

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES - TOWN BOARD-FEBRUARY 17, 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  
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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mrs. Kline likes the paint and valances in the court room.

**WATER/SEWER:**

Waiting on a response from EFC on the hardship funding application, hopefully next month.

**COUNTY LEGISLATOR:**

Mr. Reehil is at a Caucus and will not be able to attend the meeting, the following was submitted.

Legislature Chairman Gardner created a new Advisory Committee -- The Community Health and Poverty Reduction Task Force -- in partnership with every School District in the County. I have been assigned to Chair the Committee. A news article is attached. \*full copy of article is available in the Town Clerk's Office

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Roy Reehil  
5th District Oswego County Legislator

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the minutes of the January 20th 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 #2, Dated February 17, 2015:

General Fund	31-70	\$ 14,580.67
Highway Fund	17-36	\$ 57,484.78
NorthShore Water District	1	\$320,579.00

Seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

**SUPERVISOR:**

Mr. Metzger then made the motion to accept the Supervisor's report as presented dated January 31, 2015, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

**HIGHWAY:**

-Battling the weather, have had some breakdowns, working long hours. Mr. Colesante 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

Bids are in for the purchase of a new truck, two received:

1. West Herr Ford - \$23,759.00
2. Burdick Ford - \$23,861.50

Mr. Woolridge and Mr. John Whitney will review bids for possible acceptance at end of meeting.

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:**

Mrs. Haynes reported that the total receipts and disbursements for the month of January were \$1,203.00.

Tax collection is in full swing, on February 11, 2015 \$1,900,590.89 was turned over to Town Supervisor, this amount satisfied the total warrant to the town. 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

Currently Mr. Illingworth is handling the Amazon account, when Mrs. Haynes asked for the information to give to the highway department so they can do their own ordering, Mr. Illingworth was not willing to do so without instruction from the board. Mrs. Haynes is requesting that the information be turned over, the town clerk's office will handle orders for the town hall and the highway department will order for themselves. Amazon bills us monthly when there is a balance on the account Mrs. Haynes will create the voucher. Mr. Colesante made the motion to have Mr. Illingworth turn over information on Amazon account, the Town Clerk's office will run the account, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

Carried: Moran - Yes Whitney - Yes Colesante - Yes Metzger - Yes Gilkey - No

#### **ASSESSOR:**

As of the writing of this memo, the Department of Taxation and Finance are still unable to pinpoint a timeframe for the "Tax Freeze" checks to be mailed to the remaining school districts; including Central Square School District. DTF indicated in a phone call that the rebate checks are being issued by social security number of the property owner; and therefore, they are unable to verify when Oswego County, more specifically, the Central Square School District will be receiving their rebate checks.

As of today, our office has received several of the renewal notices for Senior, Enhanced STAR, Disability and Agricultural Exemptions. We are still waiting for several property owners to re-apply as follows:

- ❖ 46 Seniors
- ❖ 77 Enhanced STAR
- ❖ 8 Agricultural and Disability Exemptions

Lynn has contacted all the property owner's that still need to re-apply, and all have been reminded that our deadline is March 2, 2015.

During the next several weeks I will be spending a fair amount of time in the field inspecting those properties that have filed for building permits in preparation of the 2015 tentative assessment roll.

As always, should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

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

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Code Officer's report as presented with total receipts for the month of January in the amount of \$150.00, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

#### **DOG CONTROL:**

Ms. Ashley reported nothing much is going on, gave two reports to the board due to illness last month. Ms. Ashley spoke to the board on her frustration with the Judges, when she gives them a ticket she never hears what happens, does not get a disposition. The tickets are in three parts, if they could just put the outcome on the back of one of them, then put in her mailbox that would help. Ms. Ashley has asked in the past, but still does not get any information back. Mr. Gilkey will follow up with the Judges to request they put the information in her mailbox. Mr. Whitney made the motion to approve the Dog Control Officer's report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

#### **PLANNING BOARD:**

Received approved minutes from November 25, 2014.

Public hearing for 1393-1397 State Route 49, Boathouse on agenda for February 24th - change of use.

#### **BOARD OF APPEALS:**

None

#### **JUSTICE:**

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

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

#### **TUG HILL COMMISSION:**

Paul Baxter reported:

-Tug Hill Commission meeting Tuesday Jan 20th was in Cleveland, next meeting in Oswego County, Amboy in September

- NorCOG met Thursday, January 29th in Cleveland, thanks to Mr. Gilkey and Mr. Colesante for attending next meeting April 30th in Constantia
- Tug Hill Local Government Conference Thursday, March 26th
- Tug Hill annual dinner Thursday, May 28th location TBA
- Discussion underway for fall (Sept or Oct) Tug Hill Legislative summit location TBA
- Web site is up to date with all current notices, minutes through December. Mr. Baxter will be doing a slight site redesign so documents page only has current year minutes with a link to previous year minutes.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Smart Watt, Mr. Colesante after January's meeting spoke to the Park and Recreation Commission and all are in agreement with the Smart Watt program. Mr. Whitney made the motion to authorize Charles Gilkey, Town Supervisor to sign the summary for 851 State Route 49, Bernhards Bay, David C. Webb Memorial Park at Taft Bay, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

-Ambulance report received, Mr. Moran asked Mr. Gilkey if the ambulance report could include information for all towns they service.

-Mileage policy and form, meeting February 19th, two sample mileage policies and a form were generated at this meeting. Please review for discussion at next meeting.

-After reviewing the bids received Mr. Woolridge would like authorization to accept Burdick Ford's bid if the bid includes the locking differential equal to the West Herr Ford's bid. Mr. Whitney made the motion to accept Burdick Ford's bid if the locking differential is equal to the West Herr Ford bid, if not accept the West Herr Ford's bid, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

-Discussion on Mr. Sakora's pending retirement and his EBLAR funds, there seems to be some confusion as to what he wants to do. Mr. Colesante would like to get this done in a timely manner, if no solution, after speaking with Mr. Sakora then the board will have to address the situation at a meeting.

**ADJOURN:**

At 9:07 pm Mr. Moran made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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