

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD – June 18, 2019
7:30 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley - Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran, Frank Tomaino– Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Warren Bader – Town Attorney
Roy Reehil – County Legislator
Erin Zehr – Chair, Park and Recreation Commission

Others Present: Dustin Clark – Barton & Loguidice
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission

Absent: Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:30 pm Mr. Mosley, Supervisor called the town board meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

WATER:

Highlander has been out to take care of outstanding issues, Mr. Mosley did go and check their progress. Mr. Mosley stated that all of the issues he was aware of were taken care of and Mr. Mosley believes they did a nice job. Mr. Mosley did ask about people who call now, he just received a phone call today, Mr. Clark said there is a warrantee so Highlander will handle the issues as they arise. Mr. Clark believes the final payment paperwork should be given to the board in July, Highlander still has some outstanding paperwork that needs to be completed.

Mr. Clark asked if the Town would be interested in putting water up Auringer Rd. Mr. Gibbs would like both sewer and water. Mr. Clark answered that it would be difficult because the sewer line is not even there yet, do the water and then when the sewer project gets closer start on sewers. Mr. Gibbs has spoken to other residents on the road, and he is not the only one interested in both, but would be happy to have water.

SEWER:

Joint meeting with the Village is scheduled for June 25th, 6:30pm at the Village Hall. The Town and Village need to start talking about the Inter Municipal Agreement (IMA) this is a very important agreement, it lays the ground work for how the system will operate. Mr. Clark will bring ideas to the table for discussion, usually starts with a big picture, and refine the agreement to meet the needs of the Town and Village. This document will take a few months to prepare and will need to be revisited as time goes on.

Mr. Moran asked how much leeway does the Village have to extend to outside users? Mr. Moran asked this question as he has seen in the local newspaper that the Village has in the past had discussions with Vienna. Mr. Clark indicated that this is exactly what the IMA is used for and the Town will want to make sure that if this happens, the Village will be using their “portion” of the sewer plant. As the Map Plan & Report indicates the Town has 350,000 GPD and the Village has 150,000 GPD usage with the plant total of 500,000 GPD daily. There is a good reserve worked into the plant, neither municipality wants to do another expansion. Another question is if there are additional revenues, who benefits from them. It’s important to remember that both parties will be agreeing to this document.

Next steps:

- Certification from Mrs. Haynes, Town Clerk that no petitions were received. This should be done the first week of July.
- Bond Resolution at the July 16th Town Board meeting

COUNTY LEGISLATORS:

Mr. Reehil reported:

- List of property that will be up for auction in September, these owners have until August 9th to redeem
- County finalized the PILOT agreement with the nuke plant in Scriba, the County now knows what their payment will be, it is a decreasing payment, but a schedule which is needed for budgeting.
- Farmers Market will be held as weather permits at Crossroad Park in Central Square

Mr. Moran asked about an article in the Town Topics about AIM funding, Mr. Reehil will need to read the article to get updated on the issue.

Mr. Colesante asked if there has been any update on the lawsuit that was brought in regards to the Counties refusing to re-levy property clean up fees. Mr. Reehil has not hear of the outcome of that lawsuit but know Mr. Mitchell, County Attorney will be watching for the outcome. The County stopped allowing the re-levies as they felt the Towns were taking advantage.

MINUTES:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the May 16th special meeting, May 21st town board meeting and June 3rd supervisor meeting, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #6 Dated June 18, 2019:

General Fund	178-216	\$32,273.30
Highway Fund	82-99	\$21,630.42
Bernhards Bay Water District	8	\$ 4,859.25

Seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Moran noted that the check to National Grid for \$6,688.54 has been paid, and understands that the approx. \$7,000 reimbursement check has been received which will show in the next supervisor's report. As a note last month was the first full month with the new street lighting, the town saw \$281.00 in savings. Mr. Moran made the motion to approve the Supervisor's report dated May 31, 2019, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge was not in attendance, Mr. Mosley reported that the highway department has started paving, they are working on Kibbie Lake Road.

TOWN CLERK:

Mrs. Haynes reported that the total receipts and disbursements for the Town Clerk's Office for the month of May were \$5,028.00.

Mrs. Haynes told the board of her computer issues, Ed and Ed our IT consultants will be out on Tuesday.

As a note, sexual harassment training must be completed by October.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Town Clerk's report as presented, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

ASSESSOR:

No Report

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Active Violations:

All parties have reached out to my office, I now have open communication with them and understand they must move forward on cleaning up their properties:

1060 State Route 49 – Outside Storage
1080 State Route 49 – Unsafe Structure
297-300 County Route 23 – Unsafe Structure

One property on County Route 23 and one on State Route 49 both has been razed, this brings our total to 11 buildings.

Issued 22 new permits.

On Thursday, June 20th I will be attending my first training for my continuing education.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's report as received, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

JUSTICE:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept Justice Pelon's and Justice Simpson's report for May, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

DOG CONTROL:

No report

PLANNING BOARD:

No Report

BOARD OF APPEALS:

May 8th and June 5th minutes received.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

Ms. Zehr reported:

- Cameras should be installed in the next two weeks
- Movie night is set, will send information to be put on the electronic sign
- Lifeguard training will be next week
- Park is fully staffed for the summer
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Mrs. Haynes told Ms. Zehr to send the park sign up information via email that can also be put on the sign.

Ms. Zehr asked how the pavilion rentals are going, Mrs. Haynes will run a report and send information via email.

Mr. Mosley would like Ms. Zehr to speak to Ms. Lewis, when employees are hired they have to come to the town hall to fill out the necessary information.

Mr. Woolridge is not in attendance, but the roof on the park bathhouse needs to be replaced. The board questioned if the roof should be replaced with metal vs asphalt, Ms. Zehr will discuss with Mr. Woolridge. Ms. Zehr will get estimates, Mr. Colesante told Ms. Zehr she will need 3 to adhere to our procurement policy.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Paul Baxter reported:

1. I will be attending the SLELO PRISM (the St. Lawrence-Eastern Lake Ontario Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management) 2019 Invasive Species Symposium at the Tailwater Lodge in Altmar, New York on Thursday, June 20. More information about the symposium is available on their web site, www.sleloinvasives.org
2. I attended the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) on Thursday, May 16 at 2:00 p.m. at the Kallet Theater in Pulaski. Their next meeting is tentatively scheduled for late June or July, location TBA.
3. The North Shore Council of Governments (NorCOG) and the Salmon Rivers Council of Governments met on Wednesday, May 29 at the Parish village gym. Among the items discussed were progress on arrangements for a contractor to help the circuit rider (me!) with meeting coverage on especially busy nights or other times of conflicting meeting times, progress on migrating web sites hosted by the COGs to a WordPress-based host, and moving the circuit rider to a COG-based basis for payment of reimbursable expenses rather than through a contract basis with the Tug Hill Commission as in the past. Council of Governments elections were also conducted. NorCOG elected its officers for 2019. Rip Colesante was re-elected as chair, and Vern Sundet continues as Fiscal Agent. The office of vice-chair, currently held by Ken Sherman, was not changed until area village elections take place in June with potential new candidates available after Mr. Sherman is no longer in office to continue as NorCOG vice chair.
The next meeting of the North Shore Council of Governments will be scheduled as needed as determined by the COG.
4. This just in – the next meeting of the Oswego County Tourism Advisory Council will be in Hastings, at the Fort Brewerton and Oliver Stevens Blockhouse Museum & Historic Park on Tuesday, July 16 at 10:00 a.m.
5. Mr. Baxter updated the Town website with a new photo of the gateway sign.

CORRESPONDECE:

None

BOARD INITIATIVES AND COMMENTS:

Final order was received from NYSDOT for the lower speed limit on Auringer Rd., the new 45 MPH signs can be posted.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Gibbs – Auringer Rd was happy about the lower speed limit. Mr. Gibbs is on the Fish and Wildlife board for Oswego County, Mr. Gibbs updated the board on a few items:

- Cleveland Dock – from the article in the newspaper it seemed like work was going to start soon. DEC has not awarded the contract as of yet, it might be a while before residents see work started.
- DEC has purchased the Cleveland Elementary school, it will need some work hopefully the 2020 DEC classes will be held there.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:32 pm Mr. Colesante make the motion to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

*Mrs. Haynes was not invited into executive session

At 9:05 pm with no action taken during executive session, Mr. Colesante made the motion to return from executive session, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

ADJOURN:

At 9:06 pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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