

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

Present: Kenneth Mosley - Supervisor
Thomas Moran, John Metzger - Council Members
Clare Haynes - Town Clerk

Others Present: Warren Bader - Town Attorney
Roy Reehii - County Legislator
Laureen Tackman - Mayor, Village of Cleveland
Christine Schreiber - Deputy Mayor, Village of Cleveland
Richard Colesante, Chad Whitney - Council Members

Absent: Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. and Mrs. Schuehler were in attendance to speak to the board about the Marcoccia residence and their plans to make their home a wedding venue. The board is aware of the plans and has concerns also, this plan is currently being reviewed by the Planning Board. Mr. and Mrs. Schuehler gave the board a letter with their concerns outlined. After discussion, it was advised the Schuehlers go to the Planning Board meeting set for Tuesday, April 25th at 7pm. The Planning Board does have the final say, but they are within their rights to put conditions on their approval.

Mrs. Kelley, President and Mrs. Kelly, Vice President of the Constantia Rural Cemetery were in attendance to give the board a letter of request for the town to help with removal of a tree at the cemetery. Mr. Woolridge is not at the meeting, Mr. Mosley will give him the information so he can go look to see if the town can be of help.

Ms. Tackman, Mayor for the Village of Cleveland would like to have a meeting with Mr. Mosley, Mr. Woolridge, Mr. Avery, DPW and herself to discuss DPW/highway issues. Mr. Mosley is willing, Ms. Tackman will get a date and confirm with Mr. Mosley.

WATER:

./ NYSEFC

- o Project presented to EFC loan committee in February. Subsequent to loan closing, funds will be available and wired to the Town.

./ Engineering Design

- o Design drawings and specifications are being prepared for permit review
 - NYSDOT
 - Joint Permit (Army Corps of Engineers & NYS DEC)
 - Oswego County Health Dept
 - OCWA
- o Easement descriptions to be prepared by a subconsultant.
 - B&L suggests holding a special meeting to answer questions about easements, with lawyer and notary public on hand to make changes as needed and complete easement agreements.

50% of the design is complete, next step is permit review, this process can take some time. Within 2 weeks B&L will be looking to set a date for the town and fire department to review hydrant placement.

Easements - there will be about fifty, B&L suggests a meeting to be set to answer questions and have a notary available for those who would like to sign that day.

SEWER:

./ B&L to update EFC "PLUS" form.

./ B&L proposal for preliminary evaluation - updated demand survey, consultation with Cleveland and NYSDEC.

./ Completion of PER, SEQR, District Formation, Bond Resolution & IMA by September 2017 would allow for application to NYSEFC, Water Infrastructure Grant for 2018 funding round.

- Letter received tonight from the Village of Cleveland confirming their interest in the joint sewer project with the Town.

Discussion turned to Amendment No. 3 to Engineering Services Agreement, consisting of: Interest Survey Assistance, Public Information Meeting and IMA Assistance. (Full scope of services can be reviewed at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours) The cost for completion of the items listed above will be \$8,400.00. Lengthy discussion followed as to the cost of the project and if the public would be willing and able to afford. It was decided that with two of the councilmen absent from the meeting it would be best to wait for possible approval at the next meeting.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR:

Legislator Reehil reported:

Handed out information on Skill Up Oswego County Metrix Learning more information is available at (315)591-9000 or email msmitb@oswegocounty.com
Brochure for Summer and Fall Events in Oswego County
Brochure for OPT 13 and Call-N-Ride, both transportation services for Oswego County residents. Recently the OPT1 2 has discontinued service for the Constantia area. Those who took advantage of this route in the past will now need to utilize the Call-N-Ride.
List of tax delinquent tax parcels slated for 2017 auction was given to the town board. If any of these parcels might be of value or interest to the Land Bank, please let Mr. Reehil know.

MINUTES:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the March 21st town board meeting and March 29th special meeting , Seconded by Mr. Metzger.
Carried: Moran - Yes Metzger - Yes Mosley - Yes

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #4, Dated April 18, 2017: General Fund117-152 \$20,902.33
Highway Fund 55-
75

\$18,774.98 North Shore Water District
Seconded by Mr. Moran.
Carried: Moran - Yes Metzger - Yes Mosley - Yes

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Moran made the motion to approve the Supervisor's report dated March 31, 2017, seconded by Mr. Metzger. Carried: Moran - Yes Metzger - Yes Mosley - Yes

IDGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge sent the following report: Using Gradall to clear ditches Continue to change over trucks
If you need leaves picked up, please contact the highway department
Clean up days are the first Monday and Tuesday in May (May 1st and 2nd). Put items by the roadside Requested the board set a weekend for Dumpster Days, tentative date was set for May 19th - 21st Mr. Mosley will verify the date with Mr. Woolridge.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Highway Superintendent's report, seconded by Mr. Moran. Carried: Moran - Yes Metzger - Yes Mosley - Yes

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Tax collection is completed, 84% of the total warrant was collected. Final payment was made to the County Treasurer on April 13th in the amount of \$500,572.53, hopefully will have a final statement for the May meeting .

Mrs. Haynes reported that the total receipts and disbursements for the Town Clerk's Office for the month of March were \$1,425.80. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Tax Collector and Town Clerk's report as presented, seconded by Mr. Metzger. Carried: Moran - Yes Metzger - Yes Mosley - Yes

Mrs. Haynes brought to the board her concerns as to having a dog adopted from the Constantia kennel without a valid rabies vaccine. Mr. Mosley will contact Ms. Ashley to have her bring the animal to a veterinarian for the proper vaccination and apply that charge to the adoption fee.

ASSESSOR:

Mr. Wheeler submitted the following report:

I am finishing up the field work for the 2017 assessment roll, and am tentatively planning on printing the roll sometime next week, with change of assessment notices being mailed out by Friday, April 28, 2017.

My schedule will be printed in an upcoming legal notice, but the times for me sitting with the roll are as follows:

Tuesday, May 9, 2017	10:00-2:00 6:00 - 8:00
Tuesday, May 9, 2017	9:30 - 1:30 9:30 - 1:30
Monday, May 15, 2017	9:00 - 1:00
Tuesday, May 16, 2017	
Saturday, May 20, 2017	

Grievance Day is quickly approaching, and is scheduled as always for Wednesday, May 24, 2017.

For your information, I will be out of town while I attend my sister's wedding on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, and will be back on Monday May 8, 2017. When the change of assessment notices are mailed out, I will be including a cover letter detailing the dates and times of when I will be available .

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Assessor's report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

Carried: Moran - Yes Metzger - Yes Mosley - Yes

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

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

Attached is the report for March. With the information that we have gathered it's no longer allowed to place fines on property owners' taxes. The only thing I have found is that we can file a judgment against them but still may never collect any money. I wonder if Warren Bader has any info or ideas to strengthen our laws to be able to collect monies owed in fines to help with cleanup costs.

The other item of note is what can be done to clamp down on people living in campers or storing multiple campers and such on property. We have one in the town that has well over a dozen campers on his property. The land development law section 1010.11 No person in the Town of Constantia shall occupy a recreational camping vehicle except in a recreational camping vehicle park which has been approved by the planning board or allowed by section 1010.12

Then section 1010.12 reads No person shall place a recreational camping vehicle outside a recreational camping vehicle park for a period exceeding 120 days per calendar year.

Recreational camping vehicles shall not be stored on a vacant lot after the 120 day limit. All recreational camping vehicles must have on site disposal of sewage by health department approved means.

So does section 1010.12 allow people to live in campers for an indefinite time as long as it's on an improved lot, or should we look at amending the current law to expressly state that no persons shall occupy a recreational camping vehicle for more than 120 days per calendar year no matter if the lot is vacant or improved? Also we should place a number of recreational camping vehicles allowed on a property before it's considered a recreation camping park.

Lastly with the resignation of Mark Harrington in February I would like to bring on a replacement for him. I have a person that I know and work with that is a Certified Code Enforcement Officer and would in my opinion be a tremendous asset to our team here in Constantia. Attached is his resume.

Otherwise March has been a slow month for building but has picked up with violations now that the snow has melted.

Mr. Mosley, Mr. Bader and Mr. Hall will have a meeting to discuss Mr. Hall's concerns outlined in the above letter. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's report, seconded by Mr. Metzger. Carried: Moran-Yes Metzger-Yes
Mosley- Yes

JUSTICE:

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

Carried: Moran - 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 Metzger - Yes Mosley - Yes

PLANNING BOARD:

Nothing to report.

REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Moran was at the last meeting of the Revitalization Committee. The following were items discussed: Mr. McNamara will be creating a computer generated gateway sign
The Committee is looking into purchasing banners
There was discussion about the Committee applying for a grant, they would need town approval a budget line would need to be created. Not sure if this is the direction the board would like them to go.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Paul Baxter reported:

As the fire department I belong to is conducting its annual mandatory hazardous material training tonight, I respectfully request to be excused and I submit this report in my absence. Please let me know if any issues or questions come out of tonight's meeting that I can help with, and of any upcoming meetings.

1. The Tug Hill Local Government Conference was held **Thursday, March 30**, at Jefferson Community College. Once again, we had a capacity crowd in attendance. We are evaluating the conference questionnaires now and have starting planning for next year's conference. Thanks to everyone who attended and participated in making the conference a success. Some of the conference presentations are available on the Tug Hill web site at www.tughill.org/services/training/
2. The North Shore Council of Governments met **Friday, March 17** at 1:00 p.m. at the Constantia Town Hall, Frederick Street, Constantia. Thanks to the town of Constantia for hosting this meeting. Elections were held, and we continued discussions on how to move forward on a possible assistant circuit rider to improve meeting coverage on busy nights.
3. The Tug Hill Commission is once again planning on a joint meeting with the leaders in each of the Councils of Governments in the Tug Hill region. This meeting has been tentatively planned for **Thursday, May 4** in Lorraine. If you have any municipal issues or concerns that you'd like represented at this meeting, please contact NorCOG chairman Rip Colesante or me.
4. As an early 'save the date,' I wanted to let you know that I have scheduled a workshop for planning boards on project review to take place **Tuesday, May 23** at 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Constantia town hall. This will be good for two hours training credit. ZBAs are also welcome to attend toward their annual training requirement, and other local officials such as municipal boards and codes officers will be most welcome to attend as well. Watch for a notice about this in the Tug Hill Times as we get closer to the actual date.
5. I received notice that the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council will be meeting next this **Thursday, April 20**, in Auburn. I am planning on attending this meeting.
6. Jefferson County Planning and the Tug Hill Commission will be holding a workshop on Wind Power Planning and Zoning Considerations, to be held at Jefferson Community

College on **Monday, April 24, 2017** at 6:30 p.m. More details can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/ldegoyo>

7. It's that time of year again - with the state budget taken care of, the state legislature will be turning to other legislative business . One of the things that Tug Hill communities have been interested in is legislation for minimum maintenance for designated town roads. I have for you a sample resolution should your town wish to support more local control over designation of specific town roads and how you wish to maintain them. Let me know if you have any questions about this . If your town *does* pass this resolution , please let me know so that I can pass it along to the Tug Hill Commission as they work at your direction to try to get action on this in Albany.
8. The town web site is up to date with all material submitted. I have added the community events

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you note received from Ms. Borayi, Race Director for Run for the Rare

BOARD COMMENT:

Mr. Mosley has been approached by a resident to purchase the old town dump. He asked the board members to think about this for discussion.
Association of Towns is having a meeting on May 4th regarding the item in the NYS Budget on Shared Services.
2017 Emergency Telephone List was given to the board.
Eagle Scout Commendations were given to 2 young men from
Troop #724 Constantia o Maxwell Yonkers
o Daniel Donegan

ADJOURN:

At 9:35 pm Mr. Moran made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Metzger. Carried: Moran - Yes Metzger - Yes
Mosley - Yes