

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD - March 21, 2017
7:30 pm Constantia Town Hall

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

Others Present: Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent
Paul Baxter - Tug Hill Commission
Roy Reehil – County Legislator

Absent: Warren Bader - Town Attorney

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Chris Suchecki is currently a Life Scout with Troop 724 from Constantia. Mr. Suchecki is looking for a project to do for his Eagle Scout. The board members referred him to both the Park and Recreation Commission that meets on the first Wednesday of the month and to the Revitalization Committee which it due to meet April 17th at the Constantia Fire Station. The Park and Recreation Commission has utilized Eagle projects in the past and the Revitalization Committee has a number of ideas they might need help with. The Board Members thanked Mr. Suchecki for speaking to them and are sure there will be a project that Mr. Suchecki will be able to take on from either of these boards.

Mr. Richard Rynearson, Kibbie Lake Rd. Mr. Rynearson is dealing with the town court on code violations. Mr. Rynearson is in attendance tonight to speak to the board about these violations. He has many boats on his property that need to be disposed of, Mr. Rynearson was wondering if there anything the town could do to help him remove the boats and then he can make payments. Unfortunately there is nothing the town can do to help remove the boats, Mr. Metzger suggested Mr. Rynearson cut them up and utilize the dumpsters that town will once again be offering in May. They will be located at the town hall and the highway department.

WATER/SEWER:

Bernhards Bay Water District Project

- ✓ NYSEFC
 - Project presented to EFC loan committee in February. Subsequent to loan closing, funds will be available and wired to the Town.
- ✓ Subcontractors
 - Soil Borings – completed on schedule.
 - Wetlands and Species Habitat Assessment – completed on schedule.
 - Survey – completed on schedule. Some areas may be surveyed again for more information.
 - Archaeologist – completed on schedule, no findings.
 - Received correspondence 3/7/17 from SHPO determining no historic properties will be affected.
- ✓ NYS Ag & Markets
 - No finding of unreasonably adverse effects.
- ✓ Engineering Design
 - Design drawings and specifications being prepared for permit review.

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

Next meeting on water will be March 29th at 4:00pm at the Constantia Town Hall.

On March 16th the paperwork was submitted for the \$50,000 Grant from DASNY. The paperwork for Orrick was overnighted on March 16th for the water district loan closing on March 23rd.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR:

Legislator Reehil reported:

-At the request of Mrs. Susan LaVigne and Supervisor Mosley Legislator Reehil delivered letters to Assemblyman Barclay and Senator Ritchie to try to push the sidewalk project forward.

-This week is Community Champions week at Vandercamp, the seniors would like government officials to stop by for lunch either Wednesday or Thursday.

-If anyone is looking to start a new business or grow an existing business call the IDA, there might be grant or loan possibilities out there. Deadline is April 15, 2017.

Mr. Colesante asked Mr. Reehil when it comes to properties that need to be cleaned up, can the town charge the cost to the tax bill? Mr. Reehil believes you can, he would need to double check or encourage the town to before it gets to that point.

MINUTES:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the minutes of the February 21st town board meeting, Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Whitney made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #3, Dated March 21, 2017:

General Fund	74-116	\$456,500.68
Highway Fund	39-54	\$ 22,159.24
North Shore Water District	3	\$ 6,604.99

Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Moran made the motion to approve the Supervisor's report dated February 28, 2017, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge reported:

-Cutting trees

-Cold patching

-Going to start taking trucks apart from winter

-Still working on Holley Hole Rd permit, Corp of Engineers is the big stumbling block right now, Mr. Woolridge has a meeting set up with the County Engineer to help with the permit application. DEC and DOT have both given the necessary approvals.

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 has received a total of \$3,751,174.64 to date for tax collection which is 78% of total warrant. On March 15th \$1,500,000.00 was turned over to the County Treasurer which is a portion of the total warrant for the town of Constantia.

Mrs. Haynes reported that the total receipts and disbursements for the Town Clerk's Office for the month of February were \$1,289.00. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Tax Collector and Town Clerk's report as presented, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

ASSESSOR:

No Report

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

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

Attached is the report for February. We are at the end of what we can do with the court for Richard Rynearson of 129-31 Kibbie Lake Rd. He is unable to clean up his property at this time due to lack of funds. At this time the board needs to decide the next course of action. Do we have the town DPW go in and clean it up or contract with a third part to clean up the property. Mr. Rynearson has stated to Judge Pelon he is willing to clean up his property and would pay the town back for the expense as a monthly payment. Otherwise February has been a slow month.

Mr. Colesante asked Mr. Mosley to request that Mr. Hall include with his monthly report a list of violations and where they stand with his office. 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. Moran made the motion to accept Justice Pelon's and Justice Simpson's report for February, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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. Metzger.

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

PLANNING BOARD:

Minutes received from January 24th and February 28th meeting.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to appoint Mr. James Peck, term expires 12/31/2021 as a full member to the planning board, filling the seat of Mr. Charles Williams who is intending on resigning his seat, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE:

Minutes received from March 20th meeting.

The committee submitted a concept design for a new gateway sign to be located on State Route 49 replacing what is there. Mr. Moran is putting together a mock up sign of what they submitted, this will be done shortly.

A calendar of events was put together and given to the board, it is for the months of April to July. A second one will be put together for the third quarter that will give organizations a chance to contact the committee to get their events included. Mr. Whitney made the motion to authorize the printing of this brochure, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Paul Baxter reported:

The North Shore Council of Governments (NorCOG) met on **Friday, March 17** at the Constantia town hall. Thank you for the use of the hall. The next meeting will be in the near future; chairman Rip Colesante was re-elected as chairman, and will be attending the next Salmon Rivers Council of Governments meeting to discuss next steps in interest in setting up an associate circuit rider for the two COGs.

In case you might be interested, the Oneida Lake Association is sponsoring a discussion on lake-centric nuisance Canada goose populations this **Saturday, March 25**, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at P.V. Moore High School, to include representatives of state and federal agencies. Topics include geese management roles by government entities, and homeowner and land manager options for managing problems from Canada geese. This session is free and open to the public.

I attended the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council meeting two weeks ago. They are getting ready for the next round of CFA (Consolidated Funding Application) applications. This is not a bad time to start thinking about potential grant applications before the next round is formally announced.

The Tug Hill Commission is working on an updated issue paper on minimum maintenance roads, and has been working on the behalf of Tug Hill towns and villages on revised proposed legislation to clarify local authority regarding minimum maintenance roads. Attached is a copy of the resolution adopted by numerous Tug Hill towns and villages last year; I anticipate an updated proposed bill and resolution for your consideration in the near future.

I am currently looking at dates for interested municipalities to meet regarding options for formation of a potential joint zoning board of appeals (ZBA) in the North Shore and Salmon Rivers area, in response to town and village interest in efficiency and addressing the difficulty in attracting and maintaining members for a well-trained and capable ZBA.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter received from Oswego County Ambulance Service (Menter). Menter has taken over the area that SOVAC covered. Menter is requesting a letter from area municipalities supporting Menter's takeover of this service area. Discussion followed. Mr. Mosley is uncomfortable with this, Menter does not act as a volunteer service and will turn residents over to collection, this does not happen with North Shore Ambulance. Mr. Whitney explained that North Shore will still be the first ambulance on scene for Constantia, but if they are unavailable then there needs to be a backup with SOVAC out of the picture there needs to be something.

Mr. Colesante made the motion to authorize sending a letter of support to Menter from the Town of Constantia, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

BOARD COMMENT:

Discussion returned to the Planning Board as to the Marcoccia residence as a wedding venue, it is now before the planning board. Mr. Moran questioned if an operating permit would be necessary. The planning board should be made aware that this should be a requirement.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

Mr. Colesante made the motion to appoint the following to the park and recreation commission. Mr. Kurt Bramer to the seat vacated by Mr. Eastman term expires 12/31/2019 and Ms. Lindsey Campbell to the vacant seat with the term expiration of 12/31/2022, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

ADJOURN:

At 9:12 pm Mr. Moran made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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