

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD-June 16, 2015
7:30 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran, Chad Whitney – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk

Others Present: Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent
Warren Bader - Town Attorney
Norman Youmans - Mayor, Village of Cleveland
Paul Baxter - Tug Hill Commission
Michael Parker – Barton & Loguidice
Roy Reehil – County Legislator

Absent: Kenneth Mosley - Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:30 pm Mr. Moran called the town board meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance. Supervisor Mosley is working out of town and cannot attend the meeting tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Phillips from Johnson Road asked why the speed limit is different on State Route 49. When you are coming into town it is 30 mph but when you are leaving town, west it is 35 mph. Mr. Colesante has been asked this question by other residents and he does not know the answer. New York State Department of Transportation sets the speed limits, they did not notify the board of the change.

WATER:

Mr. Parker from Barton & Loguidice gave the board the following report. Discussion on which way to proceed. Mayor Youmans is trying to go for no referendum, but of course village residents can force one. With informational meetings hopefully the residents will understand the need for the expense. Looking to begin the informational sessions by end July into August.

Bernhards Bay Water District

- Hardship Determination received May 18, 2015
 - 30-year, 0% interest loan, no grant
 - 598 EDUs – Village EDUs included, project contribution not used
 - Results in annual service charge of \$643 (TSC = \$675)
 - **EFC may adjust financial assistance due to any material changes**
- Town received letter from the Village dated June 10, 2015 indicating that the Village plans to move forward with \$3.8M project.
- If either Town District formation or Village referendum fails, funding offer would not be available to the other municipality. This leaves the Town with 2 options:
 - Proceed with the joint project – if Village referendum fails the Town would not be able to list a Town only project until the 2017 IUP.
 - Withdraw from joint project and list Town only project on 2016 IUP. Risk - Town only project may not meet the funding line, target service charge calculation may change.
- Anticipated schedules assuming municipalities proceed with current offer:
 - Bernhards Bay Water District-**
 - July 21st – Accept Map Plan & Report, Pass Intent to be Lead Agency Resolution (SEQR)
 - August 18th – Public Hearing for District Formation
 - September 15th – Lead Agency/Negative Declaration Resolution, Resolution Establishing District subject to Permissive Referendum
 - October 20th – Resolution approving district, Bond Resolution
 - Village Water System Improvements (Based on conversation w/ Village Engineer)**
 - Currently working on SEQR
 - Public Info Meeting – late July/early August
 - 1. Narrowed down to 2 alternatives – looking for input from the residents
 - Bond Resolution – dependent on Public Info Meeting – could be as early as August 11th

Mr. Colesante asked about Lower Road, Mr. Williams was going to canvas the residents to see if there has been a significant change, unsure if Mr. Williams has gotten any information. The board decided to put an article in the paper to try to get the residents to call and let the Town Supervisor know of their opinion. This will be their last chance to get in with a bigger district so the board would like to give them a chance.

SEWER:

Nothing to report.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR:

Mr. Reehil:

-Read the letter from Legislator Lockwood from the Upstate Revitalization Sub Committee mailed to town Supervisors. Mr. Reehil is on this committee. A portion of the letter reads “The Governor has proposed to award \$500 million (\$100 million/year for 5 years) to three upstate regions later this year. Chairman Gardner has

asked me to chair a sub-committee to explore opportunities for Oswego County and our various communities to participate in this initiative. We have begun the process of collection ideas locally for initiatives that might be eligible.” There will be a meeting on June 22nd at 3:15pm in the County Office Building in Oswego to present your project and ideas to the committee. Mr. Reehil is excited to give information for the North Shore, he indicated a planning grant would be a great place to start which will help get a plan together. Other ideas on the table could be to rebuild the town hall, sidewalk replacement, Scriba Park project, and of course more access to Oneida Lake.

- County Fair is July 1st – 5th
- July 18th is the County Tax Auction

MINUTES:

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the minutes of the May 19th town board meeting and the May 26th special meeting, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #6, Dated June 16, 2015:

General Fund	172-198	\$10,829.05
Highway Fund	97-117	\$76,277.34

Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

SUPERVISOR:

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

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

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge reported:

- Mr. Wiedenbeck donated \$600.00 towards the purchase of a bench
- Storm went thru Bernhards Bay last week, lots of clean up from that
- 10.4 miles of shoulders cut, the town along with 3 other town rented a shoulder machine, better deal when working with multiple towns
- Cleaning culverts on Shacksbush Rd and Nicholasville Rd, culverts will be changed before the road gets paved
- Start sand screening on Monday
- Hope to start blacktop by next week depends on the weather

Mr. Woolridge spoke at the May meeting about getting a quote for the trade in on our current 1993 and 2010 loaders. Milton Cat has offered to use the existing loaders as down payment on 2015 Cat loaders \$97,000 for the 2010 and \$31,000 for the 1993 the remaining balance of about \$140,000 will be due in February of 2016. Mr. Metzger made the motion to allow Mr. Woolridge to trade in the two existing loaders on the purchase of two (2) 2015 loaders on state bid from Milton Cat the balance due will be in February 2016, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Mr. Whitney asked if we should be keeping track of when we work together with other towns for the Tax Freeze and Government Efficiency Plan. Mr. Metzger indicated this would be important to make sure the town can keep track of the cost savings. An inter-municipal agreement would be the way to go to document the cooperation and savings. It does not have to be too specific and the Town Supervisor could sign the agreement, the same way the County does the snow and ice agreement.

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

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

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Mrs. Haynes reported that the total receipts and disbursements for the month of May were \$2,498.00. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's report as presented, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

ASSESSOR:

Grievance Day was Wednesday, May 27, 2015. The Board of Assessment Review (BAR) had 35 complaints filed; as follows:

1. 27 Grievances
 - a. 14 had no change
 - b. 13 were changes
2. 7 Stipulations
3. 1 Correction

All property owners that filed grievances have been notified of the BAR’s decision; and all changes have been entered onto the tentative roll. During the next couple of weeks, we will file and publish our Final Roll (July 1) for 2015. Should you have any further questions, do not hesitate to ask.

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Code Officer's report as presented with total receipts for the month of May in the amount of \$1101.00 seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

DOG CONTROL:

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

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

PLANNING BOARD:

The Planning Board has a public hearing set for King Mine on Whipple Road on June 23, 2015. Minutes received from the April 28th and May 12th meetings.

BOARD OF APPEALS:

None

JUSTICE:

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter received from Mr. Miller about speed limit on Lewis Rd
- Northshore ambulance report received

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Paul Baxter reported:

- Cleaned up and updated the computers formerly used for tax collection and town clerk for use at the highway department.
- Tug Hill and Oswego County have worked together to move forward on a possible joint grant to improve Oneida Lake access. Under the current proposal Constantia would be requested to pledge a future \$1000 match toward the grant total if awarded. We are planning a meeting for later this month to go into this in more detail for all those interested in potentially moving forward with this grant application.
- The North Shore Council of Governments finalized the next NorCOG Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) at its last meeting. This agreement needs to be re-entered into periodically. This agreement is essentially the same as the old version, except the separate NorCOG bylaws have been incorporated into the IMA itself. You do not need to approve this tonight but would appreciate its consideration in the near future.
- The executive director of the NYS Tug Hill Commission has announced his intention to retire from the commission effective the end of July. Tug Hill has started the process to seek a new executive director.
- The next meeting of the Tug Hill Commission will be Monday, June 22nd at 4pm at the Camden Village Offices, the public is welcome to attend.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to authorize Supervisor Mosley to sign the North Shore Council of Governments Intermunicipal Agreement, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

BOARD COMMENT:

Mr. Confer has requested that the board appoint Mr. Steven Fleming to the Veterans Monument Committee. Mr. Colesante made the motion to appoint Mr. Steven Fleming to the Veterans Monument Committee, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

After reviewing quotes for the three roofs on the town hall, Mr. Colesante made the motion to hire RPM Contracting to do the work as per quote. The board is giving leeway to Supervisor Mosley to authorize RPM Contracting to remove any bat guano that might be in the roof of the vestibule. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

There will be a special meeting on Friday, June 26th at 9am, the major topics of this meeting will be the employee handbook, revitalization program and a 5 year plan for the town hall.

ADJOURN:

At 9:34 pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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