

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – SUPERVISOR’S MEETING – February 8, 2021
9:00 am 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 – Via Zoom
Dustin Clark and David Powers – Barton & Loguidice – Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER:

At 9:00 am 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.

SEWER:

On Friday, February 5th a conference call was held between Barton & Loguidice, Costello, Cooney & Fearon, EFC and council members. The purpose of the call was to update the board members on the deadlines for closing on the financing offers on the table for the sewer district. Mr. Clark indicated the major concern at this point is deadlines. The district will need to close on the offers by June of this year or there is a possibility of losing the offers. It is possible to get an extension, EFC will be looking into that possibility. During the conference call it was suggested that the district increase the edu cost, the increase would be about \$100 yearly. None of the board members are willing to increase the cost just to push the project forward, the board members are willing to wait especially if EFC will be willing to give the district an extension. Mr. Clark reminded the board that even if the district closes on the offers, no money will exchange hands, it is just the process to let the agency know that the Town does intend to go forward with the District. Mr. Clark is confident EFC will grant the extension as the District has a lot to show, a lot of the steps that need to be completed have already been addressed. The next item that needs to be done at no cost to the District would be signing professional agreements with Mr. Goodfriend from bond council, Barton & Loguidice, Costello, Cooney & Fearon and Fiscal Advisors. Mr. Bader told the board that CCF has completed their agreement for consideration at the next town board meeting. Mr. Colesante asked what will the cost be to the people in the District, Mr. Clark told Mr. Colesante that at this point the only cost to the District would be the cost to reapply for grants that come along, WQIP is the one that the Town is waiting for to be able to resubmit for additional funding. Board members are in agreement to move forward with the professional agreements for the District.

WATER:

Mr. Powers will revisit the map submitted showing areas surveyed for potential water district extensions. At 9:30am Mr. Clark and Mr. Powers left the meeting.

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge received a proposal from Eastern Energy Solutions to upgrade the lighting at the highway department. The out of pocket expense is \$957.54, payback time would be 13 months. Without Mr. Woolridge at the meeting, the town board members decided to hold off until the February town board meeting.

STORAGE CONTAINERS:

Discussion on the proposed moratorium to storage containers as residential structures and as storage buildings. Currently in the Town there is no regulations for these type of structures. Mr. Haynes does receive calls right now there are no limitations. Mr. Moran would like reference to requiring architectural engineer prints if it will be used as a residence, Mr. Haynes agrees. It was decided to have Mr. Bader work on the moratorium local law for 9 months that will give the board members time to make changes needed to the land development law.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:

Mr. Mosley would like to update the employee handbook to include a benefit for 30+ year employees, the Town will cover a portion of the retirees insurance from age 62 to 65 to bridge the gap until they are eligible for Medicare. Mr. Colesante believes this is a good benefit for the employees and believes the taxpayers would be in agreement. Mr. Colesante and Mr. Metzger will work on the wording for the handbook for review at the next supervisor’s meeting.

IMA – WEST MONROE – TOWN OF CONSTANTIA:

On December 9, 2020 the Town of West Monroe signed the First Amendment to “Agreement of Municipal Cooperation for Construction, Financing, Operating and Maintenance of an Inter-Municipal Water System for the North Shore Water System”. Mr. Moran has many concerns with this document, one of them being the example used on the last page referenced the draft amortization schedule for the Bernhards Bay Water District, the actual schedule has been received and the charge is considerably more. After discussion, Mr. Mosley will reach out to Fiscal Advisors, Ms. Lathan for advice.

NYS PUBLIC EMPLOYER MANDATORY EMERGENCY PLANNING:

This document needs to be reviewed and passed by April 1st. Mrs. Haynes gave a copy to the board members for review. This is a policy that was sent to the Town by Mr. Bader’s firm, the section that needs to be discussed is: *V. General Policy and the types of positions that are considered essential.* Please review for next meeting.

ADJOURN:

At 10:50 am, the meeting adjourned.