

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – Town Board Meeting – October 20, 2020
7:30 pm Town of Constantia – Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley - Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Frank Tomaino, Thomas Moran – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Warren Bader – Town Attorney

Others Present: Erin Zehr – Commissioner, Park and Recreation
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission

Absent: Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:30 pm Mr. Mosley called the town board meeting to order. As per recommended procedures during COVID-19 the town board and residents were seated 6ft apart.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Powers, Mr. Haselbauer and Mr. Hoyt who told the board he is a retired Sherriff, all from Shacksbush Road were in to speak to the board members about problems they are having with Holly Park the trailer park located on Shacksbush Rd. Each of these property owners have had issues with residents that live in the park. Mr. Powers and Mr. Hoyt had an issue where Mr. Powers had to MACE an individual for their safety. The residents understand that this is a police matter, but they also wanted to inform the board of their plight. Mr. Bader agreed that there is not much the Town can do, be vigilant, take pictures and call the police. Mr. Mosley offered to reach out to the District Attorney Greg Oakes to see if there is anything he can do. At 7:42pm Mr. Powers, Mr. Hoyt and Mr. Haselbauer left the meeting.

PARK AND RECREATION:

Mrs. Zehr was in attendance to let the board know that the work is almost done at the park, hopefully by next week they will be finished. Mrs. Zehr submitted a grant towards the playground at the park, hopefully she will hear something by the middle to end of November.

SEWER:

Nothing new to report.

MINUTES:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the September 15 Public Hearing, September 15 Town Board, October 1 Budget Meeting, October 5 Supervisor Meeting and, October 8 Budget Meeting seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #10 Dated October 20, 2020:

General Fund	285-320	\$21,029.36
Highway Fund	184-204	\$33,453.17
Sewer	13	\$ 564.86

Seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

BUDGET TRANSFER:

Mr. Moran offered the following motion:

Referring to the budget transfer sheet #2 for September 2020, General Fund, Account A1420.4 Attorney CE is over budget \$78.10.

I therefore motion to transfer \$78.10 from Contingency Account A1990.4 to replenish the aforementioned over budget account. This will leave \$84,613.54 balance in contingency account. Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Moran made the motion to approve the Supervisor’s report dated September 30, 2020, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge asked to be excused for tonight’s meeting he is not feeling well.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the following reports as received for September, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

- a. Code Enforcement received \$1,830.90
- b. Justice Pelon and Justice Simpson
- c. Town Clerk received \$6,809.90

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

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter reported:

- The Tug Hill Commission offices are still operating at a 50% occupancy level , with a schedule with Watertown-based staff where at any given time, half of the staff is in the Watertown office is in the office, and the rest are still working from home. Tug Hill staff are available for meetings with your municipality.
- The Governor’s executive order allowing remote meetings and public hearings (via means such as Zoom) has been extended until November 3. If you have any upcoming meetings where that may be a help to you. I can facilitate a Zoom meeting with a little advance notice.
- We are in the process of scheduling the next North Shore Council of Governments meeting.
- The exemptions report prepared by the assessor which must accompany the tentative and preliminary budgets has been posted to the town web site as required.
- I have assisted the bookkeeper with the transition from the tentative to the preliminary budget round

BOARD INITIATIVES AND COMMENT:

Mr. Tomaino let the board know that there have been many positive comments on Facebook about the work done at Scriba Park, people really appreciate what the Town did. The board members thanked Mr. Tomaino for all the work he did to correct the issues at the park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:55pm Mr. Mosley made the motion to go into executive session with Mr. Bader to discuss an employee issue, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

*Mrs. Haynes did not go into executive session.

ADJOURN:

At 8:50pm with no decisions made, Mr. Tomaino made the motion to return from executive session and adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Colesante.