

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES - TOWN BOARD- November 15, 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  
Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent  
Warren Bader - Town Attorney

Others Present: 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.

**WATER/SEWER:**

Bernhards Bay Water District

- Subcontractors:
  - Soils Investigation – drilling began on Lower Rd on Monday.
  - Wetlands and Species Habitat Assessment – Field work wrapping up this week.
  - Survey – Started October 28, completing preliminary fieldwork.
  - Archaeologist – field work will start later this month.
- NYS Ag & Markets:
  - Notice of Intent for Action in Ag. District submitted October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Engineering Design:
  - Fieldwork and layout has commenced.

Mr. and Mrs. Clasen from Lower Road was in attendance they are concerned with hydrant placement and drainage. Mr. Pond addressed their concerns. Mr. Whitney would like to know if the fire department could have a say in the placement of hydrants, there are some in the first district that are not in good locations. Mr. Pond said there will be many agencies looking at placement.

Mr. Metzger asked about possible extension up County Route 17, how does that work. Mr. Pond responded that the current district is already formed and funded. The first step is to survey the residents to see how serious they are about getting water so B&L could get a ball park figure together for projected costs. It is possible that the funding agency will let the town piggy back this extension into the current funding, but the residents in the extension might have to pay the upfront administrative portion of the extension. Mr. Mosley asked why now do they want to be included, because of need. Mr. Metzger and Mr. Colesante thought this would be an easy task, it does not seem like it will be.

Constantia Sewer

- DEC Review
  - o DEC reviewed the revised report and released the Town/Village planning grant funds.
  - o B&L to coordinate a workshop meeting with Town, Village and DEC to address:
    - Limits of service area;
    - Design flow assumptions;
    - Additional treatment technologies to be evaluated.
- Project received hardship Funding Approval and is not on the Annual List.

Mr. Pond will get with DEC to get some dates and then set a meeting between the Town, Village and DEC to address questions.

Mr. Colesante would like to start having informational meetings. Get the information out to people in the District.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Theresa Boyea was in attendance to speak about the run she held last year, this year she is again asking for a letter from the Town Board giving support for The Run for the Rare. Last year the run donated a little under \$4,000. Comments from runners were how beautiful the town was, and appreciated the FD for their help.

**COUNTY LEGISLATOR:**

Legislator Reehil reported the following:

- County budget has been finished, total budget is under last year's tax rate bills should be roughly the same.
- Bicentennial book will be available in December/January, Historical Society will have copies for sale.
- Mr. Colesante told Mr. Reehil that the board members signed the letter from Pattie Richie about the sale of the nuclear power plant, there is some push back from people downstate.

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the October 11<sup>th</sup> budget meeting, October 18<sup>th</sup> town board meeting, October 27<sup>th</sup> public hearing, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

**VOUCHERS:**

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #11 dated November 15, 2016:

|                           |         |              |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------|
| General Fund              | 368-400 | \$ 29,823.26 |
| Highway Fund              | 199-218 | \$ 75,656.79 |
| NorthShore Water District |         |              |

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

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

**SUPERVISOR:**

Mr. Moran again discussed that there are a few accounts that are over budget, he understands that Ms. Butler prefers to handle as a mass transfer. These transfers should be handled prior to paying bills, with that being said Mr. Moran then made the motion to accept the Supervisor’s report as presented dated October 31, 2016, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

**HIGHWAY:**

Mr. Woolridge reported:

- All plow truck are ready
- Steadily picking up leaves

Mr. Colesante asked about MS4 (stormwater) regulations, if they apply to Constantia. Mr. Woolridge responded as of right now we do not have to comply but he is aware of the regulations.

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

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 October were \$2,089.35. Mr. Metzger 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:**

No written report was filed but Mr. Bader told the board that he has reviewed the litigation between the town of Constantia and Fulton Savings Bank. Mr. Bader is requesting access to the property so he along with Mr. Wheeler can go and get pictures to possibility come to an agreement with Fulton Savings Bank.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

No report.

**JUSTICE:**

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

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. Metzger.

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

**PLANNING BOARD:**

Mr. Mosley gave the board the letter he received from Mr. James Peck responding to the posting of positions available on the planning board. Mr. Metzger made the motion to appoint Mr. James Peck to the alternate position on the planning board term to expire 12/31/2022, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

**BOARD OF APPEALS:**

Nothing to report

**REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE:**

Met on November 14, 2016 they are discussing banners for the town and a new gateway sign.

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING:**

Nothing to report.

**TUG HILL COMMISSION:**

1. The town of Constantia is a member of the North Shore Council of Governments, and representatives of all the COGs in the Tug Hill region met in Boonville on Thursday, October 27 to discuss what's going on in their respective areas, and issues, problems and concerns that they're facing. Tug Hill staff is currently working on a summary of that meeting, which will be available in the near future. I'd like to thank supervisor Mosley, and councilman (and NorCOG chairman) Colesante for attending this meeting.

2. Plans are under way for the 2017 Tug Hill Local Government Conference. Before the end of the year, you will be receiving a postcard with information about the conference, and we will be trying some new procedures to increase efficiency and cut down on waste. Look for your LGC postcard in or before the end of December!

3. The Tug Hill Commission held its annual meeting and dinner Thursday, November 10 in Altmar. A video presented at the meeting will be available on YouTube in the near future. Watch the Tug Hill web site ([www.tughill.org](http://www.tughill.org)) or the Tug Hill Times for further information.

4. In the last month, I was able to assist the bookkeeper with moving from the preliminary to the draft final version of the 2017 town budget. While I was there, I noticed that the battery backup (UPS) units for both the supervisor's computer and the bookkeeper's computer were not configured to best advantage, so I corrected that as well while I was there.

5. North Shore towns and villages meeting at the end of October, I was approached by a representative of the school system to see if the Tug Hill Commission might be able to provide them with the same kind of assistance as we provided the Altmar-Parish-Williamstown school system when they closed their elementary schools. As the towns and villages were essential participants in that process, I was contacting the village of Cleveland and the town of Constantia to see if they would be willing to participate in a process that may lead to evaluating potential future alternate uses of Cleveland Elementary School. The Constantia Town Board is willing to do what is best for the property.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

-Bicentennial History Book

**BOARD COMMENT:**

After the public hearing on October 17<sup>th</sup> on the 2017 budget the following changes were suggested:

|                          |              |             |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| DB5130.2 Machinery CE    | increased to | \$95,000.00 |
| DB2665 Sale of Equipment | increased to | \$30,000.00 |

Mr. Woolridge will be selling and then purchasing equipment in 2017 and forgot to include these numbers during the budget process. These changes do not change the total budget. After discussion Mr. Colesante approved the above changes to the 2017 Budget, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mr. Metzger made the motion to approve the 2017 Budget for the town of Constantia with the above modifications, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

**ADJOURN:**

At 9:28 pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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