

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES - TOWN BOARD –December 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  
Nancy Butler - Bookkeeper  
Ken Macari - Chairman, Board of Appeals  
Paul Baxter - Tug Hill Commission  
Ron Sakonyi - County Legislator  
Roy Reehil - County Legislator Elect

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**WATER/SEWER/HIGHWAY PROPOSALS:**

Constantia Lakefront and Hamlet Sewers

- Interest Surveys were mailed on October 7<sup>th</sup>. A second batch was sent on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Four hundred twenty six (426) responses (40.4%) had been received as of December 16<sup>th</sup>. Twenty four (24) did not answer the cost question. The results as of December 16<sup>th</sup> are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Batch – AA Cole School to Village of Cleveland (41.4% Response Rate)

- \$750 - \$850 – 150 (43.0%)
- \$850 - \$950 – 36 (10.3%)
- \$950 - \$1,050 – 48 (13.7%)
- Not Interested – 115 (33.0%)

2<sup>nd</sup> Batch – NYS Rte 49 west of AA Cole, Lower Road & West Road (35.3% Response)

- \$750 - \$850 – 20 (37.7%)
- \$850 - \$950 – 2 (3.8%)
- \$950 - \$1,050 – 1 (1.9%)
- Not Interested – 30 (56.6%)

- WQIP grant application was submitted on December 12, 2013.
- The Village of Cleveland was awarded a \$24,000 Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) through CFA to evaluate WWTP.

Constantia and Toad Harbor Water Districts

- ISO application has been received in New Jersey where it is being reviewed and scored.

Bernhards Bay Water District

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Sample taken at Winns Trailer Park on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Results should be available at the end of the week.
- Holly Carpenter sent a letter to the Comptroller's Office requesting a letter of confirmation for the \$50,000 member item grant.

Highway Garage Roof Evaluation & Redfield and Frederick Street Drainage

- Set-up work session to discuss these projects.

12/23/2013 at 9am will be a special meeting for discussion on the highway garage roof evaluation and Redfield and Frederick Street drainage.

**COUNTY LEGISLATOR:**

Mr. Sakonyi reported:

- CNY Raceway-All necessary property for the project has been acquired. The town of Hastings as lead agency has approved the Scope of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and will be submitted.
- 31% of residents have not registered for the STAR program.
- The Department of Community Development, Tourism & Planning is applying for two grants. The first is from Community Development Block Grant Funds for housing repair for low/moderate income homeowners to repair well and septic issues. The second grant will be from NYS RESTOR program, this will address emergency repairs in homes owned by low income elderly residents.
- Resolution passed for dog quarantine from now until April 30, 2014 as per Ag & Markets law Section 122.

- Resolution passed calling on the State to enact legislation S.5953 to waive the fee charged for the Veterans status on driver's licenses. An amendment to an existing license requires payment of \$12.50.
- Resolution passes authoring execution of agreement with the Oswego County Deputies Association. The agreement is for a wage increase of 0% in 2012 and 2% in 2013 and 2014.
- Approved Resolution to enter into contract with Integrys Energy Services for a fixed rate of dollars per kilowatt hour at \$0.05192.
- Approved request by the DA office to outsource felony appeals. These appeals fluctuate from 7 to 15 per year at a cost of \$2,600 per appeal.
- County of Oswego budget was passed with a 0.4% increase in the tax levy.

Mr. Colesante on behalf of the board thanked Mr. Sakonyi for all his work in the legislature.

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the minutes of the November 7th public hearing, and the November 19th town board meeting, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

**PARK AND RECREATION:**

Four sealed bids have been received for the purchase of playground equipment as follows:

#1- AAA State of Play	\$11,740.00
#2- American Parks Company	\$15,379.00
#3- AAA State of Play	\$10,135.00
#4- AAA State of Play	\$ 9,340.00

Internet Quotes:

#1- R.E. Woodson, Inc.	\$12,242.88
#2- GameTime	\$11,996.63

Of all bids received, bid #1 from AAA State of Play is the only one that meets the specs required. Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept bid #1 from AAA State of Play for \$11,740.00, this is contingent on changing the invoice to the proper delivery location to 60 Railroad St, Bernhards Bay, NY 13028, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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 #12, Dated December 17, 2013:

General Fund	343-396	\$ 43,289.21
Highway Fund	211-224	\$ 21,601.64
Northshore Water District	20	\$ 46,123.86

Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

**SUPERVISOR:**

Mr. Moran asked Ms. Butler when we were going to cover the overages on the budget lines, this will be done by the end of the year waiting on last payroll to see where everything stands. Mr. Moran then made the motion to accept the Supervisor's report as presented dated November 30, 2013, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Ms. Butler gave the board a handout showing the Towns balance after bills paid at this meeting. The balance in the general fund is projected to be \$194,297.97, this is too much to carryover, the town by law should only be carrying over 10% of its total budget. Ms. Butler suggested setting up a special reserve for the town's buildings. Mr. Metzger would like to set up a special reserve for audit purposes. Mr. Baxter does not believe the town can set up a special reserve for an audit. Special reserves are usually used for specific capital projects. Discussion followed. It was decided to hold off on setting up special reserves until more information is gathered.

**HIGHWAY:**

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

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 November was \$1,994.00.

NYSDEC has notified all hunting license sellers that there will be a license blackout starting December 26th, it is expected this blackout period will last one week while they switch over to the new system. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's report as presented, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

**ASSESSOR:**

Nothing to report.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Code Officer's report as presented with total receipts for the month of November in the amount of \$581.00, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

**DOG CONTROL:**

Mrs. Ashley was requested by the New York State Troopers and Child Protective Service to remove 25 dogs from a residence in the town. A local rescue has taken possession of the animals. Mrs. Ashley has also been contacted by the State Comptroller in regards to a case in the village. These are both current court cases so can't discuss any further. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Dog Control Officer's report as presented, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

**PLANNING BOARD:**

Working on comprehensive survey.

**BOARD OF APPEALS:**

Mr. Macari reported on an approved side yard variance for the Eccleston property. Smaller camp will be removed and replaced with a year round home. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Board of Appeals report as given, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

**JUSTICE:**

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Village of Cleveland - Thanking Mr. Woolridge for his help with the leaf pickup program.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TUG HILL COMMISSION:**

Mr. Baxter:

- ZBA basics training session in West Monroe on 12/18, willing to set up a future session in Constantia for 2014.
- Planning on doing a grant preparedness workshop in Constantia sometime in 2014.
- Local Government Conference is Thursday, March 27, 2014 at Jefferson Community College. Brochures should be in the mail early January.
- Presented 2013 NorCOG bill.
- Distributed copies of Oswego County Winter Events to town board and town clerk with extra copies for the public. Deadline to get information into the summer edition is February 19th.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

-End of year meeting set for December 30th 9 am and the organizational meeting for January 2nd at 6:30 pm.

-Ms. Peck one of our town historians has asked Mr. Moran to build her a frame to hang at the town hall. Mr. Moran agreed.

-Ms. Wendy Reese from Costello, Cooney & Fearon is working on the new local law dealing with SEQRA. Planning and Board of Appeals boards will continue working as they do now until new law has been passed.

**ADJOURN:**

At 9:25 pm Mr. Tomaino made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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