

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD – JULY 18, 2017
7:30 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley - Supervisor
Richard Colesante, Thomas Moran, John Metzger, Chad Whitney– Council Members
Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent
Rhonda Cottet – Deputy Town Clerk

Others Present: Warren Bader - Town Attorney
Roy Reehil – County Legislator
Paul Baxter – North Shore Council of Governments
George Kalkowsky, I.E. – Barton & Loguidice

Absent: Clare Haynes – Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Residents from Kibbie Lake Road presented a signed petition to extend the 35 MPH speed zone from the Knapp Road intersection to Camp Woodland. The request will be submitted to the County for approval.

Residents were once again in to voice their concerns with the property at 52 Shacksbush Rd, Philip Sciacca residence and the adjacent property. The County has finished their inspection and determined the property does not meet the definition of a campground. Mr. Mosley assured the residents the Town is still working on the matter.

Other residents voiced concerns about properties in Panther Lake, on Martin Road, and on State Route 49. Mr. Mosley and Mr. Hall will inspect these properties on Thursday, July 20, 2017.

WATER:

Most easements have been drafted and are being mailed to property owners. A few remaining easements are being drafted now. Questions about easements can be direct to George Kalkowsky, I.E. There are 102 easements for this project, mostly near Oneida Lake or highway and stream crossings.

Environmental Joint Permit submitted on May 15, 2017. The review is done by the Army Corps of Engineers and the NYS DEC, and the timeline for the permit is 4 – 6 months.

Plans and specifications have been completed and are undergoing internal review prior to submission for NYS DOT and Department of Health permits.

Construction could start late this fall contingent on receiving permits and approvals.

The Board discussed a request to install a curb stop on a vacant (buildable) lot on Route 49 within the district.

SEWER:

Meeting between Town of Constantia and Village of Cleveland scheduled for July 25.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Reehil reported:

The tall ships will be crossing Oneida Lake on July 19th on the way to the H. Lee White Maritime Museum in Oswego. The ships are replicas of the Nina and the Pinta.

The County Fair is August 9th to August 13th at the Sandy Creek fairgrounds.

Harbor Fest will be held July 27th to July 30th.

Auction of foreclosed properties will be July 22nd.

The legislature has approved reduction of tipping fees for municipalities tearing down buildings. This reduction amounts to approximately one building per year.

Uber and Lyft are now legal in New York State and approval for drivers is through the County Clerk’s office.

Shared services meeting on July 26th at BOCES. The County is looking at joint purchasing with Onondaga County

MINUTES:

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the minutes of the June 20th town board meeting and the June 21 special meeting, Seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #7, Dated July 17, 2017:

General Fund	236 - 278	\$ 23,766.43
Highway Fund	117 - 134	\$ 166,817.54
Bernhards Bay Water District	1 – 12	\$ 254,257.55

Seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

BUDGET TRANSFER:

Mr. Moran made the following motion to approve the following budget transfer:

Over Budget Accounts – B8090.4 Environmental Control (Sewer) \$ 1,304.27

Transfer from - A1990.4 Contingency \$ 1,304.27

Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Moran made the motion to approve the Supervisor’s report dated June 30, 2017, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge reported:

Blacktopped portions of Center Street, Reservoir Road, North Street, Martin Road, Dutcherville Road, and Whipple Road.

Unable to work on the culvert at Holley Hole Road because the creek is too dangerous due to all the rain. Crushing gravel at the County pit and will be doing shoulder work at the end of the month.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Highway Superintendent’s report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

Mill Street South needs to be paved at the end, and the break wall needs to be rebuilt. Mr. Colesante made the motion to transfer the \$8,000 - \$10,000 needed for this project from Buildings and Grounds 3 fund, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

TOWN CLERK:

Mr. Mosley read Mrs. Haynes’ report that the total receipts and disbursements for the Town Clerk’s Office for the month of June were \$6,947.00.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's report as presented, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

ASSESSOR:

No report

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Hall submitted to the town his monthly report with the following letter:

This month has been steady. We are moving along on the illegal campgrounds on Shacksbush Road. The owner of 48 Shacksbush Road came into the office and picked up the paperwork for a site plan review. If I don’t hear anything back in the next week or so, I will be contacting him again. Ms. Confer still has not complied with finishing the cleanup of her property. She has made progress, but seems to have stopped. I talked with Julie Simpson (Cleveland Village Clerk), and she mentioned that village law allows fees to be added to the village taxes. The Town may want to consider a local law to allow this, in order to recoup any monies spent by the town cleaning up non-compliant properties.

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer’s report, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

JUSTICE:

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

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

DOG CONTROL:

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

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

PLANNING BOARD:

Mr. Mosley has received complaints that things are not running smooth with the planning board. It was discussed that people may want the process to be less cumbersome, and to proceed at a faster pace.

REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE:

No report

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Paul Baxter reported:

1. I attended the Oswego County Shared Services panel meeting Thursday, July 6th. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26th in Mexico.
2. Update on the 2018 Tug Hill Local Government Conference: The Commission is still looking into a possible early June alternative to the usual late March conference date. However, there may be some practical difficulties preventing this change, including potential parking problems. Also, Jefferson Community College has not committed to an offer of an early June 2018 date.
3. There will be an emerald ash borer workshop at the West Monroe town hall on Wednesday, August 16 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please RSVP by August 11th to Jennifer Harvill – jennifer@tughill.org or by calling 888-785-2380.
4. We are currently exploring interest in a town budget process workshop in August with Laird Petrie from the State Comptroller's Office. Let me know if you would be interested in attending such a workshop in the area.
5. I updated the town web site with the final assessment role, posted to the homepage and the Assessor's page.
6. Is the town currently utilizing the codes@townconstantia.org or supervisor@townconstantia.org e-mail accounts? In doing routine maintenance, I noticed that both accounts had e-mail which counts against available space on the server. If these accounts are not in use, I will clean out the existing e-mail and set these accounts to forward to the account of the user's choice. (The centralny.twcbc.com accounts.)

BOARD INITIATIVES AND COMMENTS:

Planning Board, Public Hearing Tuesday 25th at 7:00 p.m. on United Wire expansion request

Vanderbilt Snowmobile Club seeking permission to cross town property for grooming snowmobile trails. Per Attorney Warren Bader, it is okay for the town to grant permission.

There is a well on town property at the highway garage that provides water to a private residence which is being sold. The town needs to grant an easement allowing the property owner access to the well.

Mr. Metzger made a motion to move forward on the easement, seconded by Mr. Whitney

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

ADJOURN:

At 9:20 pm Mr. Metzger made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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