

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD-JANUARY 20, 2015
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
Roy Reehil - County Legislator
Absent: Warren Bader - Town Attorney

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

WATER/SEWER/HIGHWAY PROPOSALS:

Waiting on a response from EFC on the hardship funding application.

MINUTES:

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the minutes of the December 16th town board meeting, the January 6th organizational meeting, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #1, Dated January 20, 2015:

General Fund	1 - 30	\$ 19,922.23
Highway Fund	1 - 16	\$ 25,883.11

Seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

COUNTY LEGISLATOR:

Mr. Reehil reported

- Resolution approved allowing for the money collected by the State for Snowmobile Clubs to be paid a month earlier than last year.
- Legislator Chairman Gardner created a new Advisory Committee to oversee a contract with a private firm in partnership with every school district in the county in order to quantify and analyze the issues regarding poverty and all programs currently in place to assist those in need. The goal of the task force will be to connect people in need to the resources and programs that will help them become productive and self-sufficient. Mr. Reehil has been assigned to Chair this Advisory Committee.
- Complete list of Committee Assignments:
 - Chairman, Community Health and Poverty Reduction Task Force, an Advisory Committee
 - Economic Development and Planning Committee
 - Government, Courts and Consumer Affairs Committee
 - Oswego County Tourism Advisory Council

At last month's meeting Mr. Reehil was asked to look into the idea that Workman's Compensation might be sent to the town, this concept has been dropped.

BUDGET TRANSFERS - 2014:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the following budget transfers:

General Fund:

Over Budget Accounts:

A1310.5	Payroll Service	\$ 436.30
A1620.12	Custodian	\$ 292.18
A1920.4	Mun. Assoc. Dues	\$ 100.00
A3620.4	Code CE	\$ 634.69
A7110.4	Parks CE	\$ 293.35
A9010.8	Retirement	\$ 3,740.00
A9030.81	FICA	\$ 99.58
SL2-5182.4	Street Lt #2	<u>\$ 690.61</u>
Total Over Budget:		\$ 6,286.71

Budget Transfer Account:

A1990.4	Contingency - Current Balance	\$51,000.00
	5/20/14 Transfer for park	\$ 4,500.00
	1/20/15 Transfers	<u>\$ 6,286.71</u>
	End of year balance	\$40,213.29

Highway Fund:

Over Budget Accounts:

DB5110.1	General Repairs PS	\$16,640.29
DB5112.2	Road Improvement	\$ 969.30
DB5130.1	Machinery PS	\$ 1,674.50
DB5142.1	Snow Removal PS	\$ 4,904.82
DB5142.4	Snow Removal CE	\$ 9,191.94
DB5148.1	Svc Other Gov PS	\$ 4,521.98
DB9010.8	State Retirement	\$ 7,564.00
DB9030.81	FICA	\$ 2,650.98
DB9030.82	Medicare	<u>\$ 674.26</u>
Total over budget:		\$48,792.07

Budget Transfer Account:

Surplus Account Total	\$65,583.77
Minus over budget amount	<u>\$48,792.07</u>
End of year balance	\$16,791.70

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 December 31, 2014, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

HIGHWAY:

-When not plowing the highway department is doing maintenance, tree and sign work.

-Mr. Woolridge has advertized with a legal notice for bids on a new 2015 truck, all bids will be received by February 12th hopefully the board will accept one at the February town board meeting.

-Mr. Woolridge has signed the highway department up with Oswego Hospital DOT consortium for drug testing. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Highway Superintendent's report, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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 December was \$2,136.00.

Tax collection has started. A copy of the tax collector warrant has been given to the board, the warrant instructs Mrs. Haynes to collect \$4,709,116.17 for 2015 Town and County taxes. Mrs. Haynes told the board of the problems that are being experienced with forwarding of tax bills, many residents bills are not getting to them. If you hear of anyone having a problem, please have them contact my office. Mr. Whitney 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:

The ownership of the church on the corner has transferred to the highest bidder at the auction last year. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Code Officer's report as presented with total receipts for the month of December in the amount of \$1,240.00, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

DOG CONTROL:

No report.

PLANNING BOARD:

No meeting in December.

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Flynn, 341 State Route 49 area variance - granted.

JUSTICE:

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Due to a conflict in my schedule, I may not be able to make it to tonight's Constantia Town Board meeting, so here's a report. As always, let me know if you have any questions or any issues that I can help you with.

First, I'd like to thank Rip Colesante and Chuck Gilkey for attending the Tug Hill Commission meeting in Cleveland this morning. The next Commission meeting in Oswego county is scheduled for this September in Amboy. I'll mention it again as we get closer to September.

The Tug Hill Commission's annual Local Government Conference is scheduled for Thursday, March 26 at Jefferson Community College in Watertown. Conference schedule and registration form was mailed out at the end of 2014. If anyone needs an extra copy, please let me know.

Supervisor Gilkey and I attended the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council meeting in Syracuse last Wednesday.

The next meeting of the North Shore Council of Governments (NorCOG) is scheduled for Thursday, January 29 at the Cleveland Village Hall. Meeting time is tentatively 7:30 p.m. One of the topics on the meeting agenda will be to continue discussion on how best to advance recreation and waterfront access opportunities on the North Shore. NorCOG meetings are open to the public, and you are all most welcome to attend.

Finally, it came to my attention this last week that there is a new step in the town budget process, and that involves a recertification that the town budget that was adopted was actually in compliance with the tax levy limit. Part of this process involves the town board authorizing the town supervisor or budget officer by resolution to certify the town's compliance. I have developed a sample resolution and provided a copy to the town supervisor. I hope that the town will find this useful.

-Mr. Moran asked about the upcoming meeting of NorCOG and what was said at the last meeting as it pertains to access to Oneida Lake on Mill Street. Mr. Moran would like to see some kind of orderly parking in this area. With the number of ice fishermen that come here and access the lake it is really crowded in this area. Mr. Colesante responded that truly they never spoke of lake access as it pertains to ice fishing. Mr. Colesante would like Mr. Gilkey to send a letter to DEC in Cortland, the Natural Resource Supervisor to see if they have any grants or money that they could put towards this area.

BOARD COMMENT:

-Ambulance report received

-Property Tax Rebate Resolution:

COUNCILMAN: **Moran**

Introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS the State of New York has authorized a property tax rebate program pertaining to certain property owners under certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS participation in this program requires the town board of a participating town to adopt a resolution authorizing the town supervisor or budget officer to certify that the 2015 Town Budget does not exceed the tax levy limit, nor did the town enact a local law or ordinance to override the levy limit for 2015, OR should such local law or ordinance have been enacted, to certify that the local law or ordinance was subsequently repealed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the town board of the town of Constantia does hereby authorize the supervisor of the town of Constantia to make such certifications to the Office of the State Comptroller as are necessary to verify the aforementioned conditions and actions as herein delineated.

Seconded by Councilman: **Metzger**

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

-Smart Watt, Mr. Woolridge received a financial summary from Smart Watt for both the highway department and the park property including the monument. Mr. Colesante would like to discuss the information with the park and recreation commission before board approval. Mr. Whitney made the motion to authorize Charles Gilkey, Town Supervisor to sign the summary for 60 Railroad Street, Town Highway Garage, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

-Mr. Colesante requested that all vouchers as they pertain to the park be given to Mrs. Lewis so she is aware of the vouchers and money spent.

-Outdoor Storage Law, Mr. Colesante would like to use this law to get residents to clean up their residents. Mr. Colesante requests that the board reviews this law for discussion at next meeting, Mr. Colesante would like to put a notice in the paper, make the law available for residents. - More discussion at the February town board meeting.

-February 12th at 9:00am will be a special meeting on a town mileage policy.

ADJOURN:

At 8:55 pm Mr. Moran made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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