

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES –BUDGET MEETING – October 18, 2018
6:00 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley - Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Frank Tomaino, Thomas Moran – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent
Nancy Butler – Supervisor’s Clerk
Erin Zehr – Park and Recreation Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER:

At 6:00 pm Mr. Mosley called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

2019 BUDGET:

Ms. Zehr was in to speak to the board about the Park and Recreation Budget, A7110.4 was increased by 2.5% to cover the increase in employee salaries. After reviewing the 2019 Parks & Recreation Budget Ms. Butler notified the board that minimum wage will be \$11.10 for 2019. The Town is actually exempt from paying the minimum wage, but the board does not agree with that. Ms. Zehr will increase all to the minimum wage and keep other employees proportional to the increase.

Discussion turned to A9950.92 Transfer to Cap. Fund Park/Garage \$45,000 was put back into this account. The roof on the building at the park is a concern. Mr. Woolridge will see how it holds up this winter, he has been replacing shingles yearly. The security system is on hold right now, still trying to get a price for a system with Wi-Fi but not sure it will be cost effective. The current company that Ms. Zehr would like to work with is ADT, they have an offer if you put 10% down and pay over 5 years all equipment will be covered. If you purchase outright then you are responsible for all maintenance. For 2019 Mr. Woolridge would like to finish the beach area, do the sidewalks, light poles and then install the playground if time permits. Other items that need to be addressed are: roof, proper water installation and the parking lot. At 6:43pm Ms. Zehr left the meeting.

Mr. Mosley wanted to revisit the raises, the board members have not gotten a raise in a very long time. Mr. Mosley is in favor of an increase to \$4,000 each member which is a \$1,000. yearly increase (A1010.1). Mr. Metzger is against the increase, Mr. Colesante would be ok with \$500. Mr. Mosley put the wage increase to \$4,000 for each council member to a vote:

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Colesante – No Metzger – No Mosley - Yes

Mr. Moran told the board Mr. Bader, Town Attorney said if everyone else is getting a raise he would take one also. Mr. Moran made the motion to increase the Town Attorney A1420.1 by 2%, seconded by Mr. Mosley.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Colesante – Yes Metzger – No Mosley - Yes

Lengthy discussion on raises and how they are being handled, in the past each raise has not been voted on but come to an overall agreement. If all employees are going to get a 2% raise then members of the board want to make sure nobody is missed.

At this point the discussion at the meeting turned the highway budget.

Mr. Woolridge gave the board his budget worksheets. DB5142.4 is increased because the price of salt per ton has gone up from \$48 to \$62. Oswego County is working with Onondaga County under shared services, there was an issue when Onondaga County went out for bids for salt they did not include Oswego County. Because of this the bid for Oswego County was put out later and there was a substantial price increase. Mr. Woolridge has reached out to American Rock Company, when the time comes to order they will give Mr. Woolridge a price if they have sufficient supply.

Machinery CE DB5130.2 Machinery Eq was increased by \$133,000 this is to help pay for the excavator purchase of \$80,000. Also Mr. Woolridge will be replacing the roadside flail mower, C-2 pick-up and C-3 450 pick-up with the dump box. All equipment that is replaced will be sold and the additional income will help offset the expense of the new purchases. Additionally DB9950.9 Transfer to Capital Reserve was decreased by \$78,000 this amount is part of the \$133,000 increase to DB5130.2 Machinery Eq.

Mr. Colesante asked about the situation of A vs B Funds and what the County Attorney has to say, Mrs. Haynes has spoken to the County Attorney and their solution at the present time is to rename the line so it does not read highway alone. Mrs. Haynes was asked to reach out to the County Attorney again to get additional information.

Mr. Woolridge has asked Mr. Kalkowski from Barton & Loguidice to do the analysis of the water tower and send a letter to OCWA indicating that there is no structural issues with putting an antenna on the tower. This letter is needed before Mr. Woolridge can continue. The funding for the radios will be coming from A9950.92 Transfer to Cap. Fund Park/Garage.

Once highway budget was reviewed, the following personal service accounts were reviewed and approved:

A1220.1	Supervisor PS	No increase
A1355.12	Assessor’s Clerk PS	No increase in line but increase hourly rate by 2%

A1420.1	Clerk Deputy PS	No increase in line but increase hourly rate by 2%
A1620.12	Bldgs & Grounds PS2	Increase 2%
A3510.1	Dog Control	Increase 2%
A3620.11	Code Enforcement PS	No increase – will revisit after training is complete
A7020.1	Park and Recreation Administration	Increase 2%

A7510.4 Historian CE, Ms. Peck did not receive a budget worksheet so no increase was requested. Discussion on recent trip, Mr. Mosley will discuss this topic with Ms. Peck.

Mr. Moran would like to have Ms. Butler review the contract with Time Warner A2450 Commissions Cable TV. Revenues are listed as \$7,900 when last year we received \$15,408. Mr. Moran would like to increase this to a more accurate figure.

Mr. Colesante made the motion to approve the following stipends for:

Planning Board Chair	\$500.00 year
Planning Board Member	\$ 20.00 a meeting
Board of Appeals Chair	\$ 30.00 a meeting
Board of Appeals Member	\$ 15.00 a meeting
Board of Assessment Review	\$ 10.00 an hour

Seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

ADJOURN:

At 8:50 pm the meeting adjourned.