

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – SUPERVISOR’S MEETING – March 4, 2019
9:00 am Constantia Town Hall

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INFORMATIONAL MEETING:

With the informational meeting for sewers scheduled for Tuesday, March 5th, Mr. Mosley called Mr. Clark from Barton & Logudice to ask a few questions. Mr. Clark indicated that presentation will be about 20 minutes long to leave time for residents questions, they will have hard copies to hand out along with the electronic copy. Mr. Clark plans on covering the project, timing and the current funding environment. The board members believe the residents of Doris Park, the area of Town that needs sewers the most are going to be the most upset that they are not in the first district. Mr. Clark will be able to answer those questions, understanding that the residents might not be happy. Mr. Mosley requested maps to be available for people to review.

Mr. Colesante asked what the next step is, SEQRA part 2 and 3 should be ready for approval at the April 1st Supervisor’s meeting. Then the Town would be ready for district formation, so the board members need to decide which way they will be forming the district either by board resolution, petition or a public referendum. Mr. Clark responded that with the survey results, the board already knows a majority of the residents are interested in sewers. The board will need to make a decision on how they will be moving forward at the April 16th Town Board meeting.

Mr. Moran asked if there was a different way to include the entire area in one district, Mr. Clark stated that based on their opinion he just does not feel the Town will get the necessary funding.

*The phone call with Mr. Clark ended at 9:20am.

Mr. Colesante said what happens at the informational session will help him decide which way to go. Mr. Metzger wants the public to know that the board would like to have Doris Park in the first stage it just can’t happen. Mr. Colesante is concerned with the financial aspect, very costly and no additional help for the residents who might not be able to afford the additional cost. Mr. Metzger agreed that this will change the demographics of the Town, cost is a big concern.

Mr. Woolridge was asked about how he envisions the highway’s roll in sewers. Mr. Woolridge agrees that the Town should service their own people. The highway department will need to expand to include a sewer department. Mr. Woolridge envisions taking down the two older garages out front and putting up a bigger pole barn type building, a portion will be set aside for sewer the remaining will be for highway equipment. There will also need to be some equipment purchased lifts/chains/vice and bench space. The pump stations will also be the Town’s responsibility.

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge has been contacted by Mr. Dave Fox, Coleman Dr. Mr. Fox has damage to his vehicle because of a snow bank, Mr. Fox is requesting the Town pay for his damage. After discussion on the situation, it was decided that the Town has no authority to pay Mr. Fox. Mr. Woolridge will be changing the way he plows Coleman Dr. so this situation will not be an issue in the future.

Mr. Woolridge would like to discuss with the board and get approval on changing the equipment purchase originally outlined in his budget submitted for 2019. In 2019 the John Deere roadside mower was scheduled to be replaced, after maintenance Mr. Woolridge would like to hold off replacing this mower. DB5130.2 Machinery Eq has \$110,000 set aside for the mower, Mr. Woolridge would like to spend \$5,000 for a new flail mower, allocate the remaining (\$105,000) towards a new plow truck. The truck Mr. Woolridge would like to purchase is on State Bid, the truck itself is \$120,000 another \$110,000 will be needed for plow equipment which will be purchased in 2020. After discussion, Mr. Moran made the motion to allocate \$105,000 of the budgeted mower money for the purchase of a new plow truck, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mr. Woolridge requested the weight limit sign be posted in the newspaper for next week.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

Mr. Moran told the board of the next Revitalization Committee meeting being held at Mrs. LaVigne’s home at 6:30pm on March 6th. Mr. Moran asked Mr. Woolridge when the new gateway sign will be installed, Mr. Woolridge has the proper NYS Work permit and will hang the sign as soon as the weather permits.

*11:10 Mr. Woolridge left the meeting

Discussion then turned to the proposed planter, Mr. Colesante wanted to be sure Mrs. LaVigne understands that the planter cannot be located on private property, Mr. Moran will verify where the planter will be located.

LED Conversion program is moving forward, Mr. Moran believes the project will start by the end of March into April. Mr. Moran will be addressing the inequity of the lighting districts as they currently are being charged. Yearly the Town has surplus monies left over from these districts which then gets turned over to the General Fund. Mr. Moran is looking into dissolving the districts and creating a town wide district. More information to follow.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Before Mr. Haynes is brought into the meeting, Mr. Mosley asked the board if they wanted to at this point change Mr. Haynes to a salary position. After discussion, the board members would like to leave the position as it is until budget time for discussion.

At 11:25am Mr. Haynes, CEO was asked to attend the meeting.

Mr. Colesante started the discussion on Mr. Sciacca, 52 Shacksbush Rd. The board believes a letter should be sent to Mr. Sciacca indicating he either needs to come into compliance with the Town's campgrounds regulations or remove all but two of the campers. After discussion the neighboring property, Mr. Rosario – 46 Shacksbush Rd has the same situation, he should also get a letter.

35 Kibbie Lake Rd – This property went to the Board of Appeals to get a variance to live in his camper while he builds his house. There has been no visible construction on this property, because of this his building permit will not be renewed and he will need to vacate his trailer.

149 Martin Rd – Spoke to Mr. Duggleby about his barn and his wish to have this be a wedding venue. Mr. Duggleby will need to go to the planning board with this request, he was not happy with this information. Mr. Haynes will be sending him a letter.

Discussion on why people are not complying with property standards, Mr. Colesante told the board that Sylvan Beach found it successful to have property owners come to the town board and start a timeline for cleanup. It does get frustrating but it will take time to get things done.

The board members do understand that and told Mr. Haynes not to get too much on his plate, keep working at what is open and add more as time allows.

ADJOURN:

At 12:10 pm the meeting adjourned.