

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD-FEBRUARY 18, 2014
7:30 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Charles Gilkey – Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran, Chad Whitney – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk

Others Present: Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent
Warren Bader - Town Attorney
Roy Reehil - County Legislator
Kevin Gardner - Chairman - Oswego County Legislator
Laureen Tackman - Village of Cleveland Trustee - Deputy Mayor
Christine Schreiber - Village of Cleveland Trustee
S. Scott Williams, Sr. - Village of Cleveland Trustee

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:34 pm Mr. Gilkey called the town board meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ATV-COUNTY TRAIL:

Mr. Gardner, Chairman of the Oswego County Legislator was in attendance to speak to the board about their concerns regarding the County Trail and the ATV Lease that will be signed soon by the Legislator. Mr. Gardner wanted to thank the board members that attended a meeting earlier to discuss concerns. He understands one of the biggest problems is damage/vandalism, enforcement is an issue. The County is responsible for several miles of trails and they cannot police them 24/7. If there are specific times that seem to be an issue he is willing to speak to the Sheriff to try to up patrols around that time. Mr. Kelsey, Johnson Road is on the trail all the time and right after school seems to be the time where there is a lot going on. Mr. Reehil and Mr. Gardner are both willing to help. The County can also help with signage.

Mr. Gilkey asked if they anticipated any changes in the current contract, Mr. Gardner responded no not at this time. Mr. Colesante asked how long the contract has been in effect, when looking back it has been around since the late 1990's. Is there any expansion of the trails, right now it is indicated Toad Harbor thru Cleveland, also how did the area come about. No extensions at this time, and trails are added by requests from ATV clubs thru their County Legislator. The problem is there is no way to get north from here that is why there is not a lot of self enforcement from the club. Steve Cronk signs the lease for the whole county along with the Legislature. It was suggested to send a letter to the ATV Clubs with the towns concerns asking them for help.

There were no other questions, the board thanked Mr. Gardner for coming to the meeting.

WATER/SEWER:

Constantia Lakefront and Hamlet Sewers

- The Village of Cleveland was awarded a \$24,000 Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) through the CFA process to evaluate WWTP and collection system. The EPG requires a \$6,000 local match. The study would benefit the Village and proposed Town Sewer District. The Village has asked the Town to split the required local match. The benefit for the proposed Town Sewer District is that they study would identify improvements required at the WWTP to take on additional flows and loads from the Town and estimate the cost of those improvements. The Village could meet the local match with in-kind services (i.e., building inspections by WWTP operator). This would allow the Village to do the study without a cash contribution.

Bernhards Bay Water District

- The DWSRF point score was increased from 115 points to 140 points based on the Arsenic violation at Winn's. The subsidized funding line on the 2014 Intended Use Plan (IUP) is 130 points.
- We are still awaiting confirmation of the \$50,000 member item grant, which would increase the project score another 10 points and allow us to start some of the low cost, long lead time items.

Laureen Tackman, Christine Schreiber and Scott Williams Village of Cleveland Trustees were in attendance to ask if it is feasible or legal for the town to pay for half of the \$6,000 required to secure the grant for the sewer study. Mr. Bader responded that it is acceptable but only if the Village does in kind services for the town that equals the dollar amount that is given, an inter municipal agreement would also need to be signed. One idea would be for a village employee to do some of the work for the study, and then turn that into the state to be charged against the money to put towards the grant. Ms. Tackman is concerned that the overtime would be a problem, not sure if this is an option. The major stumbling block is the village does not want to increase the size of the existing plant. Mr. Colesante asked if the footprint is not increased do you know how much affluent the plant can take, Ms. Tackman was hoping the study would tell them, and help them make decisions. As it stands there is a problem during the spring with storm water going in to the system, if they take on all of Constantia what is to say that this won't add to their problems.

Mr. Gilkey asked if the trustees have reviewed the items that they would like done in the study. Efficiency, Cost per units, how much to run the plant if it takes the full flow should be on the list. Mr. Gilkey appreciates what is being done understands that Ms. Tackman works full time. Ms. Tackman would like to move forward but needs time after the study to make decisions. Mr. Gilkey stated that the town needs a committed partner in this project, it is a lot of money that the town is asking for and these agencies need committed partners. Mr. Gilkey is looking at making it profitable for the village. There is a meeting on Friday with Barton & Loguidice to speak about a regional waste water treatment plant, this would be for the benefit for everyone.

The village has invested 20 years into paying off the current plant, it is not clear as to the benefit to the village. Mr. Reehil was under the impression that the town would get in kind money from the engineering report. Mr. Colesante asked Ms. Tackman if the study showed the amount of waste/effluent the plant can hold, would that help the village make the decision as to if it wanted to take the whole amount of effluent from Constantia. The town could use this information from the study to pay for the in kind service. Ms. Tackman believes this would help the board make a positive decision. With this in mind, Mr. Colesante would like to make a motion for an inter municipal agreement with the village for engineering services to determine specific answers to questions related to the sewer study. Mr. Metzger would like to wait until after the meeting on Friday, February 21st. This might be the way to go to, plus it might help Cleveland in the future. - Motion rescinded - Mr. Moran asked who was hosting the meeting and who was going. Mr. Gilkey said that Barton & Loguidice has a plan that was drawn up in 1992, Central Square, Schroepfel, Hastings, West Monroe, Constantia and Cleveland.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR:

Since the last meeting of the County Legislature on Feb. 13, 2014 I was assigned to a third committee, the Economic Development and Planning committee. I am also on the Government, Courts and Consumer Affairs and Public Safety Committees.

At the Feb. meeting the legislature approved several resolutions of interest:

1. Resolution in support of crossbow hunting in Oswego County.
2. A resolution appointing members to the Oswego County Planning Board which included the reappointment of Charles Gilkey to the Planning Board.
3. Resolution accepting a \$65,000 grant to develop a regional recreation and heritage plan and map.
4. Resolution appointing members to the Oswego County Fire Advisory Board for 2014 including John Hinds and Deborah Kite of Cleveland.
5. Resolution accepting a \$150,000 grant from the Federal Homeland Security Dept. for law enforcement and emergency services projects.

Rep. Richard Hanna will be holding a first-come first-serve Open Door session for constituents at the Mexico Town Office Building on Thursday, Feb. 20, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm which I may be attending. If the board has anything they'd like me to carry up on their behalf I'd be happy to do that.

County Administrator Phil Church has put together two reports that might be of interest to Town Board members, they are "A Summary of the Governor's Property Tax Freeze Proposal" and "A Report on State and Federal Mandated Services," which comprise about 80% of the County budget. I can make copies of those reports available to board members via email or print outs.

Also a study from the Central Square School District is now available that discusses Pre-K and school closings and consolidations.

MINUTES:

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the minutes of the January 21st town board meeting, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #2, Dated February 18, 2014:

General Fund	43-76	\$ 13,243.69
Highway Fund	16-30	\$ 51,304.37
Northshore Water District	1-2	\$316,341.06

Seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Moran then made the motion to accept the Supervisor's report as presented dated January 31, 2014, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

HIGHWAY:

The highway guys have been plowing snow, doing maintenance on trucks, cold patching numerous roads in the town. They have switched to a bag mix for cold patching, more expensive but seems to hold up better.

Roof - Mr. Gilkey has looked into the drawing of the trusses that was given to him, called SR Slone there seems to be no snow load requirement for this drawing. Mr. Woolridge went up and measured everything, with the new information, SR Slone ran the new measurements, the trusses are stronger than originally thought. The trusses were built by Wicks that company is out of business. The building was constructed by a joint effort between the town and J. McCarthy. Mr. Woolridge would like to get moving on the roof, start it when the weather breaks. Mr. Gilkey thinks it should be contracted out, take care of the other problems as listed on the engineers report when

the roof is off. Mr. Gilkey is concerned with the mold and if there is a problem going forward who will warranty the work. Mr. Woolridge would like to do the work along with the guys at the highway department, this will save our residents money. Mr. Moran asked about the mold, it is not black mold, they will incase it with other insulation. Mr. Colesante would like to look at the truss issue, regroup he is ok with the guys doing the work. It was decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2014 at 6:30 to deal with the roof on the highway garage.

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Highway Superintendent's report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.
Carried: Moran – Yes Whitney - Yes Colesante - Yes Metzger - Yes Gilkey – Yes

TOWN CLERK:

Mrs. Haynes reported that the total receipts and disbursements for the month of January was \$1,601.00.

On February 11, 2014 Mrs. Haynes turned over to the Supervisor \$1,865,465.77, this satisfies the total tax amount due to the town. To date, \$3,247,306.24 has been collected.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's report as presented, seconded by Mr. Whitney.
Carried: Moran – Yes Whitney - Yes Colesante - Yes Metzger - Yes Gilkey – Yes

ASSESSOR:

No report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Code Officer's report as presented with total receipts for the month of January in the amount of \$401.00, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

DOG CONTROL:

Ms. Ashley is looking into going to a Dog Control Conference in Webster, NY - the cost will be shared with West Monroe. Ms. Ashley is now the DCO for Amboy. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Dog Control Officer's report as presented, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

PLANNING BOARD:

Board members should have a copy of approved minutes for the planning boards November and December meetings. Mr. Williams gave board members a letter regarding alternate energy that will be discussed at the February 25th meeting.

BOARD OF APPEALS:

No report.

JUSTICE:

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

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

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter reported:

- Local Government Conference registration, early deadline March 5th. A revised schedule was given.
- Presented copy of Central Square School District service options study. Under most scenarios either AA Cole or Cleveland will be closed.
- Presented copy of Oswego County analysis of Governor's property tax freeze proposal.
- Still trying to get a NorCOG meeting scheduled.
- Tug Hill SuperCOG meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, May 29th in Lowville.
- Planning a spring 2014 workshop training session, likely in Parish on the new SEQR process.
- Planning a local grants preparedness workshop.
- Web site is up to date.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

BOARD COMMENT:

- Cleveland VFD report for December and January.

- Playground equipment should be delivered February 24th or 25th.

ADJOURN:

At 9:38 pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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