

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD-January 19, 2016
7:30 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley - Supervisor
Richard Colesante, Thomas Moran, John Metzger – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk

Others Present: Warren Bader - Town Attorney
Norm Youmans – Mayor, Village of Cleveland
Roy Reehil – County Legislator
Paul Baxter - Tug Hill Commission

Absent: Chad Whitney – Council Member
Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Mason Brown a Boy Scout from Troop #724 was in attendance as part of a merit badge he is working on. Mr. Brown was wondering if there are thoughts of expanding public water. Mr. Colesante responded that the town is currently working on funding for what would be called the Bernhards Bay Water District this will expand the current district to the town line with the village of Cleveland.

AMBULANCE:

Mr. Robbins was in from NorthShore Ambulance to give his report. Mr. Metzger would like to set up a meeting with Mr. Robbins, about two years ago the town board had a work session where Mr. Robbins gave the board an idea where the ambulance stood and where it is going. Mr. Metzger would like more information about service billing. Mr. Robbins told the board that Federal law has changed so the amount that Medicare/Medicaid rates have been slashed so recovery numbers are up but money received is down. Still looking at the numbers for this because the change just happened. Mr. Robbins is available anytime to meet. NorthShore Ambulance offers CPR and AED classes open to the public, must call 675-3110 to schedule.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR:

Legislator Reehil reported:

-Elected Majority Whip for 2016, 2nd to the Majority Leader, and was also appointed Chairman of the County's Economic Development and Planning Committee.

-Received the appointment to the Economic Development and Planning Committee largely due to his work researching economic and poverty conditions in the County, while chairing the Community Health and Poverty Reduction Task Force. On the task force, Legislator Reehil chaired an economic development team, consisting of members of the Workforce Development Board, SUNY Oswego, Local Chambers of Commerce, CiTi/BOCES Staff, Oswego City Community Development Board and leaders of local businesses. That work, to start a comprehensive economic development plan for the County, is being carried over into the County Economic Development and Planning Committee.

-Legislator Reehil will be asking the towns, cities and villages in the County to participate in inventories of local infrastructure and housing in order to map that information with an eye to looking at economic development for the County in a more regional way.

MINUTES:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the minutes of the December 15th town board meeting, Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #1, Dated January 19, 2016:

General Fund	1-41	\$ 23,127.83
Highway Fund	1-19	\$ 16,876.02
North Shore Water District	1	\$ 312.50

Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

Mr. Moran made the motion approve general budget transfer #2 dated December 31, 2015,

<u>Over Budget Accounts:</u>	<u>Amounts over:</u>
A1310.5 Payroll Service C.E.	\$ 327.99
A1330.4 Tax Collector C.E.	\$ 65.50
A1620.12 Cleaner	\$ 150.53
A1620.4 Bldg & Grounds C.E.	\$1,094.31
A1920.4 Mun. Assoc. Dues	\$ 100.00
A9030.81 FICA	\$ 321.27
A9030.82 Medicare	\$ 116.66
A7510.4 Historian	<u>\$ 96.11</u>
Total Over:	\$2,272.37

Funds to cover over budget accounts:

A1990.4 Contingency Balance \$ 45,577.00
\$ 2,272.37

Balance of Contingency: \$ 43,304.63

Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Moran made the motion to approve the Supervisor’s report dated December 31, 2015, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge is not at the meeting tonight but asked to have Mr. Mosley bring up the Shared Services Agreement for Emergency Assistance between the town and New York State. Mr. Bader has reviewed the document. Mr. Metzger made the motion to authorize Supervisor Mosley to sign the agreement, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Mrs. Haynes has received the tax warrant from Oswego County directing Mrs. Haynes to collect the following:

To County Treasurer \$2,837,830.20
To Town Supervisor \$1,923,588.80
Total Warrant: \$4,761,419.00

To date Mrs. Haynes has collected \$929,325.15 which is 20% of the total warrant. Taxes will be collected without penalty until February 2, 2016.

Mrs. Haynes reported that the total receipts and disbursements for the month of December were \$2,792.20. Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's report as presented, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

ASSESSOR:

Mr. Wheeler submitted the following report:

We have officially sent out all exemptions that are required to be renewed. Last week, we sent out our Agricultural and Disability Renewals. We have also contacted all property owners that have enrolled in the Income Verification Program (IVP), all enrollees were sent a small green post card indicating to them that their Enhanced STAR has been approved for the upcoming school year.

Some of you may have heard, or actually received a *Tax Freeze Check* from the Department of Taxation and Finance (DTF), and still many others have not. This is what we know so far; DTF has sent out 800,000 checks, in no particular order, not by owner last name, county or school district, just a completely random mailing. As of last week, there are still 1.5 million checks yet to be processed, so while some of us may have gotten a check, several others are left waiting, and there is no definitive time frame as to when the rest should expect to receive the check by; if and when any additional information becomes available, I will gladly pass it along. In the meantime, for any property owner looking for more information, they may contact DTF directly at (518)457-2036.

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

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Assessor’s report as read, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Wayne Hall, CEO gave the board a letter concerning the property owned by Ms. Evonne Confer and his dealings with Ms. Confer. Mr. Hall would like the board to give him directions as how they would like him to proceed. After discussion, Mr. Colesante made the motion to have Mr. Wayne Hall continue with the citation process and have Ms. Confer appear in justice court at his discretion, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mr. Gordon Hall has not given Mr. Wayne Hall, CEO a timeline as requested by the board. The board is directing Mr. Wayne Hall to contact Mr. Gordon Hall and request he attend the next town board meeting with his timeline. This situation has been going on too long.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Code Officer's report as presented with total receipts for the month of December in the amount of \$1,501.20, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

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 Colesane – Yes Metzger – Yes Mosley - Yes

BOARD INITIATIVES AND COMMENT:

-Mrs. Corsette was in and wanted to donate a small portion of land that is not of use to the property owner. The town is not interested in this parcel.

-Run for the Rare which is being held in Constantia by a resident, needs a letter of approval from the board to give to NYS indicating that the town knows that part of State Route 49 will be closed for a short time. The board would like additional information. Mr. Mosley will contact Ms. Boyea.

-Winery at 1158 State Route 49, Mr. Bader did research as requested by the board, Mr. Hamilton has recently built a pole barn without a building permit. Mr. Hamilton indicated that because he is in an ag district he did not need one, this is incorrect he still needs to abide by local laws and NYS Building Code. Mr. Hall, CEO will contact Mr. Hamilton. The planning board should revisit the site plan for this property.

-Mr. Colesante would like to add to the town board monthly agenda, the Revitalization Committee, Municipal Building and set up a work session to complete the employee handbook. The board agreed to meet on February 17th at 9am.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Paul Baxter reported:

-Tug Hill Commission Local Government Conference on Thursday, March 31st

-Tug Hill Commission meeting on Monday, January 25th 10am at Central Square Village Office, prior to meeting a special presentation at 9:30am on the Central NY Raceway project.

-Tug Hill Commission is in the NYS 2016-2017 budget as proposed by Governor at current funding level

-Dropped off additional copies of Oswego County Winter/Spring brochure

-Still in the process of scheduling the next NorCOG meeting

ADJOURN:

At 9:49 pm Mr. Moran made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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