

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD-June 21, 2016
7:30 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley – Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran, Chad Whitney – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Warren Bader - Town Attorney
Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent

Others Present: Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

WATER:

-Dustin Clark from Barton & Loguidice did submit the application for funding before the June 20th deadline.
-Requested information sent to ORRICK for the bond.
-Metropolitan Water Board (WMB) issue is still being worked on until clarification the town will be holding the bill they submitted from 2010 – present.

SEWER:

Nothing new to report.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR:

Legislator Reehil submitted the following report:

I apologize that I could not attend the meeting tonight.

Thanks for hosting a very well-attended Tourism Advisory Council meeting today at the Constantia Town Hall. Peg Peck did an excellent presentation on the history of Constantia and there was a tour of the Hatchery afterwards.

The County will hold a bicentennial parade in Oswego on July 2 with an open house at Fort Ontario afterwards.

The County Foreclosed Property Auction will be held July 23, at Oswego High School. The auction list is available online at the County Web Site oswegocounty.com. The list of properties to be auctioned in Constantia was previously emailed to the Town Board.

The board may have heard about a Countywide Fire Department Exploratory Committee. Rest assured, that nothing will happen about that until a great deal of public debate is heard and we will be involved and I will keep you informed if it actually has any possibility of moving forward in any form.

MINUTES:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the minutes of the May 17th town board meeting, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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 #6 dated June 21, 2016:

General Fund	171-212	\$23,317.12
Highway Fund	98-120	\$15,333.14
NorthShore Water District	6	\$ 5,932.45

All have been reviewed and approved by the town board members, Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Supervisor's report as presented dated May 31, 2016, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge reported:

-Paving – spot paving Center St and intersections, Roosevelt Rd, Hatchery Rd, Spot paving Salt Rd and will be working on Parker Rd next.

-Started mowing, continue to do tree work.

-Blacktop pricing is down.

-No new news on the culvert for Holly Hole Rd, DOT inspected this year and asked when it will be completed.

Mr. Woolridge told him of the problems he is having with the Corp of Engineers. It is \$538,000 to fix the culvert the way the Corp wants it done, only \$60,000 using the culverts Mr. Woolridge has purchased. Frustrating.

-Seven dumpsters were emptied do not have the final charge as of yet as the dumpsters are charged as per their weight – lots of residents took advantage of the opportunity.

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

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

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Mrs. Haynes reported that the total receipts and disbursements for the month of May were \$5,426.05. Mrs. Haynes told the board that her office will only be open in the mornings for the week of July 4th. Mr. Whitney made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's report as presented, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

ASSESSOR:

Grievance Day has come and gone for 2016. We had 17 complaints this year, and all individuals have been notified of the Board of Assessment Review's decision. The final roll is set to be printed and filed on or about July 1, 2016.

Our office has already notified those individuals identified by Department of Taxation and Finance (DTF) as those property owner's that are required to register with DTF for the new Star Check program that was signed into law on March 31, 2016 with the passing of the State's budget. We mailed out 59 letters explaining the change in the law and provided them with information on how to register with DTF in order to receive the Star Check this fall. Our office has already assisted several property owners with signing up through the DTF's website:

www.tax.ny.gov.

Several weeks ago, the Board asked me to look into our current schedule of charges as they relate to our Water District. As directed, I have been in communication with the Town of West Monroe's Assessor, Mary Lesneau. Based on that communication, I can offer the following recommendations:

1. Vacant Land 10 or more acres – Change from 1.00 EDU to **0.75 EDU**
2. Vacant Agricultural Parcels – Active Farm Parcels – **0.00 EDU**
3. Fire Departments – 0.00 EDU – **1.00 EDU**
4. Restaurants – Charged 1.00 EDU plus any additional for apartments etc.

Making these changes would change the EDU count approximately from 907.50 to 903.50, a loss of about 4 total units. Some of the other topics of discussion; had no bearing on the Town of Constantia, as our commercial base was a bit different than the Town of West Monroe's.

I will be out of the office the week of July 10th, while I attend the annual Seminar on Appraising at Cornell University. I will return on Tuesday, July 19.

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

Discussion on the EDU recommendations as requested from Mr. Wheeler. The intention the board had when they asked Mr. Wheeler to review the EDUs with West Monroe would be for consistency between both towns within the same water district. The next step would be to set another meeting with West Monroe for further discussion.

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

No report was submitted by code enforcement, with the leave of absence of Mr. Wayne Hall, Mr. Metzger made the motion to appoint Mr. Mark Harrington as Part-Time Temporary Code Enforcement Officer, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

Mr. Moran did suggest that Mr. Harrington keep a log of his activities, hopefully this will be submitted next month with a report.

JUSTICE:

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

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

DOG CONTROL:

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

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

PLANNING BOARD:

Nothing to report

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Nothing to report

REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report

MUNICIPAL BUILDING:

At 7:00pm June 20th there was a presentation at the Constantia fire hall. The next step is to identify needs of both fire department and the town hall. Need committees from both entities and active participation. Discussion on how to fund a possible joint building, Mr. Colesante requested that Mr. Mosley contact Mr. Wheeler, Assessor to see what the impact of a project of this magnitude would make on a tax bill, and also contact the bank to see what a possible interest rate would be and if there are any fees.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- North Shore Ambulance report
- Upstate NY LED Program
 - Similar to the program that the town did in the past with the town hall and highway garage. Niagara Mohawk will be doing a study of our street lights to give us a estimate, more information to follow.
- OCWA Hydrant recall – they are working on replacing now.
- 911 New road name “Tarnacki Drive”

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

BOARD COMMENT:

Mr. Colesante would like to increase the wage of a park employee, this employee has worked for the park for quite a while and holds the position of WSI (head lifeguard). Current wage is \$10.25 will increase to \$11.00 an hour. Mr. Metzger made the motion to approve the wage increase for this WSI to \$11.00, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

Mr. Colesante, Mr. Mosely and Mr. Woolridge have been meeting with a grant writer from the Tug Hill Commission on a parks grant. Scriba Park is in need of better access, parking, vehicle traffic control and restoration of damage made to the park. Grant might take years to get, the major problem is the percent of the match it will require. That of course will be considered if the grant is received.

Mr. Mosley is having informal discussions with Mr. Turner from Oswego County on the Mill St. project. The memorial bench for Mr. Charles Gilkey has been installed. The question is where to go from here, Mr. Moran would like to see maybe a canoe/kayak launch. Mr. Colesante would like to see the break wall fixed, Mr. Woolridge believes the highway department might be able to help with that. Maybe in the future even a gazebo.

Sidewalks – Mr. Woolridge will continue the sidewalk down Redfield St. later this year.

Mr. Colesante asked how the Mr. Gordon Hall situation worked out, Mr. Hall was Adjourned in Contemplation of Dismissal (ACD) for 1 year. Mr. Hall does have other properties that need attention.

Double J – next step for that property owner will be to have an engineer analyze to see if the remaining building is structurally sound.

Mr. Lang has moved his camper back down on Doris Park Dr. the Code Enforcement Office is aware and has documented the date.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Since the last meeting, Mr. Baxter attended the following meetings:

- Solar Farm Workshop
- CNY Regional Economic Development Council meeting and CFA workshop
- State Public Service Commission Clean Energy Standard hearing
- Oneida Watershed Discovery meeting

Additionally, in response to municipal requests, the Tug Hill Commission is exploring interest in possible cost savings which might be realized by town and villages bidding out auditing services together. At this point they are just inquiring if towns and villages might potentially be interested in participating. Yes, Constantia would be interested for possible cost savings for audits.

ADJOURN:

At 8:59 pm Mr. Whitney made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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