

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD-May19, 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
Eric Pond – Barton & Loguidice
Roy Reehil – County Legislator

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Mr. Rick Sikora was asked to come forward to receive a distinguished service award given to him by the board. Mr. Sikora retired from the town of Constantia Highway Department after 31 years of service on April 30, 2015, the board thanked Mr. Sikora for his years of dedication and service to the town.

Before the town board meeting, Mr. Charles Comins, P.E. came in and spoke to the board and provided a written report about the visual inspection of the town hall that he performed. Mr. Comins discussed issues of major concerns, the shingled roofs need to be repaired. The standing seam roof is deteriorating, the board will need to consider if it is worth putting money into this building, if they do will it survive with repairs.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

WATER:

Mr. Pond from Barton & Loguidice came to the meeting to discuss the letter received from NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation in regards to funding for the proposed Bernhards Bay Water District. The project is eligible for \$8,003,000 in interest free financing for a term of 30 years. This proposed funding package results in a projected service charge for \$643. per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) and is available for two years from the date of this letter which expires May 11, 2017. The package does not include a grant, this makes it uncertain if the Village will proceed with the joint project – current inside Village rate is \$220/year. If the Village withdraws from the joint water project, the Town would have to list the Town only project on the 2016 IUP and reapply for hardship funding if the project meets the funding line. A decision needs to be made by the town by August 1, 2015. This is a difficult decision, the residents of Bernhards Bay are looking forward to water, but with the increase to \$643., it will be a hard sell to the Village residents. Lengthy discussion followed, Mayor Youmans will be having a meeting with their engineer to review their options, town board is welcome to attend.

SEWER:

Mr. Pond also brought with him Amendment #2 to Engineering Services Agreement Revise Preliminary Engineering Report. This amendment will not result in an increase in B&L's current authorized fee, but instead a reallocation of the remainder of the current authorization. Mr. Colesante made the motion to authorize Supervisor Mosely to sign the Scope of Services for Constantia Lakefront and Hamlet Sewer Service Area Amendment No 2 dated May 12, 2015, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

COUNTY LEGISLATOR:

Mr. Reehil:

- Voted today for the school budget - machines broke, many problems for people trying to vote. Took one hour for Mr. Reehil to vote, very frustrating.
- Mill St. project a grant application was never put in at the County.
- Met with County Planning, DEC and Canal Corp they will be looking at the Cleveland pier project.
- Mill St drawings were given to Mr. Mosley, Dave Turner, Oswego County has an idea to have all communities along the North Shore to get better access to Oneida Lake, for both snowmobiling, ice fishing and boat launches. Possible idea would be to go after a planning grant, each town would help towards matching funds. More information to follow.

Mr. Colesante asked what is the status of purchasing land on State Route 49 by the Nice and Easy. Mr. Mosley has spoken to Jennifer from Will Barclay's office he is interested in helping. Is Will Barclay pressuring the purchase? The town originally had in mind just a strip of the parcel not the whole parcel. Mr. Mosley will contact Assemblyman Barclay's office to see what his thoughts are.

MINUTES:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the April 21st town board meeting and the April 27th special Meeting, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #5, Dated May 19, 2015:

General Fund	143-171	\$14,918.04
Highway Fund	77-96	\$47,428.52
Water	4	\$ 5,908.30

Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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 April 30, 2015, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge reported:

- New truck in in Syracuse, should be delivered by end of week
- Clean-up completed
- Leaf pick up done
- Sidewalks are progressing, this year they will be going from State Route 49 to the railroad bed on Redfield St. Will be getting a proposal ready for budget time to decide which areas should be done next year. Mr. Colesante asked Mr. Bader what he thought of the sidewalks, he is concerned about slip and falls, Mr. Colesante asked isn’t that greater now with the sidewalks in disrepair. No because there was no ownership, now with fixing them the town has taken ownership.
- Sidewalk bench will be ordered soon with the money from The Greater Brewerton Chamber of Commerce.

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

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

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Mrs. Haynes would like to thank Mr. Moran for building a frame for the map that is hanging in the courtroom. Also, a thank you to Mr. Baxter for helping to replace the town clerk computer. Mrs. Haynes reported that the total receipts and disbursements for the month of April were \$3,737.51. Mr. Metzger 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 Mosley - Yes

ASSESSOR:

The 2015 Tentative Assessment Roll was filed on May 1, 2015.

We mailed out 135 change of assessment notices, for a net increase of approximately \$2,900,000. Again, the majority of these changes were the result of physical changes from alterations or new construction from building permits.

Our equalization rate will remain at 100% for 2015.

Now that the roll is published, Grievance Day is scheduled for next Wednesday, May 27, 2015. Currently we have 10 people signed up: four for exemption issues, and the remainder for valuation concerns.

Should you have any further questions, do not hesitate to ask.

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Code Officer's report as presented with total receipts for the month of April in the amount of \$2,888.91 seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

DOG CONTROL:

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:

Now that the public informational session has been held, Mr. Moran would like the town board to task the Planning Board to update the Comprehensive Plan using the data from the survey that was completed in 2013. Mr. Moran made the motion to have the Planning Board update the Comprehensive Plan using the data from the 2013 residential survey, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

There is a site plan being reviewed by the Planning Board for King Mine on Whipple Road. It is 1,000 feet from County Route 17. Department of Environmental Conservation has approved the application.

BOARD OF APPEALS:

None

JUSTICE:

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

-Northshore ambulance report received

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Mrs. Kline asked if Mr. Woolridge knows how much garbage was picked up during the town clean up. Mr. Woolridge is not positive but thinks about 300 TV's, 40 Fridges and two 10 wheelers of tires.

-Michael Visconti asked about Natural Gas, Mr. Metzger responded that it is really a supply and demand issue. The board would encourage National Grid to put in gas, but it is a density issue and totally up to them.

-Wayne Confer told the board the Memorial Day parade will be in Cleveland this year.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Paul Baxter reported:

- Helped with the installation of new computers for the Town Clerk's office and Supervisor's Office
- North Shore Oneida Lake access meeting Thursday, May 7th in Cleveland
- Follow up NorGOG meeting on Wednesday May 20th in Constantia
- Attended Central NY Regional Economic Development Council meeting on Thursday April 23 and Thursday, May 14th. The new consolidated funding application round has opened and there will be a CFA workshop Friday, June 5th in Fulton
- Attended the spring meeting of the Cooperative Tug Hill Council. They had a speaker on proposed changes to the state's Forest Land Tax Exemption Program. Tug Hill is monitoring this legislation and its impacts on Tug Hill towns.
- The town web site is up to date except for the Powerpoint from May 12th informational meeting
- Tug Hill Commission conducted a session on Thursday, May 7th on how to prepare your community for grant preparedness, Supervisor Ken Mosley attended that meeting. Tug Hill could do a similar session for the town of Constantia in the future.

BOARD COMMENT:

Special Meeting Tuesday, May 26 at 7pm on town wide clean up.

Set up meeting with Tug Hill on grant preparedness.

Mr. Metzger made the motion authorize Supervisor Mosley to sign the Local Government Efficiency plan with the town of Amboy, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

Mr. Metzger made the motion to authorize Supervisor Mosely to sign the certification of the Tax Freeze and Government Efficiency Plan, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

Mr. Mosley has received one quote for the repair of the chimney at the town hall, this is a safety issue. Will be getting more quotes for both the chimney and the roof. Mr. Pond questioned why replace the chimney, why not just do a direct vent furnace, Mr. Mosley will investigate.

ADJOURN:

At 10:27 pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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