

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING - TOWN BOARD – JUNE 20, 2016
7:00 pm Constantia Volunteer Fire Station

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

Others Present: Warren Bader - Town Attorney
Joe Cavender – QPK Design
David McNeil – QPK Design
Russell Raymond – Chairman of Board of Fire Commissioners
Greg Baird, Michael Dineen, Richard Dupre – Board of Fire Commissioners
John Haynes – Chief of Constantia Fire Department

Absent: Richard Colesante – Council Member
Reverend Mathis – Member, Board of Fire Commissioners

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:00 pm Mr. Mosley called the special meeting of the town board to order with the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Cavender and Mr. McNeil were here to give a presentation on a concept design for a new municipal building.

Mr. Whitney addressed the residents in attendance explaining during budget season the town board members discussed repairs that were needed to be made at the town hall along with issues with the fire department buildings. With this in mind it was decided to investigate a possible joint municipal building. Mr. Metzger wanted to reiterate that this is preliminary concept only, the board needs input from all involved parties. Other possibilities that have not been explored as of yet is to have room for the ambulance and state police. It is important to remember that consolidation is what the state is looking for, hopefully there will be grants available.

Mr. McNeil gave the presentation, QPK Design came up with two concepts:

1. The first option would be to build on the site of the current town hall
2. The second would be to build on the back side of the fire department's property, facing Vella's

Both buildings would:

- a. Include drive thru bays for the fire trucks
- b. The building would be set back off the street for proper site distance

The design for the building was the same just the location would be different. The building's concept would have the truck bays on one end, a joint area in the middle and the town offices grouped together on the opposite end. There would be only one "meeting room" which would also be the court room.

Concerns:

- Size of some of the rooms seem too small
- Questions as to what will happen with the existing buildings
- Make sure the building is not "over the top" just build what we need
- Make sure equipment from "old buildings" can be transferred to new building

There are a lot of things to consider, Mr. Whitney suggested that the fire department and the town board both make committees to put down on paper what needs to be adjusted and meet again. If a new municipal building is not feasible, then both the fire department and town board will need to make decisions as to what needs to be done to their buildings for the future.

ADJOURN:

At 7:55 pm the meeting adjourned.