

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING - TOWN BOARD-March 29, 2017**  
4:00 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley – Supervisor  
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran, Chad Whitney – Council Members  
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk  
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 4:00 pm Mr. Mosley called the special meeting of the town board to order with the pledge of allegiance.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed Constantia Sewer Project.

**DISCUSSION:**

There were eleven residents that attended the meeting, when asked all were in favor of sewers even with the price tag of around \$900.00.

Supervisor Mosley read the following report from Barton & Loguidice from the March 21<sup>st</sup> town board meeting:

Constantia Sewer Project

- ✓ B&L proposal for preliminary engineering phase – updated PER, SEQR, District Formation, Bond Resolution and IMA.
- ✓ Completion of PER, SEQR, District Formation, Bond Resolution & IMA would allow for application to NYSEFC by this time next year (2018)
- ✓ Awaiting on direction from Town as to next steps

Amendment No. 3 - Engineering Services Agreement. This agreement is for discussion purposes, this project is viable as noted above there are many agencies that are interested in seeing this project get funded and approved. To get the district thru funding B & L would be compensated on a lump sum basis \$55,000. Of course this needs board approval. Key item to remember is to keep the project at 25M which is the EFC cap, this will help when forming boundaries.

With the price tag of \$55,000 the board needs to be sure a majority of the residents in the proposed district want to have sewers.

Mr. Colesante is in favor in sending out surveys to the residents of the proposed service area to verify the percentage of residents that are willing to move forward with sewers. The residents here tonight are a small percentage of the residents that would be in the district. For some the residents in the proposed service area, the cost would be a major impact to them.

Some of the comments from residents were:

- Longer we wait the more it will be
- The cost for a new septic system on the low end is \$15,000
- With public water people are using more water, there more problems out there that people are ignoring
- When the town sends out the surveys, be careful on how to word the questions

Originally when this study was done the sewage was being shipped to Hastings, after continued review and approval from the village of Cleveland it was determined that the village could accept the sewage. With this change, an additional 400 EDU's were picked up, and A. A. Cole Elementary school is no longer in the district. The board members know the school needs to be included. A major hurdle is the cost to add the additional EDU's funding is limited to 25M.

It was decided a meeting needs to be set up between the Town and Barton & Loguidice. Boundaries need to be discussed to determine who will be impacted. These residents will need to be surveyed and told of the informational meeting. Also, a meeting needs to be set between the Village, Town, DEC and Barton & Loguidice, Mr. Mosley will contact the village Mayor to set this meeting.

Mr. Moran has concerns about objections from the village residents, they might not want the footprint of their existing plant to expand. An inter-municipal agreement will need to be signed with the village that gives the board of trustees a chance to speak to their residents.

The board thanked the residents in attendance, there will be more news to follow.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

At the request from Supervisor Mosley, Mr. Wheeler, Assessor did contact the County Attorney, Mr. Mitchell he said that back in 2014, the legislature passed a resolution where they no longer will relevy cleanup and demolition charges to County and Town tax bills, with that information there are currently two properties that the town has in court proceedings for code violations. As to not pile more properties into the court system the town board is requesting that Code Enforcement Officer Wayne Hall concentrate on unlicensed vehicles on properties. Identify the properties that have the unlicensed vehicles, send letter then follow up with a ticket. Condemned properties are different, they should be continued to be reviewed.

**ADJOURN:**

At 5:30 pm the meeting adjourned.