

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING - TOWN BOARD-March 1, 2016
9:30 am Constantia Town Hall

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

Others Present: Warren Bader - Town Attorney
Vern Sundet – Supervisor for the Town of West Monroe
Warren Wheeler – Town of Constantia Assessor

Absent: Chad Whitney – Council Member

CALL TO ORDER:

At 9:30 am Mr. Mosley called the special meeting of the town board to order with the pledge of allegiance.

WATER:

This meeting was called so both the Town of Constantia and West Monroe could discuss the North Shore Water District and how each town handle their EDU's (Equivalent Dwelling Units).

Members of the town board for both towns should be meeting annually to discuss EDU's and other issues as they pertain to the North Shore Water District, acting as the water board.

There was a lengthy discussion on EDU's and how they are charged in each town, Mr. Sundet indicated he and Mr. Gilkey had discussed EDU calculations in the past. Mr. Sundet has three different water districts in his town and all EDU's are allocated differently. West Monroe is trying to get all districts to charge more consistently.

Discussion on the golf course in West Monroe and how they are charged for EDU's, as per the map plan & report this business was treated as a restaurant. Restaurants were charged by their seating capacity not usage. Mr. Sundet did get complaints from this business, West Monroe did modify the number of EDU's for the golf course. North Shore Water District has one map, plan & report so both towns should be consistent as how EDU's are assessed. Mr. Wheeler always thought that doing by seating was not the best way to assign EDU's but that is how the map, plan & report is written so that is how he has to look at businesses. All Town of Constantia board members present and Mr. Sundet agree that the Assessor's for each town have the best information to review the EDU's this way the calculations can be the same.

Mr. Moran did question Mr. Sundet about the extension that brought 19 more EDU's for West Monroe. Mr. Moran is wondering why these were not added to the North Shore Water District's total EDU count. Mr. Sundet told Mr. Moran that those 19 EDU's were a separate water district that was formed after the North Shore Water District. Questions on funding this water district were asked, this district was formed before Mr. Sundet took office he will look into this and get information back to the board.

When asked why EDU's have stayed about the same, Mr. Wheeler said that truly the town of Constantia does not have a lot of new building going on. The EDU's will stay pretty consistent even when we do pick up a new construction, property owners will merge their properties which offsets the new EDU's. Mr. Sundet thinks that once sewers go in EDU's will go up because size of required building lots will go down. Neither towns have received complaints recently as to EDU's.

Members in attendance agreed that another meeting is needed, Mr. Sundet will discuss a water board with his town board members, board members for the Town of Constantia will act as members on a joint water board.

-At 10:45 Mr. Sundet left the meeting.

ASSESSOR:

Mr. Wheeler discussed the possibility that the town will need to do a total revaluation for the 2017 tax season. Mr. Wheeler reported that since there are not enough parcels selling in Constantia, the State compares Constantia sales with sales in West Monroe, Hastings and Vienna (sale price vs assessment). Mr. Wheeler would like to have another meeting after the current roll is filed and after grievance day which is the last Wednesday in May. This will give Mr. Wheeler enough time to get paperwork together as to the pros and cons of staying at 100% assessment.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

Mr. Mosley would like the Justice Court to apply for a grant for a metal detector for the court room, times have changed and safety is important. The metal detector will require a constable to run it, there is a list of constables in the area that the town could hire from. The board is in favor of looking into this possibility.

Mr. Mosley has met with Mr. Persse from Eastern Shore Insurance, Mr. Mosley has added a law enforcement endorsement to our policy.

Mr. Mosley has contacted NYSDOT on sidewalks for State Route 49, Mr. Doucette has indicated that Constantia will be included in their capital plan. Mr. Mosley hopes to have more information for the next town board meeting.

Revitalization Committee –Mr. Colesante and Mr. Metzger will be having a meeting with Mrs. Sue LaVigne, Chairperson, to make plans and give suggestions on what the board would like the Revitalization Committee's role to be in the town.

Owner of 1540 State Route 49 was in, they have been working on the inside of the building, stripped insulation and wiring. Mr. Bader told Mr. Mosley that the owners were told to be at the March 15th meeting, and to make sure they keep coming back until the problem is resolved.

Mr. Bader updated the board on what happened at court with Ms. Evonne Confer. Ms. Confer was in attendance and did claim poverty. The court told her that they need to see progress on the clean up by the next court date in March.

Mr. Colesante would also like Mr. Wayne Hall to reach out to Mr. Gordon Hall to have him give the town board a date when his property will be in compliance with Local Law #1 of 2009. Not what Mr. Gordon Hall has done, but when he will be finished. Mr. Mosley will tell Mr. Wayne Hall of this request.

ADJOURN:

At 11:45am Mr. Colesante made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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