

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD-July 15, 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
Paul Baxter - Tug Hill Commission
Joseph Sluzar - NYSDEC Regional Attorney, Region 7
Thomas Miller - NYSDEC, Director for the Bureau of Design and Construction
Randy Passman - Project Engineer, O'Brien & Gere

Absent: Warren Bader - Town Attorney
Roy Reehil - County Legislator

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:30 pm Mr. Gilkey called the town board meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

DAM PRESENTATION BY DEC:

Mr. Miller, Mr. Passman and Mr. Sluzar were at this meeting to discuss the Oneida Hatchery Dam Reconstruction Project. Each board member was given an informational packet. Mr. Miller started off the meeting giving a quick presentation on 2009 Dam Safety Regulations and how they pertain to the Hatchery Dam. This dam is considered under DEC Classification Data a Small Dam with a B Hazard Rating. The Hatchery Dam is currently on the list to be reconstructed, O'Brien & Gere has done the engineering for the reconstruction. Once the Environmental Review's are completed, they will start the competitive bid process, this will take at least three months. The idea would be to award the contract during this budget year, by March. Construction will not begin until spring. Mr. Colesante asked if the Hatchery has signed off on the project, yes they have. Mr. Moran asked who was legally responsible for the dam, at the present time DEC still owns the dam and will be making the repairs. Once the repairs are made, it is the wish of DEC that the town will then take responsibility. Mr. Sluzar and Mr. Bader have had a meeting, but will be meeting again in the future to answer any questions that the town might have. Mr. Gilkey asked who will be lead agency, DASNEY will have the final signoff. This project will be affecting Tannery Road, there will need to be a resolution passed by the board. After all questions were answered, the board thanked Mr. Miller, Mr. Passman and Mr. Sluzar for coming to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Avery, Chief for Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department and Mr. Haynes, Assistant Chief for Constantia Volunteer Fire Department wanted to speak to the board to update them on problems that they are having with the new 911 radio system. They are sorry that Mr. Reehil is not at the meeting tonight because this is something that he could help with. In the past when the county had the old system, the town had a problem especially Cleveland, because of this they put a repeater in Cleveland which helped. When they proposed the new system the fire departments were assured that this problem would be taken care of, however this is not the case. The major problem is from Hayes Rd in West Monroe to the county line. Mr. Avery and Mr. Haynes has brought the problem to the attention to Mr. Forbes, Fire Coordinator for the county and to Mr. Allen from the 911 Center. The county is getting closer to the end of the testing phase and both fire departments feel that nobody is listening to their concerns, because it is working in 95% of the county. Mr. Haynes read from the County of Oswego E 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Department Newsletter from June 2014, in part it read:

Now that we are in the process of closing out this project, I would like to remind everyone that reception problems, whether perceived or actual, should be reported ASAP to the 9-1-1 Center Supervisor for submittal to the Motorola Service Team. This process will ensure timely review and/or repair of all issues. Finally, I would like to thank everyone for your input and expertise in completing this Project. Emergency Services can be proud of the system it has built and can look forward to many years of service and excellent communications capabilities.

Both Chief's take exception to the wording of perceived, which just underscores their feelings that the county is not taking their concerns seriously. Mr. Gilkey asked if they have specific times and dates, Mr. Avery does. Mr. Woolridge said that the county knows there is a problem, just call highway dispatch when plowing snow the trucks have to call to dispatch to report where they are, in this area they have to wait until they have a signal to report. Mr. Gilkey in the past has spoken to Ms. Lockwood, County Legislator and Chairperson for Public Safety, he will contact her to speak to these concerns. Mr. Colesante and Mr. Moran will be willing to offer a resolution to send to the county, it was agreed to have Mr. Gilkey speak to Ms. Lockwood first. The board thanked Mr. Avery and Mr. Haynes for coming and bringing this to their attention.

WATER/SEWER:

Continue to work on surveys for Johnson, Lower and West Roads, along with Saunders Dr. Hopefully these will be done by the first of September. Mr. Mays from Lower Rd questioned why this was being done again on Lower and West Rd, the last time not enough people wanted it. Mr. Gilkey told Mr. Mays that after the first canvas residents from this area have come in to speak in favor of water.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR:

Mr. Reehil was unable to attend but sent the following report:

- Not too much to report. Sorry I could not attend tonight due to a caucus in Oswego.
- The Town’s Resolution regarding opposition to the closing of the transfer stations was delivered to the Clerk of the Legislature. The clerk said she’s waiting for the Chairman to advise her how they will respond.
- The closing of Cleveland Elementary School is under appeal at the State Education Department and we await their decision. Concerned citizens have asked the Board of Education to put the closure to a permissive referendum. No answer has been provided to that question.
- The North Shore Food Pantry has moved from Cleveland Elementary School to the Village Hall in Cleveland.
- The County Auction of tax delinquent properties will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2 at Oswego High School. 7 properties in the Town of Constantia will be auctioned, (3 in the Village of Cleveland.) Details are available at the County Web Site: <http://www.co.oswego.ny.us/rpts.shtml>.
- A new Family Court Judge position was created for Oswego County by the State. That position will be on the ballot for election in November. The Republican candidate will be decided by primary.
- I headed up the production of two short videos on addiction through the Human Services Committee of the Legislature which are great conversation starters between parents and kids. Please share the links with anyone that might be interested in discussing addiction with teens. Here are the links:
 12 Minute School System Anti-Drug PSA: <http://youtu.be/wYyyXH1EKU>
 1 minute Anti-Drug PSA: <http://youtu.be/5rF-OX9W2Dc>

MINUTES:

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the minutes of the June 17th town board meeting, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #6, Dated July 15, 2014:

General Fund	207-251	\$ 27,844.98
Highway Fund	106-127	\$ 62,210.03
Northshore Water District	8	\$ 325.07

Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Whitney made the motion to accept the Supervisor’s report as presented dated June 30, 2014, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

HIGHWAY:

-Done working on Reservoir Dr. until fall, it has been roughly graded and ditches ruffed in, hope to oil and stone in the Spring.

-The roadsides have been mowed.

- The storm drain project has been started on Redfield and Frederick St. The sidewalks will be replaced, Mr. Woolridge would like to put a small pad with a bench and the board liked this idea.

-Holly Hole Bridge - The bridge engineering has been transferred to Prudent Engineering. A temporary fix has been done which will hold off the red flag until next year. The fix is 5 posts in center of each tube, 6x6 with lag plates. Prudent Engineering is working on permanent fix, the state is okay with the temporary action taken. This bridge will be posted with a 3 ton weight limit sign. Will have to include this in the 2015 budget process.

-Mr. Woolridge will be putting in an ad to get bids to pour pads at the highway department.

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

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

TOWN CLERK:

Mrs. Haynes has given to board members a copy of an updated list for the town of Constantia Boards and 2014 Emergency Telephone list as required by the Constantia Emergency Management Plan. Total receipts for the month of June were \$3,046.80. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's report as presented, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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 received with total receipts for the month of June in the amount of \$1,646.80, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

Mr. Illingworth has requested the board to add to the Building Permit Fee Schedule Photovoltaic Systems (PV) for either on the ground or for rooftops. After discussion the following resolution was offered:

COUNCILMAN: **Metzger**
Introduced the following and moved its adoption:

The following is an addition to the Town of Constantia fee schedule:

- PV Systems \$0.25 per square foot of modules

Seconded by Councilman: **Whitney**

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

Charles Gilkey, Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Richard Colesante	Voted	Yes
John Metzger	Voted	Yes
Tom Moran	Voted	Yes
Chad Whitney	Voted	Yes

DOG CONTROL:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Dog Control Officer's report as received, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

PLANNING BOARD:

-Reviewed Survey

-Two lot sub-division approved on County Route 23

BOARD OF APPEALS:

No report.

JUSTICE:

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

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

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter reported:

- Attended the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council meeting in Syracuse in June.
- The assessor completed his final 2014 tax roll, and it has posted that to the town web site.
- The compilation of the community survey has been completed and I have a copy of the draft. I suggested inclusion of the map the survey refers to before it is final. I welcome your comments
- The SuperCOG meeting originally scheduled for May 2014 is in the process of being rescheduled to the end of September 2014.
- I attended today's tourism advisory council meeting in Altmar. Deadline for the fall/winter events brochure is August 29th.
- I have a copy of the presentation from the recent Red Flags for Fraud workshop, and useful checklists for conducting local audits, given to the Supervisor.
- In the Tug Hill region the commission has assisted towns with preparation of an town road official map. The commission is at a point where they should be able to assist Constantia with this if they are interested.
- Fall will be on us before we know it and we're in the process of scheduling fall training sessions for planning boards and ZBA's. If the town has any suggestions for topics they'd be particularly interested in, let me know.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

BOARD COMMENT:

Mr. Colesante brought up the letter received from Deputy Director of Operations Mark A. Demma for North Shore Ambulance, this response is to something different that what was asked. Mr. Metzger made the point that the letter does say that they will stay within the 2% tax cap. Lyle Robbins is their new paid Business and EMS Supervisor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:53pm Mr. Moran made the motion to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mrs. Haynes did not go into executive session.

At 10:05pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to return from executive session and reopen the regular meeting, no formal action was taken during executive session, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

ADJOURN:

At 10:06 pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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