

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES - TOWN BOARD – May 16, 2017**  
7:30 pm Constantia Town Hall

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

Others Present: Warren Bader - Town Attorney  
Roy Reehil – County Legislator  
George Kalkowsky – Barton & Loguidice

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.

**WATER:**

**Bernhards Bay Water District Project**

- ✓ B&L Engineer George Kalkowsky met with Cleveland and Constantia Fire Departments 5/3/17
- ✓ Engineer Kalkowsky met with residents at the ends of Kellar Dr., Winona Park Dr., and Willard Dr. on Friday 5/12/17 to discuss easements
- ✓ Environmental Joint Permit submitted 5/15/17 (4-6 months review timeline - Army Corps of Engineers & NYS DEC)
- ✓ Plans and Specifications are being prepared for further review by NYSDOT (first review 4/18/17), this includes DOT approval of road crossings, stream crossings, water main setbacks, etc.
- ✓ EFC Loan approved by Committee 3/30/17

Town to complete EFC Grant Agreement to make funds available

Mr. Colesante asked how long the construction process will take, it should only take about a year to complete the entire district, final finish work could take a little longer. The construction will most likely start on the west end, residents can connect as they go. Mr. Metzger reminded residents that if you are in the district you should put in a curb stop even if you do not intend on hooking up right away. If you do not put in the curb stop as the construction crew goes by, there will be an additional charge when you want to hook up.

**SEWER:**

- ✓ EFC “PLUS” Form successfully updated 5/3/17 – retains project’s position in 2018 NYS funding list
- ✓ Next step: Meeting between Town, Village of Cleveland, and NYSDEC
- ✓ .Project appears to be eligible for a \$5M Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant. This program is funded via NYS’s recent passage of the \$2.5 Billion in Clean Water Infrastructure and Water Quality Protection.

The board set a tentative date for the meeting mentioned above for June 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm, Mr. Mosley will contact all parties to verify the date and time. Discussion continued on sewers for the town, need to be realistic as to who will be in the district. There is a 25M cap as to spending, the current district that was proposed for Barton & Loguidice to review is well over this cap. So the following questions need to be answered:

- How can this area be done in steps
- What is the capacity and the limit of the Village plant
- Is the Village willing to expand the actual footprint of their plant

Hopefully at the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting these questions can be answered so the Town can move forward with the survey.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Residents were in attendance to voice their concerns with the property at 52 Shacksbush Rd, Phillip Sciacca residence and the adjacent property. The board members are aware of the problems, the board is currently working with the Code Enforcement Office to handle the possible violations.

**COUNTY LEGISLATOR:**

Legislator Reehil reported:

- Gave board the list of properties that are up for auction at last month’s meeting, has there been any thoughts about these parcels and their potential for the land bank? Mr. Metzger would like to see 762Salt Rd considered, it has good features has not been empty for long. Mr. Reehil has thought about 42 Salt Rd, it might be a better fit for the land bank. Mr. Reehil will discuss both with the land bank representatives.
- Consolidated funding Application deadline is July 28<sup>th</sup>, go to CFAApplicationNY and follow the instructions.

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the minutes of the April 18th town board meeting and April 27th special meeting, Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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 #5, Dated May 16, 2017:

General Fund	153-189	\$ 32,766.42
Highway Fund	78-94	\$126,265.96

North Shore Water District  
Seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

**SUPERVISOR:**

Mr. Moran wanted to bring to the board members attention that A1420.4 Attorney CE is over budget, funds should be transferred to this line before approval of any additional bills. This line is over due to ligation, Mr. Bader will contact his firm to see where the case stands. With this information stated for the record, Mr. Moran made the motion to approve the Supervisor's report dated April 30, 2017, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

**HIGHWAY:**

Mr. Mosley updated the board on the highway department as Mr. Woolridge is on vacation. The men have been removing excess sand from the side of the roadway, cutting trees and patching roads. 8 trees have been planted for Mr. Nowack. Mr. Colesante would like to move the speed limit sign on Kibbie Lake Rd up about 1,000 ft to the end of the group of houses, will speak to Mr. Woolridge at next month's meeting.

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:**

Final tax payment given to the Town Supervisor on May 4<sup>th</sup> for \$8,957.72, this amount is for penalties, interest, 2<sup>nd</sup> notice fees and leftover postage monies, Waiting on final letter from Oswego County Treasurer hope to have letter by next month.

Mrs. Haynes reported that the total receipts and disbursements for the Town Clerk's Office for the month of April were \$1,716.30. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Tax Collector and Town Clerk's report as presented, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

**ASSESSOR:**

Nothing to report.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

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

This month has still been slow. I have started receiving many phone calls regarding permits that people want to get as well as numerous codes questions so things are starting to pick up. Attached are my reports for the month. One big thing not on this months' report but is still relevant is that on May 1<sup>st</sup> I mailed out violations to Phil Sciacca for violation of the Constantia Land Development Law Section 1010 regarding the Recreational Camp Grounds and unlicensed and unregistered motor vehicles. I sent the letter out certified and it was signed for as of today I haven't heard a response from him.

Judge Simpson will be having Yvonne Confer back in court on Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bader told me to notify him a week in advance so I will be getting in contact later this month to have him come to court with me. He said he was going to do some research and see what if anything we can legally do to get people to pay fines; I know one thing he was looking at was possible suspension of driver licenses. Plus we can possibly put a lean on them so that may also help with collecting of fines.

Mr. Whitney made the motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's report, 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 April, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

**DOG CONTROL:**

Mr. Whitney 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 for April 25, 2017 meeting.

**REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Moran was at the last meeting of the Revitalization Committee, Mr. McNamara has created a drawing for a new gateway sign. Mr. Moran will be getting a bid specification sheet together, both a design and then a design and install bid. Hope to have bid specs ready for next meeting.

Meeting minutes were received for April 20<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup> meetings.

**TUG HILL COMMISSION:**

Paul Baxter reported:

The Tug Hill Commission's directors and executive director Katie Malinowski met with the leaders of each of the Councils of Governments in the Tug Hill region on **Thursday, May 4** in Lorraine. Tom Moran, Constantia town councilman and former town supervisor, attended representing NorCOG, as this was the same night as

the Oswego County shared services meeting, which precluded North Shore supervisors and mayors from attending the Lorraine meeting.

2. There will be a workshop for planning boards on project review on **Tuesday, May 23** at 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Constantia town hall, 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.
3. I attended the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council (CNYREDC) meeting on **Thursday, April 20**, in Auburn, and returned to Auburn **Monday, May 8**, to attend the CNYREDC workshop on the upcoming Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) round.
4. The Tug Hill Commission is considering a review and update of its 2011 white paper, **Property Taxes in the Tug Hill Region**. Whether we do so depends on whether our towns and villages would find that interesting and useful. If you could, take a look at the 2011 paper and let me know if you think an update would be worthwhile.  
The paper is available on the Tug Hill web site, [www.tughill.org](http://www.tughill.org), under Publications and Resources – White Papers – Issue Papers.
5. Let me know if you need any further information on the **proposed minimum maintenance roads resolution**, or if you should choose to adopt it.

**COUNCILMAN: Colesante**

Introduced the following and moved its adoption:

**WHEREAS**, It is estimated that upgrading all of the State's 90,000 miles of county and town roads to meet the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) minimum standards would cost well over ten billion dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, There is only about \$85 million annually available to all municipalities for all purposes in the NY State Transportation Improvement Fund, and a State imposed tax cap is designed to limit locally financed expenditures on roads and public improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, There are many rural and remote areas of the State which can be adequately and safely served with minimal road maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, Local governments are best able to make determinations about local road maintenance needs and priorities, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Town of Constantia supports the adoption of state legislation allowing town and county legislative bodies to designate minimum maintenance roads and provide appropriate maintenance to such designated roads as provided for in bills S02537/A00418.

Seconded by Councilman: **Moran**

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Northshore Ambulance report

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Mr. Mosley received a letter from the New York State Unified Court System dated May 12, 2017. This letter is to remind the board of the requirement to do a yearly Justice audit, and asking for the 2016 audit. Mr. Moran and Mr. Metzger in the past has completed the audits. The audits have not been completed for 2016, the board requested Ms. Butler to send the last completed audit to the NYS Unified Court System.

On May 4, 2017 Mr. Mosley attended the Shared Services Panel. This was the first of many meetings to comply with the NYS mandate. During the meeting the group broke up into subcommittees, Mr. Mosley is the chair for our area which includes the Town of Constantia, Town of Amboy, Village of Central Square, Village of Cleveland, Town of Hastings, Town of Parish, Village of Parish and Town of West Monroe. Mr. Mosley will keep the board up to date as the meetings occur.

**ADJOURN:**

At 9:25 pm Mr. Moran made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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