

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD –November 19, 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
Eric Pond - Barton & Loguidice

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Mays-Lower Rd- Wondered why sewers surveys were out again, it seemed like just a few years ago that the Town turned down sewers. The district was never formed, this was many years ago. Sewers will run the same as water, if you are in the district, then you will have to pay the debt service charge.

Mr. Roy Reehil, County Legislator Elect, introduced himself to all in attendance and thanked Mr. Sakonyi for all his years of service.

WATER/SEWER/HIGHWAY PROPOSALS:

Constantia Lakefront and Hamlet Sewers

- Interest Surveys were mailed on October 7th. A second batch was sent on November 13th. Three hundred forty three (343) responses (38.4%) had been received as of November 7th. Nineteen (19) did not answer the cost question. An additional 33 were picked up on November 18th, but have not yet been tabulated. The results as of November 7th are as follows:
 - \$750 - \$850 – 142 (43.8%)
 - \$850 - \$950 – 34 (10.5%)
 - \$950 - \$1,050 – 41 (12.7%)
 - Not Interested – 107 (33.0%)

Mr. Moran is concerned with the cost, in the Preliminary Engineering Report dated August 2013. The charge in this report is \$1050, only 12% are interested at this level. We will need 6M in grants to get the charge down to the \$800 level. The Town must be very careful when we are talking numbers. Mr. Pond feels that when there is a cost range, people tend to choose the lowest amount. The Town has applied for a grant from DEC and QWIP both of these have a possibility of giving the district 2M each.

Mr. Moran asked if there is a user charge, Mr. Pond said that it depends how the local law is set up, that will be part of the Map and Plan Report.

Constantia and Toad Harbor Water Districts Construction

- ISO field representative was onsite yesterday. OCWA will be doing the required flow testing on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Highway Garage Roof Evaluation

- The letter report was provided on November 7th. Any questions or comments?

Mr. Pond gave a quick review of the report that was given to the town at the November 7th meeting. One item that was a concern is the trusses are spaced 32" apart. Mr. Woolridge has investigated the trusses, they are 60 lb unbalanced snow load, this meets the building code for our area. There is one truss that will need to be supported, Mr. Woolridge feels he can accomplish this by fish plating it together. The major problems are on the south side of the building. Mr. Woolridge has received a price for the metal roofing for \$8,000.00. He would also use 1" rigid insulation with screws. Mr. Pond will bring the information to Mr. Mitchell to add to the project report.

Redfield and Frederick Street Drainage

- The Technical Memorandum was provided on September 17th. Any questions or comments?

Mr. Woolridge told the board that he has taken grade shots and it is doable to send the water down Frederick Street to the natural drain and culvert that crosses State Route 49. He would like to keep the existing culvert that continues down Redfield Street and crosses State Route 49, that way water will have two ways to drain and will divert if one gets plugged. Mr. Pond will have this new information put into the model and report back with the information. Mr. Parker still is working with NYSDOT to get approval to open cut State Route 49 to replace that culvert.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR:

Mr. Sakonyi reported:

- NYS Office of Temporary Disabilities and Assistance Programs has reopened the furnace repair and replacement program for the HEAP 2013-2014 season.
- Aerial spraying has been completed for mosquitoes, total cost of \$194,130.00.
- Draft 2014 Oswego County budget is \$197,408,657 which creates a property tax levy of \$43,053,017. The result is a property tax levy that increases slightly by 0.91%. This is just the draft version.

MINUTES:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the October 10th special meeting, October 15th Public Hearing, October 15th Town Board meeting, October 16th, 17th and 24th special meetings, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #11, Dated November 19, 2013:

General Fund	308-342	\$ 40,146.83
Highway Fund	195-210	\$ 90,889.10
Northshore Water District	19	\$ 906.05

Seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Moran then made the motion to accept the Supervisor's report as presented for October, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

HIGHWAY:

Leaf pickup is slowing down, another successful year. Mr. Woolridge has been working on construction projects for next year. Mr. Moran thanked Mr. Woolridge for putting up the gateway sign. Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the Highway Superintendent's report, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

TOWN CLERK:

Mrs. Haynes reported that the total receipts and disbursements for the month of October was \$3,939.50. The Town has received notification that Local Law 3-2013 has been filed with New York State Department of State. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's report as presented, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

ASSESSOR:

Mr. Wheelers report is as follows:

According to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance (DTF), as of November 13, 2013, only 65% of the Town of Constantia property owners receiving the Basic STAR Exemption have actually re-registered. That means; that as of right now, there are still +/- 400 property owners that will need to comply before the December 31, 2013 deadline. The DTF will be sending out postcards to those 400 people reminding them that the deadline to re-register is approaching. DTF is not informing us of which properties have or have not re-registered yet; the will inform us of which exemptions need to be removed in April 2014; this has a potential to create a lot of paper work for our office for what is known as the "correction of errors" process. I will be updating the board as more information becomes available.

I will be out of the office on Monday, December 2, and Tuesday, December 3, 2013 while I attend valuation statistics class for my continuing education.

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

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Code Officer's report as presented with total receipts for the month of October in the amount of \$1,990.50, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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 as presented, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

PLANNING BOARD:

Working on comprehensive survey.

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Next meeting November 26, 2013.

JUSTICE:

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

-Costello, Cooney, Fearon-SEQRA-Adoption of Type II Actions in Light of New Model EAF Forms. Action will be taken at the December Town Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter:

- Helped Ms. Butler with preparation of final budget.
- Tug Hill Commission meeting this Thursday, November 21st at 10 am at the Parish Village gym, before meeting at 9 am there will be a tour of the Catholic Church that has been converted into an antique store.
- NorCOG meeting being scheduled.
- December 12th workshop in Parish at 7pm on Rules and Responsibilities of Town Officials. Pre-registration is requested.
- Attended meeting last week on FEMA flood hazard boundaries.
- Currently participating in a NY SeaGrant business retention and expansion study.
- In response to requests, we are working on a workshop on grants preparedness, perhaps in Constantia if you would like to host.
- Please return your Local Leaders Survey.
- December 14th there will be a NorCOG Chair Executive Directors meeting.

BOARD COMMENT:

Mr. Colesante made the motion to approve the 2014 Town Budget as presented at the Public Hearing held on November 7, 2013, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

Mr. Moran made the motion to authorize the purchase of a new Kyocera FS-6525 MFP digital copier for \$3,152.00 along with fax capabilities for an additional \$410.00. Maintenance program will be \$0.015 per page to cover full service. Copier and service will be by Ed & Ed Business Technology, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

The floor work at the town hall will be starting on Friday, November 22nd completion should be by Wednesday the 26th.

NORTHSHORE WATER BOARD:

(The Town Board will now be acting in the capacity as the Northshore Water District Water Board) There is one water board issue that needs to be addressed. This property belongs to Mr. Phillip D. Sciacca, 52 Shacksbush Rd, Bernhards Bay tax map 297.00-04-38.01. This is a vacant piece of property that adjoins Mr. Sciacca's family resident property. This property does not touch Shacksbush Rd which is in the water district, it is believed this parcel has been charged in error. Mr. Sciacca is requesting relief from two years worth of dept service for this property. This property is land locked and Mr. Sciacca will be merging the two pieces of property together. Mr. Metzger made the motion to afford relief of .5 EDU charge for 2012 and 2013 for tax map 297.00-04-38.01, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

PARK AND RECREATION:

Mr. Colesante brought with him handouts for the purchase of playground equipment for the David C. Webb Memorial Park at Taft Bay. This has been a priority for the park and recreation commission for a number of years. This year with the blue green algae the park did not spend their payroll budget and would like authorization to purchase this playground with the unspent funds. It is expensive which is way it is hard to budget for, but with the park having the algae problem Mr. Colesante would like to use this to their advantage and purchase it now. After lengthy discussion, Mr. Tomaino made the motion to authorize the park and recreation commission to expend no more than \$12,090.00 for playground equipment, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

ADJOURN:

At 9:37 pm Mr. Tomaino made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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