

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES - TOWN BOARD – February 18, 2020
7:30 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley - Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran, Frank Tomaino – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Dustin Clark – Barton & Loguidice

Absent: Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent
Warren Bader – Town Attorney

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

SEWER:

Mr. Clark sent has with him, Amendment No. 1 to Engineering Services – Project Development Assistance dated February 5, 2020, the amendment is to expend up to \$30,000.00 towards development of the sewer district. Mr. Mosley signed the Amendment as approved at the February 4th supervisor meeting.

Rural Development has requested G & G Municipal Consulting to do a little more work to hopefully get the income survey below the poverty level. If the income gets below poverty the Town might qualify for lower interest loan which will offset the total amount of grants that will be needed. Currently the Town’s median income is very close to the poverty level.

Still waiting on Oswego County Health Department for the sanitary survey.

WATER:

EFC has sent to Barton & Loguidice the missing items letter which is the first step towards the final closing loan package. Some of the missing items are the final fee for from bond council and Costello, Cooney & Fearon.

PARK AND RECREATION:

Mrs. Zehr sent the following report:

-Gearing up for the 2020 season.

-Employee letters have been sent out, the park should be good for lifeguards this year

-Mrs. Haynes told the board about two email that if the board is in agreement, Ms. Zehr could follow up on:

-Ms. Petro from OCO is requesting to plant a tree in Constantia, the park would be a good place for the tree. The tree is for National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, Ms. Zehr will reach out to Ms. Petro.

-NYS Canalway Water Trail Signs – Ms. Caron is looking for approval to place 3 signs in the Town. One at the park, one at Winn’s Point and one on Mill St. Mrs. Haynes has already told Ms. Caron that Winn’s Point is private and will need to be removed from the list. Discussion turned to Mill St., as this area is not developed the overall opinion is that a sign should not be placed in this location. Ms. Zehr will contact Ms. Caron for placement of the sign at the David C. Webb Memorial Park at Taft Bay.

As always, any questions or concerns, please reach out to me, I’m always available

MINUTES:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of January 15th joint sewer meeting and the January 21st town board meeting, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #1 Dated January 21, 2020:

General Fund	36-75	\$ 15,801.25
Highway Fund	20-38	\$ 22,699.78
North Shore Water District	2	\$346,856.00
Sewer	1	\$ 292.68

Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Moran has been keeping track of the savings for the LED street light replacement program, to date the Town has seen a savings of \$3,789.00. This is for a nine month period, the anticipated savings was \$3,792.00 Mr. Moran is pleased with the success of the program.

Mr. Moran made the motion to approve the Supervisor’s report dated January 31, 2020, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

HIGHWAY:

Final payment for the new plow truck was in tonight's vouchers, the truck is in use.

TOWN CLERK – TAX COLLECTOR:

Mrs. Haynes has received to date \$3,992,782.67 for the 2020 tax season. On February 6, 2020 \$2,176,233.35 was turned over to the Town Supervisor, this satisfies the full warrant to the Town.

Mrs. Haynes gave the board members copies of a letter received from Mr. Gardner, Oswego County Treasurer letting the Town know that they will be handling franchise properties (Time Warner/Spectrum) differently in 2020. In the past franchise properties have not paid their entire tax bill, the County would then reimburse the Town the difference. In 2020 Town of Constantia will be responsible to make up the difference which is \$2,025.77. Mrs. Haynes did have a conversation with Mr. Gardner asking how they can make a change when budgets have already been fixed as there is no way to offset the difference. Mr. Gardner indicated they can withhold the money from the sales tax revenue, this will not work for the Town as that revenue goes directly to the highway fund. Mrs. Haynes sent all information to Mr. Langey from Costello, Cooney & Fearon for review. Mr. Colesante stated that the Town will need to look to increase the franchise agreement.

Pathfinder Bank as of March 1st will be charging the Town \$12.00 for a returned check, this is an increase of \$2.00 which will be passed along to any resident that has a returned check to the Town.

Mrs. Haynes reported that the total receipts and disbursements for the Town Clerk's Office for the month of January were \$1,562.00. Mr. Tomaino made the motion to accept the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's report as submitted, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Total Receipts for January:

\$345.00 – Balance with Town Clerk

Issued 5 permits this month

On 2/13/2020 the 1203 Report has been submitted to the Dept. of State as required.

As you can see in the vouchers I ordered the 2020 NYS Code Enforcement books, NYS is not supplying the books this year. These books are good for 5 years. The new code goes into effect on May 15, 2020.

I will be attending training on Thursday 20th 12-5, also I have signed up for the Syracuse conference in April.

I continue to work on the camping trailer issue within the Town.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept Code Enforcement Officer's report for January as submitted, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

JUSTICE:

COUNCILMAN: **Colesante**

Introduced the following and moved its adoption:

The town board for the town of Constantia approves the 2019 Justice audits. Justice Pelon's and Justice Simpson's audits have been completed by Councilman Metzger and Councilman Moran. It is further instructed that Ms. Butler – Bookkeeper, send copies of both to the New York State Office of Court Administration.

Seconded by Councilman: **Tomaino**

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Kenneth Mosley	Voted	Yes
Richard Colesante	Voted	Yes
John Metzger	Voted	Yes
Tom Moran	Voted	Yes
Frank Tomaino	Voted	Yes

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept Justice Pelon's and Justice Simpson's reports as submitted for January, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

DOG CONTROL:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept Dog Control Officer's report as submitted for January, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

BOARD INITIATIVES AND COMMENT:

-New County of Oswego delinquent tax list has been received dated 2/11/2020.

-March 10th at 9am will be the next trailer law meeting, Mrs. Haynes was asked to advertise for the next few months to have the meetings Tuesday's at 9 am.

ADJOURN:

At 8:26 pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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