

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD – June 20, 2017
7:30 pm Constantia Town Hall

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

Others Present: Warren Bader - Town Attorney
Dustin Clark – Barton & Loguidice

Absent: Chad Whitney – Council Member

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. David Bardoun was in attendance to speak to the board about his interest in purchasing the town property on County Route 17 that used to be the old dump. Mr. Bardoun would like the town to know he is interested in the property, he currently owes the adjoining property. The major concern for board members is liability, as it was a dump. Mr. Bader indicated it would be sold as forever wild property. The problem being, if someone owns the property 100 years from now the Town could still be held liable. Mr. Moran is not inclined to sell the property, it seems that most towns install solar panels on any vacant property, not willing to give up an asset to the town. Mr. Colesante is also concerned as to the liability, Mr. Bardoun told the board that Hastings has sold off all their properties that housed landfills, Mr. Colesante will look into this. Mr. Bardoun will also do research on the ramifications of selling this type of property. Mr. Metzger thanked Mr. Bardoun for coming in, the board needs time to think on the possibility.

Residents were once again in to voice their concerns with the property at 52 Shacksbush Rd, Phillip Sciacca residence and the adjacent property. Code Enforcement Office has sent out the 2nd certified letter, this letter was signed for but Mr. Hall has not heard from Mr. Sciacca. The County is now involved.

WATER:

Bernhards Bay Water District Project

- ✓ Environmental Joint Permit submitted 5/15/17 (4-6 months review timeline - Army Corps of Engineers & NYS DEC)
- ✓ Plans and Specifications have been completed and are undergoing internal review, prior to submission for NYSDOT & Dept of Health permits.
- ✓ Easements are being drafted now, we expect to begin mailing easement paperwork to property owners in July.
- ✓ Construction tentatively would start late Fall contingent on receiving permits and approvals.

Mr. Clark thinks they will be ready to bid by August with a 30 day bid process. Mr. Colesante asked about the funding, Mr. Clark will follow up with the grant agency, all paperwork was submitted, he not sure what the holdup is.

SEWER:

- ✓ Meeting between Town, Village of Cleveland, and NYSDEC, June 21.
- ✓ Survey mailer will be sent once the survey area and survey questions are finalized.

Mr. Colesante and Mr. Metzger are working on modifying the survey. Mr. Moran would like a clear explanation in the PER as it refers to EDUs for campgrounds and mobile home parks, there could be 6 of them in the district and there is not a clear breakdown, Mr. Clark agrees.

MINUTES:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the May 16th town board meeting and June 6th special meeting, Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #6, Dated June 20, 2017:

General Fund	190-235	\$ 28,304.99
Highway Fund	95-116	\$ 34,960.91

North Shore Water District

Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

BUDGET TRANSFER:

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

General Fund:

Over Budget Accounts – A1420.4 Attorney Fees C.E. \$ 299.40

Transfer from - A1990.4 Contingency \$ 299.40

Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Moran made the motion to approve the Supervisor’s report dated May 31, 2017, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge reported:

Blacktopped Reservoir Drive .09 with binder, Center Street is next

Installed 2 culverts and 2 driveways

Cut trees on Holst road, will be ditching and then blacktopping this road

Crushing gravel at the County pit

Mr. Woolridge has put three trucks on Auction International, auction ended 6/18/17 with the following results:

C3 450 \$19,600

250 \$14,000

C1 350 \$ 3,600 – this truck included a plow, it is a 2008

Mr. Woolridge would like to have authorization to accept the bids for the 450 and 250. Mr. Woolridge has already declined the highest bid for the 350. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the highest bid on C3 450 for \$19,600 and the 250 for \$14,000, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Mr. Moran asked about the bench that was located down Mill Street, it has not been put back as of yet. Mr. Woolridge is going to be doing work down there and will install the bench when he is finished. Mr. Mosley asked Mr. Woolridge to smooth out the road at the Bernhards Bay Cemetery where they have been putting dirt. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Highway Superintendent’s report, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried: Moran – Yes Whitney – Absent 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 May were \$5,815.60. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's report as presented, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

ASSESSOR:

Mr. Wheeler submitted the following report:

Grievance Day has come and gone for 2017. We had 23 complaints this year, and all individuals have been notified of the Board of Assessment Review’s decision. The final roll is set to be printed and filed on or about July 1, 2017.

The County has recently updated our system with “Citrix”. This new system eliminates the need for multiple data bases to be maintained, and keeps everything listed under one data base which is maintained and stored on the County’s server. The Citrix system allows access from any machine or device that has internet access; any changes made occur in real time which eliminates the need for the old process known as replication.

For your information, I will be out of the office on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, while I attend the annual summer Seminar on Appraising at Cornell. I will return on Tuesday, July 25, 2017.

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

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

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

This month has still been very busy. Attached are my reports for the month. I mailed out the 2nd notice to remedy for the violations to Phil Sciacca for violating 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.

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

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

Mrs. Kline asked about the three properties she brought to the attention of the board last month. Mr. Mosely has spoken to Mr. Hall about the property on Martin Rd, a letter has been sent to the owner. The other two Mr. Mosley is unsure, they are on State Route 49 by Avery Road and property on Center Street and Gale Road. Mr. Mosley will speak to Mr. Hall regarding these locations.

Mr. Colesante made the motion to appoint Mr. James Bernys as Code Enforcement officer to work not more than 12 hours a week, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

JUSTICE:

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

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

PLANNING BOARD:

Nothing to report.

REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE:

Minutes were received for the June 12, 2017 meeting.

Mr. Moran brought up the fact the committee would like to put a planter on the corner of State Route 49 and Frederick Street. After discussion it was noted that the Town cannot spend money on private property. Location of the planter will need to be determined.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Paul Baxter reported:

1. I attended the Friday, May 19 New York State Association of Towns workshop on shared services, and the Oswego County Shared Services panel meeting on Thursday, June 1 in Mexico. I picked up an extra set of the meeting materials from the June 1 meeting and dropped them at the town hall for the supervisor last week.
2. I attended the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council (CNYREDC) meeting on Tuesday, June 6, in Syracuse. One of the topics they discussed is the availability of transportation alternatives to make sure workers have adequate access to job opportunities.
3. There was a workshop for planning boards on project review on Tuesday, May 23. Thank you to the town of Constantia for hosting this meeting. Our next workshop will likely be on State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) review, which may be at the Central Square Village offices if available.
4. Any feedback on whether the Tug Hill Commission should move forward (or not) on an update of its 2011 white paper, Property Taxes in the Tug Hill Region? The paper is available on the Tug Hill web site, www.tughill.org, under Publications and Resources – White Papers – Issue Papers.
5. FYI, Audubon New York is holding a Forest Habitat Management Workshop tomorrow night, Wednesday, June 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Boonville Municipal Building. I have a copy of the meeting notice for you, should anyone be interested.
6. I assisted the town clerk last week with routine maintenance intended to make her computer work more quickly and reliably.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Northshore Ambulance report
- County of Oswego IDA – United Wire public hearing 6/23/17 9:00 am

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:33pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to close the town board meeting and go into executive session for a legal matter, seconded by Mr. Moran.

(Mrs. Haynes was not invited into executive session)

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

At 9:06pm Mr. Metzger made the motion to close executive session and to reopen the regular meeting of the town board, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

Mr. Colesante made the motion to authorize Attorney Warren Bader to file a notice of appeal in the matter of Fulton Savings Bank v Town of Constantia, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

Mr. Metzger made the motion to rescind and terminate the lease on Lord's Field, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

ADJOURN:

At 9:06 pm Mr. Metzger made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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