

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – SUPERVISOR’S MEETING – April 2, 2018
10:00 am Constantia Town Hall

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

Others Present: Warren Wheeler – Assessor
Wayne Hall – Code Enforcement Officer
George Kalkowsky _ Barton & Loguidice

Absent: Frank Tomaino – Council Member
Warren Bader - Town Attorney

CALL TO ORDER:

At 10:00 am Mr. Mosley called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

ASSESSOR:

Mr. Wheeler came to speak to the town board members about the possibility of doing a revaluation of the town. The town’s equalization rate was 98% for 2018, for 2019 the equalization rate looks to be about 95%, but could be as low as 92%. If the board members decide to do nothing there might be a 3 to 4 percent drop which is still acceptable. If the equalization rate drops to 85% or below then the town will need to hold public relations meetings, and follow a few more mandated steps so that tends to be a bit more expensive. Mr. Wheeler feels that the town can wait one more year, but after that a decision will need to be made. If the board decides to do nothing, then the equalization rate just drops, everyone will be treated the same, if a revaluation is done, then each property will be looked at individually. If the town board decides to do a revaluation, then a resolution will need to be passed at either the April or May meeting, Mr. Wheeler will then do a Memorandum of Understanding. The town can expect about 75% reimbursement from the State. Mr. Wheeler would budget \$7,500 to \$10,000 with reimbursement from the State to be in the range of \$5,000 to \$7,000. Mr. Wheeler left the meeting at 10:20am, no decision was made at this time.

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge told the board of an accident with the town’s loader. The loader was hit by a car, nobody was hurt. The tire was taken off the rim, a claim will be filed for \$322.00, GEICO insurance has been contacted.

Discussion turned to the rented excavator that Mr. Woolridge has been using on Center St. and at the Town Park. Mr. Woolridge would like to purchase this machine, Tracey Road Equipment Inc. has given Mr. Woolridge a price of \$137,900.00 with a credit for rental of \$37,800.00 total balance due will be \$100,100.00. Mr. Woolridge was going to purchase a new snowplow but will put that off to purchase this machine. No decision was made with one council member not in attendance. This will be brought up at the April town board meeting.

Mr. Woolridge has spoken to BTI Trucking about suppling dumpsters at the Town Hall and Highway Department. This year there will be dumpsters available May 18th, 19th and 20th, 7:30am to 5:00pm, Mrs. Haynes will put an ad in the paper. Also May 7th and 8th will be the normal roadside pickup.

BERNHARDS BAY WATER DISTRICT:

Mr. Kalkowsky informed the board that Highlander Construction will not be starting today, the pipe will be delivered today, and construction should start next week.

The project sign has been ordered, ground breaking can be soon.

Construction site office is located at the back of McIntosh Pallet Company.

SEWERS:

This coming weekend G&G Process will start the door to door survey of the properties that did not respond to the sewer survey.

Mr. Moran attended the Tug Hill Conference at JCC, E1 a supplier of grinder pumps was at the conference. Mr. Moran spoke to the representative, they will be more than happy to come and give a presentation to the town. Mr. Colesante agreed that if the sewer district moves forward it would be good to hear a presentation.

10:58am Mr. Kalkowsky left the meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

At 10:55am Mr. Hall came into the meeting to discuss code issues in the town. Mr. Hall has spoken to Hilton Automotive located on State Route 49, he has unregistered vehicles and other issues at his place of business. Mr. Hilton will be removing the vehicles, many to be junked. The property is owned by Mr. Gregory Foster who also runs a construction business from the same location. Mr. Colesante would like Mr. Foster to be contacted about the code issues, he is the one that is ultimately responsible. Discussion turned to properties that are businesses and how to get them to comply. Mr. Bader, Town Attorney is the one to answer these questions. Mr. Hall suggested maybe requiring yearly operating permits to businesses in the Town that would be a way to make sure they are complying with the Town code laws and ordinances.

Letter received from Mr. Sciacca's attorney in response to the code violations on Shacksbush Rd. Mr. Hall will be contacting Mr. Bader on this issue.

ADJOURN:

At 11:59 am the meeting adjourned.