Town of Constantia to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Constantia pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Constantia to adopt a Town budget for the fiscal year 2014 in excess of the “tax levy limit,” and made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilor Colesante:

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of a local law in the Town of Constantia, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law, with the result that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the adoption to said Local Law is an unlisted action for purposes of environmental review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that a short environmental assessment form (EAF) shall be required in connection with this matter; and

WHEREAS, the said EAF has been prepared and has been reviewed by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the adoption of said Local Law, has considered the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617.7 and has compared the impacts which may be reasonably expected to result from the adoption of said Local Law against said criteria;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the enactment of proposed Local Law No. C-2013 is an unlisted action, there are no other involved agencies and this Board shall act as lead agency in this matter for purposes of SEQR review; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, the Town Board has determined this action shall have no significant adverse impact on the environment; that, accordingly, an environmental impact statement (EIS) shall not be required; and that this resolution shall constitute a negative declaration under SEQR; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board shall conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. C-2013 at the Town Hall located at 14 Frederick Street, Constantia, New York on October 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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| Frank Tomanio | Councilor | Absent | |
| Tom Moran | Councilor | Voted | Yes |
| Richard Colesante | Councilor | Voted | Yes |
| John Metzger | Councilor | Voted | Yes |
| Charles Gilkey | Supervisor | Voted | Yes |

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

The next meeting is October 10, 2013 - 9:00 am.

ADJOURN:

At 11:42 am the meeting adjourned.

