

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD – SEPTEMBER 19, 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
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:

None

WATER:

Bernhards Bay Water District Project

- ✓ Easements are coming in, B&L is handling many questions from property owners. Questions can be directed to George Kalkowsky.
- ✓ Army Corps Permit received. NYS DEC application revisions submitted 8/8/17, permit expected soon.
- ✓ NYS DOT, and OCWA returned comments on plans and specifications this week. Comments must be addressed prior to approval.
- ✓ Construction estimates are exceeding project budget approximately \$250,000 - \$500,000. Prices are going up due to busy construction cycle, and uncertainty in pricing from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma.
- ✓ No increase expected for property owners. Estimated 1st year user cost still \$640.
- ✓ Amending District and issuing new Bond Resolution will take 4+ months.

Mr. Kalkowsky updated the board on the Bernhards Bay Water District as you can see from the above report construction estimates are exceeding the project budget. Mr. Kalkowsky is suggesting that the town reform the district which will make it a new project, reissue the bond resolution for the spring construction season. Mr. Metzger asked why the new Map, Plan and Report, the new report is required to raise the amount of the bond. The Map, Plan and Report covers the area of the district, project cost (which the current amount will be exceeded) and the user cost. The user cost will remain the same. Mr. Moran asked how long this will take, people need the water. Mr. Kalkowsky responded that the project will keep moving forward with easements and other work that needs to be done for the spring season, about 4 to 5 months. Ms. Patten from Railroad Street is very unhappy about this new development, she has been waiting and has not put in a well because of the coming water. Another delay of 4 to 5 months is unacceptable. Mr. Mosley asked if it is possible to go to bid and if the bids are unacceptable then wait until the spring cycle, maybe do it in tandem with the new Map Plan and Report. Mr. Kalkowsky does not suggest this, from what they are seeing the project is going to come in over budget. After continued discussion the board agreed to the suggestion from Barton & Loguidice to redo the Map, Plan and Report, Mr. Kalkowsky will have a scope of services for the October Town Board meeting.

SEWER:

The town and village are working on the Memorandum of Understanding.

On September 5th the Town Board and the Village Trustees had a meeting to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Mr. Mosley has not heard back from the Village as to their approval of the MOU.

MINUTES:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the August 15th town board, August 22nd water board meeting and September 5th special meeting, Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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 #9, Dated September 19, 2017:

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| General Fund | 318-356 | \$158,407.76 |
| Highway Fund | 154-176 | \$ 35,411.52 |
| Bernhards Bay Water District | 19-23 | \$ 31,724.63 |
| North Shore Water District | 4 | \$ 6,714.47 |

Seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

BUDGET TRANSFER:

Mr. Moran made the motion as follows:

Nancy Butler, Bookkeeper has redesigned the Budget Transfer form as depicted in Transfer #3 for August. Please discard Transfer #3 distributed at the July Town Board Meeting.

Ms. Butler has also modified the Supervisor Report page 2, “Profit & Loss Budget VS Actual”, relocating Contingency to the bottom of the page, and hereafter it will depict periodic withdrawals from, and the balance in, Contingency A1990.4.

Referring to Transfer #3 for August:

- The May and June transfers were approved at prior Town Board meetings.
- The July transfer was delayed at my request.
- Therefore I make a motion that we approve transferring \$1,910.47 and \$830.00 from Contingency, A1990.4, to Attorney Fees C.E., A1420.4 and also approve transferring, \$746.92 from Contingency A1990.4, to Environ. Sewer B8090.4. This will result in a Total of \$5,091.06 transferred to date from Contingency, and will leave a balance of \$84,908.94 in Contingency. This concludes my motion.

Motion was then 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 August 31, 2017, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge reported:

- Blacktopping is finished, did 1.4 miles of shimming on Salt Road, paver is done for the year. Mr. Mosley brought up that West Monore is acceptable to a joint purchase of another paver. Mr. Woolridge will talk more about this at the budget meetings.
- Holly Hole Road culvert is finished and road has been repaved.
- CHIPS paperwork has been submitted along with Pave NY paperwork.
- Mowing using County long arm, the Town is supplying the labor the County the machine, doing both Town and County roads.
- Making sand, will be hauling next week.
- Working on storm drains on Adrian Circle

Mr. Woolridge would like to survey Mill Street South before any work is started. Mr. Metzger made the motion to hire Bardoun Land Surveying to survey the Town’s property located at the end of Mill Street South, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

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:

Letter received by Oswego County Treasurer’s Office that the warrant has been fully paid and satisfied for 2017 tax collection.

Mrs. Haynes reported that the total receipts and disbursements for the Town Clerk’s Office for the month of August were \$3,516.75. Mr. Colesante 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:

Mr. Wheeler submitted the following report:

Well it is that time of year again for our office to send out the Renewal Notices for the STAR program as well as the Senior Citizen Exemptions. There are approximately 340 renewals that will be mailed out by the first week of October.

I have also been notified that Lynn (Lynn Hardy, Assessor Clerk) has agreed to return to work. She is tentatively scheduled to return on or around the first week of October as well.

As a reminder, I will be out of the office on October 3, while I attend the New York State Assessors’ Association fall conference at Lake Placid. Also, at that time, I will be formally installed as the next president of our association for the 2017 – 2018 term.

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

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Assessor’s report as received, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Mosley read a letter received from a new resident, they were very pleased with the help they received from Mr. Hall with the building of their new home.

Mr. Hall reported a total of \$1,350.75 taken in for the month of August. Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer’s report as received, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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

Mr. Colesante requested a listing of complaints old and new and where they stand to be included with Mr. Hall’s monthly report, Mr. Mosley will discuss with Mr. Hall.

JUSTICE:

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

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

COUNCILMAN: Metzger

Introduced the following and moved its adoption:

The Town Board for the Town of Constantia authorizes Town Justice Stephen T. Pelon to apply and submit a Justice Court Assistance Program Grant for the construction of a new justice entrance to include a new exterior door. Replace and repair the handicap ramp, strip and resurface the parking lot to include a new portion in front of the modified justice entrance. The purchase of two new conference tables and seven new court chairs will be requested.

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:

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| Kenneth Mosley | Voted | Yes |
| Richard Colesante | Voted | Yes |
| John Metzger | Voted | Yes |
| Tom Moran | Voted | Yes |
| Chad Whitney | Voted | Yes |

DOG CONTROL:

Mr. Whitney made the motion to accept the Dog Control Officer's report as received, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

PLANNING BOARD:

Minutes received from July 25th-approved and August 22nd unapproved.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Paul Baxter reported:

- Attended the September 7th meeting of the Oswego County Shared Services panel, the group decided to proceed by creating sub-groups to work on particular topics rather than meeting with the complete membership.
- Tug Hill Commission met September 18th at the Orwell Town Hall, next meeting October 16th in Floyd.
- Tug Hill Commission's annual meeting and dinner November 2nd at the Boonville VFW.
- Working on the fall schedule of training opportunities for planning boards and board of appeals.
- The County Emergency Management office is holding a kickoff meeting for the mitigation plan update on September 27th at 5:30pm at CiTi-BOCES, Mexico.

Mr. Baxter did investigate the NYMIR Cyber Insurance policy as requested by the board at the August town board meeting. With the premium \$300 to \$2,750 with a \$1,000 deductible and what it covers Mr. Baxter does not suggest this policy, of course it is up to the town to decide what is best.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter received from the Oswego County asking for a letter of support for Oswego County's application to the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation, Office of Community Renewal for the Community Development Block Grant program. Oswego County is applying for \$850,000 grant to assist homeowners with well and septic system repairs.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to authorize Supervisor Mosley to sign and submit a letter in support of the grant, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

ADJOURN:

At 9:58 pm Mr. Moran made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

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