

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD-April 21, 2015
7:30 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley - 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
Nancy Butler - Bookkeeper
Norman Youmans - Mayor, Village of Cleveland
Paul Baxter - Tug Hill Commission
Lyle Robbins - North Shore Ambulance, Operations Director

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:30 pm Mr. Mosley called the town board meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance. The board welcomed members of Boy Scout Troop 724 to the meeting, they are working on their Citizenship in the Community badge.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

WATER:

Mr. Colesante reported that the town is still waiting on EFC to evaluate the funding package for Bernhards Bay and Cleveland Water District. Expecting to hear within a month to make the decision to either proceed jointly or maybe go as separate projects.

FORT BREWERTON/GREATER ONEIDA LAKE:

Received notice from the Fort Brewerton Greater Oneida Lake Chamber of Commerce, they have presented the town a check for \$500.00 towards our revitalization project.

SEWER:

Mr. Moran and Mr. Mosley met with Mr. Parker, Barton & Loguidice to go over projects with Mr. Mosley. Currently there is approximately \$17,500 left from the sewer grant monies that was awarded to the town of Constantia. The town could opt to cancel the rest of the study, or keep going and investigate option #3 sending half the sewage to Cleveland and the other half to Hastings. At the current time the cost is too high to even consider doing a draft engineering study. Mr. Moran stated that from the beginning he was not for this study, but has since changed his mind and thinks it will be money well spent to continue investigating options. It was decided that Mr. Mosley will contact Mr. Parker and ask for a scope of services as it pertains to the rest of the monies left from the grant.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR:

Mr. Reehil was unable to attend the meeting as he had a presentation in Oswego, but sent the following report:
-The State budget finalized the competition between upstate regions for \$1.5 billion in economic development funding. "The three winning regions will each receive \$500 million for economic development projects."

I am hoping to initiate a Northshore group of projects and I think we should try to tie them all together and propose bringing natural gas down the County Trail. This may be a good time to propose a regional sewage treatment that would reduce future outfalls into Oneida Lake.

I'm recommending that we get West Monroe, Constantia, Hastings, Central Square and Cleveland together to create our narratives and connect the dots between projects. NorCOG and Paul Baxter would be a good vehicle for this idea and Tug Hill should be helpful in it.

Our important projects will help us score higher in the competition and we'll be less likely to be left out.

<http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/content/central-new-york>
https://www.facebook.com/CNYREDC/info?tab=page_info

I look forward to helping facilitate this important planning meeting.

MINUTES:

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

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #4, Dated April 21, 2015:

General Fund	113-142	\$ 34,888.72
Highway Fund	56-76	\$ 32,266.68

Seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

SUPERVISOR:

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

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

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge reported:

- Plows have been removed from all trucks, with the exception of one
- Sandblasted and painted trucks and plows
- Dump bodies have been put on
- New truck should be delivered in about 3 weeks
- Had some problems with the mobile sweeper, most of the intersections have been completed
- Dirt roads have been graded for the first time, still had frost so will have to do again
- Cold patching
- One driveway was installed
- Working in gravel bed getting sand and gravel ready
- Had a representative from Milton Cat come give a resale price for the 2010 loader, paid \$130,000 can trade in for \$110,000, getting more information
- Town junk pick up is the first Monday and Tuesday in May
- Leaf pick up will be in May, put by the road, no bags call the garage if you think you have been missed
- Mrs. Kline asked why the town does not pick up any garbage like mattresses, chairs. Mr. Woolridge responded that it is just too costly.
- Highway garage addition, electrical ruff in has been completed, will be working on insulation
- Mr. Bakowski from BAK Design, PE, PC has made detailed as built drawings to be able to get a certificate of occupancy for the addition

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Highway Superintendent report, seconded by Mr. Mosley.

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

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Mrs. Haynes reported that the total receipts and disbursements for the month of March were \$2,140.00.

Tax collection has ended, on April 9, 2015 a check in the amount of \$479,992.39 was given to the County Treasurer to satisfy the tax warrant for the town. \$11,359.75 was turned over to the Supervisor on April 14, 2015 for fees and penalties.

2015 Emergency Telephone List has been updated and given to all board members.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to approve the updated Official Undertaking to include Mr. Mosley as Town Supervisor, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

* Signed undertaking will be at the end of this document.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to approve the Workplace Violence Prevention Policy for 2015 having Mr. Mosley as a designated contact person, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's report as presented, seconded by Mr. Mosley.

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

ASSESSOR:

Work continues on the finalization of the 2015 Tentative Assessment roll; as such I will be working from home next week until finished.

The following dates and times are when I will be available with the 2015 Assessment Roll:

Tuesday	May 5, 2015	9:30 – 1:30
Saturday	May 9, 2015	9:00 – 1:00
Tuesday	May 12, 2015	9:30 – 1:30
Tuesday	May 19, 2015	9:30 – 1:30
Tuesday	May 19, 2015	6:00 – 8:00 (Evening)

Grievance Day for the Town of Constantia will be Wednesday, May 27, 2015.

Please bear in mind that due to statutory obligations, my schedule will be altered until all Grievance Days are completed. Anyone wishing to discuss their assessments; are encouraged to do so on the days listed above.

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

Mr. Moran made the motion to approve the Assessor's report as read, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Whitney made the motion to accept the Code Officer's report as presented with total receipts for the month of March in the amount of \$1,017.00, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

DOG CONTROL:

Ms. Ashley reported that with the nicer weather dogs have been running, we do not have a leash law, as long as they are behaving themselves they can run. Mr. Metzger made the motion to approve the Dog Control Officer's report as presented, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

PLANNING BOARD:

Mr. Macari told the board that they have been working on the results of the Comprehensive Survey, there is an informational meeting with the Planning Board and Town Board on May 12th at A. A. Cole at 7 pm residents are encouraged to attend.

BOARD OF APPEALS:

None

JUSTICE:

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

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

AUDITS:

Mr. Metzger and Mr. Moran have completed the 2014 audits for Town Clerk and Tax Collector. Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the audit findings for Town Clerk and Tax Collector, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

NORTH SHORE AMBULANCE:

Mr. Robbins was in attendance to give his report, most notably one of their ambulances has been replaced with a loaner until the new ambulance that was ordered is ready for service. The board thanked Mr. Robbins for attending and giving his report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-Phone message from N. Condoloro about concerns with MacIntosh Pallet. Mr. Mosely will contact MacIntosh to discuss issues

-Thank you from Mr. Gilkey's family

-Letter from Oswego County Department of Personnel, Payroll Certification

-Letter from A.A. Cole - Day of Service, Thursday May 7th

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Mrs. Kline discussed again the garbage pickup, the village does pickup larger items, but as Mayor Youmans says they are small. Mr. Colesante agrees with Mrs. Kline but does not know how to deal with it. It becomes an issue when you are asking other taxpayers to pay for someone else's trash, hard to justify.

-Mayor Youmans welcomed Mr. Mosely as the new Town Supervisor, hopefully the town and village can work together for the benefit of the taxpayers. If there is anything he can do to help just let him know.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Paul Baxter reported:

- Local Government Conference was a success, next year the date is March 31, 2016

-Met with Legislator Reehil, working with NorCOG Chairman Mr. Colesante to schedule a May 2015 NorCog meeting

-Tug Hill has been working with Oswego County and Oneida County planning on the issue of Oneida Lake access on the North Shore

-Central NY Regional Economic Development Council is meeting this Thursday, Mr. Baxter will be attending

-Constantia web site is up to date

-Assisted the town clerk with ordering new computers for her office and the supervisor's office

-Tug Hill Commission will have its annual dinner Thursday, May 28th in Adams, invitation will likely go out next week

BOARD COMMENT:

Mr. Mosley went to the meeting on March 30th in Oswego County about submitting a Local Government Efficiency Plan to the State by June 1st or the possibility of combining with Oswego County. If the town decides to combine with the county, the response must be completed and to the county by April 30th. Mr. Mosley is not in favor of combining with the County, just not enough time to get the information together. After discussion the majority of the board is in favor of combining with the county, Mr. Metzger will come in to get the information together to submit what is needed.

Mileage Policy, if there is no additional discussion Mr. Mosley would like to adopt the new mileage policy. Mr. Colesante made the motion to adopt the new mileage policy and form effective immediately for all personal to use, comments will be accepted by any board member. Seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

Mr. Colesante read the draft form of an article that he would like to have published in the Citizen Outlet. The article lets residents know that the town board wants to revitalize the town of Constantia. Two major steps will be to establish a Revitalization Committee. Secondly to enforce Local Law #1 of 2009 Outdoor Storage on Private Property, the board members will review and make suggestions for next month's meeting.

Mr. Mosley asked the board for permission to get the three small roofs fixed. Mr. Colesante asked where the town stood with the analysis of the building, Mr. Mosley is meeting with Mr. Cummings on Monday hoping for an answer then. Mr. Colesante told Mr. Mosley that typically when items need to be fixed, estimates are brought to the board for review then approval.

Resignation letter received from Mr. John Illingworth as Planning Development and Code Enforcement Director. Mr. Illingworth has agreed to stay on as Code Enforcement Officer on an hourly basis. Mr. Mosley figured his currently salary at \$20.00 an hour. An ad was placed in the Citizen Outlet with five resumes received. The board would like to advertise again interviews will be conducted shortly.

ADJOURN:

At 10:05 pm Mr. Metzger made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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