

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES - BUDGET MEETING-TOWN BOARD-OCTOBER 19, 2017**  
4:00 p.m. Constantia Town Hall

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 4:00 p.m. the budget meeting of the town board was called to order with the pledge of allegiance.

**RESOLUTION:**

The following resolution is a result of the public hearing held on October 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Colesante moved to adopt the following:

In the Matter Of a Proposed Increase (Pursuant to Section 209-h of the Town Law) in the Maximum Amount Authorized to be Expended in Connection with the Establishment of a Water District in the Town of Constantia, Oswego County, New York, Known as Bernhards Bay Water District in said Town	PUBLIC INTEREST ORDER
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WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Constantia, Oswego County, New York (the “Town”), has heretofore received a map, plan and report including an estimate of cost, prepared by a competent engineer, duly licensed by the State of New York, which have been filed in the office of the Town Clerk of said Town in relation to and heretofore approved the establishment of a water district in said Town, known as the Bernhards Bay Water District in said Town of Constantia, Oswego County, New York (the “Water District”) at a maximum estimated cost of \$4,723,000, the properties within which are set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, it now appears that the maximum estimated costs of the improvements for such Water District must be increased by \$950,000 to a new maximum estimated cost of \$5,673,000, pursuant to Section 209-h of the Town Law; and

WHEREAS, said capital project, being the establishment of said Water District and the improvements required therefor, has been determined to be a “Type I Action” pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), the implementation of which as proposed, it has been determined will not result in any significant adverse environmental effects; and

WHEREAS, an Order was duly adopted by said Town Board on September 27, 2017 regarding said Water District, the improvement proposed therefor, and the increase in the maximum amount proposed to be expended for said improvement, and specifying the 17th day of October, 2017, at 7:00 o’clock P.M., Prevailing Time at the Town Hall, in Constantia, New York, in said Town, as the time when and the place where said Town Board would meet for the purpose of holding a public hearing to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same; and

WHEREAS, such Order was duly published and posted in the manner and within the time prescribed by Section 209-h of the Town Law and proof of such publication and posting has been presented to said Town Board; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held at the time and place set forth in said Order, as aforesaid, at which time all persons desiring to be heard were duly heard; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of said Water District to the typical property therein, being the typical one family home, remains \$640 in the first year in which operation, maintenance, debt service and other charges and expenses are to be paid, said amount being unchanged from that previously determined upon establishment of said Water District; and

WHEREAS, the hook-up fees to the typical property in said Water District, being the typical one family home therein, are variable as described in said map, plan and report; and

WHEREAS, a detailed explanation of the manner by which were computed said estimated first-year costs to the typical property, being the typical one family home, in said Water District, and all documentation concerning compliance with SEQRA, has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk where the same are

available during regular office hours for examination by any person interested in the subject manner thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to increase the maximum estimated cost for the establishment of said Water District; NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of Constantia, Oswego County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 209-h of the Town Law, it is hereby determined that it is in the public interest to increase the maximum amount authorized to be expended in connection with the establishment of Bernhards Bay Water District in the Town of Constantia, Oswego County, New York, to an increased maximum estimated cost of \$5,673,000 and that the maximum amount to be so expended is hereby increased from \$4,723,000 to \$5,673,000, which will not constitute an undue burden on the property in said Water District. It is hereby further determined that all real property to be assessed to pay the cost thereof will be benefitted by the proposed improvements at the increased cost thereof and no benefitted property has been excluded from the boundaries of said Water District.

Section 2. The improvements to be made are the construction of a water distribution system, including purchase and installation of new 16-inch and 8-inch ductile iron water mains, original furnishings, hydrants, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental

improvements and expenses in connection therewith, in the Town of Constantia, Oswego County, New York. The maximum amount to be expended by said Water District pursuant to these proceedings for said improvement shall not exceed \$5,673,000, an increase of \$950,000 over that previously authorized for the establishment of said Water District. Said cost of said improvement shall be financed by the issuance of serial bonds of said Town maturing in annual installments over a period not exceeding forty years, payable in the first instance from assessments levied upon and collected from the several lots and parcels of land within said Water District in the manner provided by law, in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds as the same become due, but if not paid from such source, all the taxable real property in said Town shall be subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes without limitation as to rate or amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same shall become due.

Section 3. This Order is hereby adopted subject to permissive referendum and the Town Clerk shall publish a notice of adoption thereof, together with the full text, including Exhibit A hereof, within ten days of the date hereof in the official newspaper of the Town and post same on the official signboard and website of the Town within said ten days hereof.

Seconded by Mr. Moran.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing order was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Kenneth C. Mosley	VOTING	Yes
Richard Colesante	VOTING	Yes
John Metzger	VOTING	Yes
Thomas Moran	VOTING	Yes
Chad Whitney	VOTING	Yes

The order was thereupon declared duly adopted.

### **BUDGET:**

Mrs. Zehr, Chairman for the Park and Recreation Committee was in attendance to discuss the park budget and items that need to be completed at The David C. Webb Park at Taft Bay. After discussion, the board authorized Mrs. Zehr to spend \$4,300 of this year's budget for the installation of the new playground equipment, the balance needed for installation will be spent from the 2018 budget.

Ms. Butler told the board that Mr. Baxter was in today to add a few lines to the budget and to get ready for the Preliminary Budget numbers. Mr. Baxter will be adding new lines for justice court grant and court security, the addition of these two lines will make the budget clearer to understand.

The board continued to go down the budget line by line starting with PS Accounts, the following changes were agreed upon:

A1110.11 Justice #1 PS	5.3%	requested decreased to 3%
A1110.12 Justice #2 PS	5.3%	requested decreased to 3%
A1110.13 Justice Clerk #1 PS	5.3%	requested decreased to 3%
A1110.14 Justice Clerk #2 PS	5.3%	requested decreased to 3%
A1220.1 Supervisor PS	7.6%	requested decreased to 3%
A1310.1 Supervisor Clerk PS	5.4%	requested decreased to 3%
A1420.1 Attorney PS	0.0%	requested increased to 3%
A1620.12 Bldgs & Grounds PS2	1.2%	requested increased to 3%
A3620.11 Code Enforcement PS1	8.3%	requested decreased to 3%

Two accounts:

A1355.12 Assessor's Clerk PS	this line will not be increase but hourly rate will increase by 3%
A1410.12 Clerk Deputy PS	this line will not be increase but hourly rate will increase by 3%

Contractual accounts were then reviewed and the following changes were approved:

A1420.4 Attorney CE	was \$5,000 increased to \$10,000
A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance CE	increased by \$250 decrease to 0% increase
A7510.4 Historian CE	was \$350 increase to \$500

Budget reviewed thru page 5.

After discussion, it was requested that a new audit line be added to page 13 for water audit and add a Senior Citizen line and fund it with \$1,000 on page 4 along with the Veterans Line.

**CLOSE:**

At 6:15pm the meeting adjourned.