

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES – BUDGET MEETING – October 15, 2020**  
4:00 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley - Supervisor  
John Metzger, Thomas Moran, Frank Tomaino – Council Members  
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk  
Nancy Butler- Bookkeeper  
Absent: Richard Colesante – Council Member

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 4:00 pm Mr. Mosley called the town board meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance. As per recommended procedures during COVID-19 all persons in attendance were seated 6ft apart.

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Hubbard – Staying at 1196 State Route 49 was in to discuss his concerns with Grace Taylor Winery located next to this property. His legal address is in Camillus but because of health reasons is staying at the address listed above. Mr. Hubbard a few weeks ago on a Sunday around 9-10 am was out on the deck. The music from the winery was loud coming from a big speaker. Mr. Hubbard did go to speak to the owner, Mr. Hamilton. Mr. Hubbard did not understand why he was playing the music so loud because the winery is not open at this time. Mr. Hamilton told Mr. Hubbard that if he did not like it he could go to the town board, this is why he is in attendance. Mr. Hubbard did speak to Code Enforcement who told him there is no noise ordinance in the Town, the winery does have an operating permit. Mr. Metzger told Mr. Hubbard usually residents come in it is when the music is loud late at night. Board members will need to look at the operating permit to see what the parameters were set when they proposed opening the winery. Mr. Moran told Mr. Hubbard that there has been other complaints. Mr. Tomaino asked if the noise is bothersome when the winery is open, yes, but Mr. Hubbard understand that he has a business to run. The winery usually closes down at 8pm. The board members thanked Mr. Hubbard for attending, at 4:10pm Mr. Hubbard left the meeting.

**2021 BUDGET:**

The board members went thru the budget line by lines in the areas that were not previously reviewed, changes were made as follows:

Appropriations General Fund:

A1330.4 Tax Collection CE increase to \$4,500  
A1420.4 Attorney CE – Mr. Mosley will reach out to Mr. Langey and Mr. Bader for an updated amount  
A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance CE increase to \$25,000  
A1920.4 Municipal Assoc Dues CE increase to \$2,400  
A4540.4 Ambulance CE increase 3% the requested amount to \$277,265  
A9010.8 State Retirement increase to \$37,000

Revenues General Fund:

Changes were previously made at the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

Discussion on the appropriations and revenues for the B funds as it pertains to the monies that the Bernhards Bay Water District needs to reimburse the general fund. The board approved of the idea to holdoff paying back the general fund until 2021 this gives the Town a chance to put the funds into the budget. It was also decided to fund B8030.4 Research CE – Water, for a possible extension district. Both lines will be funded with the exact amount that needs to be reimbursed.

SL1-5182.4 Street Lighting CE decrease to \$3,500  
SL2-5182.4 Street Lighting CE decrease to \$11,500  
Both these accounts are being decreased as the Town will be dissolving these districts.

SF1-3410.4 Constantia Fire District #1 increase to \$133,334

Discussion on the contracts with both the Constantia VFD and Cleveland VFD, usually these lines stay the same as both cover about the same area. This year Constantia VFD for the protection contract submitted a budget with no increase, Cleveland VFD requested 2%:

SF2-3410.4 Contract with Constantia Fire District #1 stay the same \$94,060  
SF2-3410.4 Contract with village of Cleveland increase to \$95,940

**SEWER:**

SS1-8097.4 Planning/Surveys Eq and Capital Outlay increase to \$45,000

**NORTH SHORE WATER DISTRICT:**

Mr. Moran would like to decrease the amount in SW1-9710.6 Debt Service to what the amortization table indicates the payment will be for 2021 will be which is \$352,111. After discussion all agreed this, also SW1-2399 Due from Other Gov't should be what West Monroe is required to pay. Ms. Butler will verify the amounts and make the changes.

**BERNHARDS BAY WATER DISTRICT:**

Mr. Moran is concerned with the balance in the Bernhards Bay Water District, this district will be having its final closing by the end of the year so best to keep the charges in this district the same and make changes in 2022 when the actual amortization table is received. Discussion then turned to intermunicipal agreement with West Monroe that deals with the first district not paying more than the second district. After discussion, the board requested Mr. Mosley reach out to Ms. Kelly Lathan of Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. to ask for a scope of service to review the paperwork from both districts to advise the Town as to what each district should be paying.

**PRELIMINARY BUDGET:**

As all lines of the budget have been reviewed, Ms. Butler asked if the Town was ready to move to the preliminary budget, board members were in agreement.

**COPIER:**

Mrs. Haynes brought with her a quote for a new copier, the new copier will be a color copier with the ability to staple and fold. The total cost will be \$5,727.80 for the purchase of the copier with the usual per copy maintenance program, the minimum monthly charge will be \$18.00. This quote is with Ed & Ed Business Technology which is the company that currently services our equipment. Mr. Tomaino made the motion to authorize the purchase of the new copier, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next budget meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22nd at 4:00 pm. The public hearing on the 2021 budget will be on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm as required by law.

**ADJOURN:**

At 5:30 pm the meeting adjourned.