

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES - TOWN BOARD-SPECIAL MEETING, BUDGET –6 PM – October 17, 2013**  
Constantia Town Hall

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

Absent: Richard Colesante - Council Member

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 6:06 pm 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:**

Letter from Mr. Baxter given to all board members, it outlines budgetary amendments and text year's budget.

Fixed assets value amounts have been corrected.

Mileage rate is now \$.50 per mile, will stay this way for 2014. The board will review during the 2015 budget process.

Mr. Gilkey is concerned with the tax cap as it relates to the highway fund. He is concerned with the cost of paving and the new truck that will need to be purchased. Next year there is a good chance that we will have to override the tax cap. Mr. Metzger understands we have set the stage and the board has a better understanding as to where the town stands. Trucks are a big hit if the town needs to override the tax cap, it would be better to do it overtime so it is not so hard on the taxpayers.

The problem is if the County and the town go up at the same time, it will be a big problem. Keeping taxes artificially low is not the way to go.

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:**

The next meeting is October 24, 2013 - 9:00 am.

**ADJOURN:**

At 6:34 pm the meeting adjourned.