

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES - TOWN BOARD – AUGUST 15, 2017**  
7:30 pm Constantia Town Hall

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

Others Present: Warren Bader - Town Attorney  
Roy Reehil – County Legislator  
George Kalkowsky – 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:**

Residents were once again in to voice their concerns with the property at 52 Shacksbush Rd, Phillip Sciacca residence and the adjacent property. The County Health Department has recently sent the complainants a letter with their findings, they are not happy with the letter. The board was hoping that the County Health Department was going to include the Code Enforcement Office when they did their visit but they did not. The board members assured the residents that the Town is still going to continue with the information they have, it just takes time.

Mr. Wayne Confer, Shacksbush Rd gave the board a list of 32 names that are in favor of changing the speed limit on Shacksbush Rd to 35 miles per hour. Mr. Woolridge will submit the proper paperwork.

**WATER:**

Bernhards Bay Water District Project:

- Easement have been drafted and mailed to property owners. First batch of 15 easements recorded.
- Questions about easements can be directed go George Kalkowsky, I.E. 102 total easements for this project – mostly near Oneida Lake, or highway and stream crossings.
- Environmental Joint Permit submitted 5/15/17 (4-6 months review timeline – Army Corps of Engineers & NYSDOT). NYS DEC application revisions submitted 8/8/17.
- Plans and Specifications internal review completed. Final plans & specs being prepared for submission for NYSDOT & Dept of Health permits.
- Construction tentatively would start late Fall contingent on receiving permits and approvals.

**SEWER:**

Town and Village working towards a Memorandum of Understanding. Next meeting is September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm, at the Constantia Town Hall.

**COUNTY LEGISLATOR:**

Mr. Reehil reported:

There will be a public hearing on Local Law #5 of 2017, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, in the Oswego County Legislator Chambers. This local law will amend Local Law #1 of 1995 Reducing the Redemption Period of Residential Real Property Subject to Tax Lean to Two Years After Lean Date. Mr. Reehil explained the current time period is four years, this allows properties to sit sometimes vacant and go into further disrepair. The County makes the towns whole, this equates to about \$6M just floating waiting for property sales. Mr. Colesante asked how much it will save the County by moving up the schedule? Mr. Reehil is unsure, this amendment came from Committee and was presented to the Legislator, Mr. Reehil is on this Committee, thinks this will be a benefit. If there are residents that start to fall behind and get into trouble they can apply for hardship, but the County is also looking at the rules for hardship for possible modification. Mr. Reehil will get the information for Mr. Colesante.

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the minutes of the July 18<sup>th</sup> town board, Seconded by Mr. Moran.

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 15, 2017:

General Fund	279-317	\$ 19,400.49
Highway Fund	135-153	\$109,177.87
Bernhards Bay Water District	13-18	\$ 49,113.50

Seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

**BUDGET TRANSFER:**

Mr. Moran is requesting budget transfer No. 3 be delayed for a month until he has time to speak to Ms. Butler.

**SUPERVISOR:**

Mr. Moran made the motion to approve the Supervisor's report dated July 31, 2017, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

**HIGHWAY:**

Mr. Woolridge reported:

- Working with West Monroe on paving
- Will be starting Holly Hole bridge on Monday
- Long arm mowing
- Crushing stone at the pit

The County has agreed to reimburse the Town for the Ice and Snow Agreement in the amount of \$107,000. Mr. Woolridge advocated for the change, instead of logging per hour/time plowed. The County agreed to \$5,000 per mile in the form of two payments 25% in October and 75% in February.

Mr. Mosley told Mr. Woolridge that he spoke with Supervisor Sundet of West Monroe they are on board with purchasing a newer paver. Currently Constantia and West Monroe share a paver, this paver is getting old and will need to be replaced. Mr. Woolridge will discuss the possibility at the 2018 budget workshops.

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:**

Mrs. Haynes reported that the total receipts and disbursements for the Town Clerk's Office for the month of July were \$5,768.60. 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 Report

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

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

This month has been steady with several new permits, inspections and projects being completed. I have had a lot of positive comments from customers and contractors about our new full time Codes Office hours. I now have the flexibility to work with people on their own schedule so that they don't have to take time off just to try and come see me and that has really been well received. I have been able to devote more time to catching up on fire inspections and am able to do site inspections on projects without relying on pictures or the persons' word that things were done correctly. In the past it was unfair to force someone to stop their projects to wait for me to be available especially when a lot of the projects people were doing on their vacations.

I look forward to the future and continuing to build on the customer service and making the town safer through fire safety inspections and permit inspections that I have been better able to deliver these last few weeks. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's report for July, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

**JUSTICE:**

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

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

**DOG CONTROL:**

No report

**PLANNING BOARD:**

Minutes received from July 25, 2017.

**REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE:**

Mrs. LaVigne was wondering where the Town stands with the sidewalk letter that was given to Senator Ritchie, Mr. Mosley will follow up.

**TUG HILL COMMISSION:**

Paul Baxter reported:

1. A reminder, there will be an Emerald Ash Borer Workshop on Wednesday, August 16 at the West Monroe town hall.
2. There will be a town budget process workshop on Monday, August 21 at the Parish Village Gym.
3. The date of the Tug Hill Local Government Conference has been set for Thursday, March 29, 2018 at Jefferson Community College.
4. Attended the July 26 meeting of the Oswego County Shared Services panel, where the group decided to focus efforts on creating a 2018 plan with initiatives which would result in returns after that. The group is expected to continue to meet periodically over the next year to develop that plan.
5. The Central New York Economic Development Council will meet on next Friday, August 25 at the SUNY Oswego Metro Center, Syracuse.
6. The next meeting of the Tug Hill Commission has been scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the Orwell Town Hall.
7. Tug Hill Commission is planning its annual meeting and dinner for November 2 at the Boonville VFW.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Received from Eastern Shore Associates information on Cyber Breach and Liability Insurance Coverage. The board asked Mr. Baxter for his opinion about the need for this insurance, Mr. Baxter said he would look into it.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:55pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to close the town board meeting and go into executive session for a employee matter, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

(Ms. Butler, Bookkeeper, went into Executive Session, Mrs. Haynes was not invited into executive session)

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

At 9:37pm Mr. Whitney made the motion to close executive session and to reopen the regular meeting of the town board, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mr. Colesante made the motion to authorize Mr. Wayne Hall II, as of August 7, 2017, for 30 hours a week as a salary position as sole Code Enforcement Officer, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

**ADJOURN:**

At 9:42 pm Mr. Metzger made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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