

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – SUPERVISOR & BUDGET MEETING – November 5, 2018
9:15 am Constantia Town Hall

Present: Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent
Warren Bader – Town Attorney
Roy Reehil – County Legislator

Absent: Kenneth Mosley – Supervisor
Frank Tomaino – Council Member

CALL TO ORDER:

At 9:00 am Mr. Moran called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

The board members reviewed a letter of suggested changes from NYMIR. A few of the issues were discussed, Mr. Colesante would like to assign the items to the office responsible at the next town board meeting.

-The Town Board members asked Mr. Reehil, County Legislator to come to the meeting to discuss a few issues. The first being the fact that the town cannot re-levy any building permit fees and building demolition/clean-up fees onto a tax bill per County Resolution 134 dated June 12, 2014. The question is can the Town pass their own law to put this re-levy on to the town portion of the tax bill. The Town is trying to get some of properties cleaned up but is difficult when there is no recourse on charges. Mr. Reehil talked about the Land Bank and how they could be used to help. Mr. Reehil will reach out to Mr. Gardner, County Treasurer to ask him if the Town did pass their own law how this will affect the County.

-Discussion on property that was sold during the last County Tax Auction, 281.00-04-06.03 11 Dutcherville Rd in the auction booklet it indicated that the building is condemned and must be demolished. What recourse does the County or Town have to force the owner to comply and demolish the building. Kim from the Land Bank did look at this property, but it was not accepted.

-A vs B funds were the next topic. The board members have reached out to Richard Mitchell, County Attorney on how these funds are handled at the County when creating the tax bills. Currently the County is adding the B Fund into the DB Fund which causes an issue when the bills are printed for the highway department. DB Funds are highway funds/outside the village, B Funds are general funds outside the village. After speaking to the State Comptroller they also agree the two funds should not be mixed. Board members then called the County and they are saying there is not enough room on the tax bill to break this out. They are looking to re-name the line to read, Town Tax Outside the Village. The County will have to do testing to make sure it will work for the entire County, the new tax bill wording will then need to be presented to the full Legislator for approval. The town board members present are requesting Mr. Reehil reach out to see what he can do to have the County permanently separate the B and DB funds.

-Mr. John Haynes, Chief for the Constantia Volunteer Fire Department came in to discuss the 911 Center and dispatch issues. Before moving to the dispatch issues, Mr. Rehill asked about the other problems that he has met with Mr. Haynes and Mr. Davis, Deputy Chief of the Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department about previously, the new computer system at the 911 center. Mr. Haynes did indicate that it is better, but still waiting for a fix that closes out alarms in a quicker fashion, it would be nice if there was more communication from the County to the Fire Departments. The County does have Chiefs meetings but they are quarterly so if questions are asked a response is not always received.

-As to dispatch issues, Mr. Haynes is questioning who makes the determination who is dispatched when a resident calls 911. For the Constantia Fire Department any call that is within their response district 911 should be calling out Constantia Fire Department. For example, there was an EMS call to 911, after the resident called 911 about a person laying in the road, this same individual after waiting and getting no response, called Mr. Haynes' cell phone and asked why the fire department has not responded. Mr. Haynes then called the 911 center and he was told that it was dispatched as a law enforcement only call, he then requested 911 activate Constantia Fire Department. This has also been happening with rescue calls and the ambulance, Mr. Haynes told the board that when a call comes out they can be on scene in 8 mins vs 12 mins for the ambulance. The residents of the Town deserve the quicker response.

-At 10:50am both Mr. Haynes and Mr. Reehil left the meeting.

-Discussion on 35 Kibbie Lake Rd, this property was given a variance to live in his camper for a year while he builds a house. There has been no progress in building his home, and the Town has been getting complaints. Mr. Bader, Town Attorney stopped into the Town Hall and joined the meeting looking for the variance letter from Mr. Macari, Chairman of the Board of Appeals. No letter or minutes were found, Mrs. Haynes emailed Mr. Macari and Ms. Foster, Secretary for Board of Appeals for more information.

-Bids will be opened for the purchase of a 2016 or newer excavator at the November Town Board meeting. Mr. Metzger asked what the utilization would be for this machine. Mr. Woolridge said this machine has been used for removing stumps, changing culverts, it has also done the work at the town park. By using this machine it

increases the life expectancy of the Gradall. Mr. Woolridge did do a cost comparison in making the decision to purchase a machine like this, during December, January and February the machine was used every day.

-Mr. Harrington – Glider Oil Company Inc. did drop of a letter to clarify his bid for diesel and gas. Bids will be awarded at the November Town Board meeting.

-Mr. Woolridge brought with him a setback waiver request from the County. The County is looking to remove a berm at the gravel pit, this berm separates the County's pit from the Town's gravel pit. After discussion Mr. Metzger authorized Supervisor Mosley or Deputy Supervisor Moran to sign the Setback Waiver Agreement Request RE: Mine File Number 70482 and 70116, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

Carried: Metzger – Yes Colesante – Yes Moran - Yes

ADJOURN:

At 11:55 am the meeting adjourned.