

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD-August 16, 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: Karen Ashley – Dog Control Officer
Roy Reehil – County Legislator
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission
Eric Pond – Barton & Loguidice

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Mosley asked Mr. John Haynes, Chief of the Constantia Volunteer Fire Department to attend tonight's board meeting. Mr. Mosley on behalf of Mr. Joseph Abbas is presenting a check to the Constantia Volunteer Fire Department for their efforts in burning down the house on Frederick St. Mr. Abbas is very grateful for all the time and effort it took to undertake this matter. Mr. Haynes is very appreciative, the fire department will put the money to good use.

Mrs. Kline asked where the town stands with the properties that needed to be cleaned up around town. Double J, Lang's property and Ayers on Martin Rd. Mr. Mosley will talk to the Code Enforcement Officer to get an update, Mr. Bader will contact the attorney for the Lang estate to get an update on that property.

WATER:

Mrs. Patten from Railroad St. in Bernhards Bay was in attendance to voice her frustration on her water situation and get an update for water in Bernhards Bay. Mr. Eric Pond from Barton & Loguidice was in attendance with good news, the Town of Constantia was awarded a \$2,833,800 grant that was applied for in June. The total project cost is \$4,723,000. With the grant award it is possible to move forward with the Bernhards Bay Water District. This is a new funding line so there will be questions that need to be answered, with that in mind there will be a meeting on August 30th at 9am in the Constantia town hall to get a timeline together and discuss financing if information is available. Mr. Pond would like to get moving on this project as soon as possible, if the environmental study could be completed before the foliage is gone that would be a big hurdle.

SEWER:

Eric Pond and Dustin Clark from Barton & Loguidice gave a presentation on August 9th to members of the Constantia Town board and Village of Cleveland's board. The potential project is still above the Comptroller's acceptable figure of \$796., the current funding figure is \$812.. The DEC is very interested in the project, after feedback from DEC and requested changes are addressed the next step is to have another meeting with both the town and village to get questions answered as to how to proceed. Mr. Moran thinks this project will be a tough sell, the village is getting an improved plant but they are not having any increase. Mr. Pond responded that would be a question that would be hammered out at a meeting with both boards. Mr. Colesante thinks the board might want to get feedback from people in the potential district as to their feelings. Might even need to do the petition process that is how they received the best results in the past.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR:

Legislator Reehil submitted the following report:

- Fitzpatrick Power plant will be staying open, the deal has not closed yet but Exelon is going to run the plant
- The Property Tax Cap for the County of Oswego is .68%
- Governor Cuomo was in Oswego to reveal the Route 104 Project which is a 4 million dollar project and a 10 million dollar Downtown Revitalization project
- Super Dirt Week will be held in Oswego, a new hotel is being built by the track
- Property tax auction was held, no specifics yet but will get the information for the next board meeting
- Transfer station fees were raised, this is in an effort to get them to be self-supportive

MINUTES:

Mr. Moran requested a change to the minutes, Mr. Moran made a motion in regards to a constable for justice court, the current minutes read to hire a constable. The actual minutes should read to hire a private contractor as constable. Mr. Moran does not support adding an employee for this position. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the July 19th town board meeting with the above mentioned change, 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 #8 dated August 16, 2016:

General Fund	252-291	\$ 18,058.58
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Highway Fund	138-153	\$ 69,471.93
NorthShore Water District	7-9	\$122,007.51

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

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 July 31, 2016, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge reported:

- Cemetery Road, stumps removed and ditching, will be hydro seeding next week
- Cleaned up trees twice after storms
- Dirt roads have been graded
- Installed two driveways
- Screening sand
- CHIPS paperwork will be ready for next month

Mr. Colesante asked about Holly Hole Rd, no response yet still working on paperwork, all money for this project has been used for paving. 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 July were \$2,214.80. 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:

Since the filing of our final roll in July, we have also received our final state equalization rate of 100% from Department of Taxation and Finance.

We have also received one Article 7 Filing for an assessment dispute as a result of a Board of Assessment Review case. A copy was sent over to Town Counsel Warren Bader.

School bills will be going out soon, and with that, we anticipate several questions as it pertains to the new law with regard to the Star Exemption. Anyone with any questions about their school bill are encouraged to contact our office first, to verify whether it can be handled locally or if in fact they should contact Department of Taxation and Finance.

I will be out of the office on September 20, 2016, while I attend our New York State Assessors' Association Fall Conference.

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 Whitney – Yes Colesante - Yes Metzger - Yes Mosley – Yes

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

No report submitted. Mr. Harrington has been working on permits and inspections. Mr. Colesante asked if Sciacca's on Shackbush Rd had been sited, Mr. Mosley will follow up with Mr. Harrington.

JUSTICE:

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

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

DOG CONTROL:

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

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

PLANNING BOARD:

Minutes received for July 26, 2016 and August 4, 2016.

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Jesse and Nicole Reynolds, 9 1st Ave – Set Back Variance reviewed last month, variance was denied, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have hired an attorney, Mr. Bader has letter and will respond.

REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE:

The town received a donation from the Darrow family for a tree to be purchased in memory of Richard and Beatrice Darrow. The family is requesting the tree be located in an area that Mr. Colesante is not comfortable putting a tree. Mr. Colesante will reach out to the family to see if there is a different location they will approve. If not the town might need to return the check. The Revitalization Committee will need to come up with guidelines, trees are difficult, can't be moved like a bench can.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING:

Mr. Mosley asked Mr. Metzger if the fire department has set a committee yet, one has not be established.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter reported:

-The Tug Hill Commission has set up a meeting Wednesday, August 17th from 6 – 8 pm in Lee Center on the Emerald Ash Borer, which has been detected in the Rome area and is spreading. The Emerald Ash Borer kills ash trees, and some communities are planning ahead by inventorying their ash trees on public lands and along municipal roads with an eye toward treating some and cutting down others before they die and become a public hazard.

-The Tug Hill Commission has set up a workshop for Tuesday, August 30th in Altmar on the town budget process, workshop flyer is attached.

-Currently planning fall training opportunities for planning and zoning boards to assist them with their annual training requirements. The Constantia planning board has requested a workshop on SEQR review and has offered to host a workshop.

-The town web site has been updated.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- North Shore Ambulance report
- New tipping fee schedule for Oswego County received

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

BOARD COMMENT:

Mr. Warren Bader has approved a Veterans Agreement for both the VFW and American Legion to use for their reimbursement of flags and grave markers. Mr. Metzger made the motion to approve use of the new Veteran's Agreement, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

Mr. Mosley went to Ferguson Waterworks to get a price list for installation of water in the town hall, Mr. Woolridge will dig the ditch. Mr. Moran made the motion to spend \$579.75 on materials and whatever is necessary to complete the water installation to the town hall, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mr. Metzger requested the budget letters to be sent to department heads, meeting is set for September 13th at 4 pm.

August 23rd at 1 pm there will be a water meeting to discuss and clarify issues on EDU's for the North Shore Water District between Constantia and West Monroe.

ADJOURN:

At 9:36 pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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