

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES –TOWN BOARD – May 18, 2021
 7:30 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley - Supervisor
 Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran, Frank Tomaino – Council Members
 Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
 Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent
 Warren Bader - Town Attorney
 Erin Zehr – Park and Recreation Chair
 Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:30 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg-407 County Route 17 were in to discuss their frustration with Spectrum and not being able to get service. Mr. Kellogg has reached out several times to Mrs. Haynes inquiring what to do, Mrs. Haynes sent his email to our newest Spectrum representative. Spectrum response was it is not economically feasible to extend cable at their location at this time. After discussion, Mr. Mosely will reach out to Patti Ritchie and the Public Service Commission, they also encouraged Mr. Kellogg to do the same. Mr. Moran would like to know if there is a way to map out the Town to see where there is broadband, this will help to see where there is a lack of service. This might be a good place to spend some of the American Recovery money.

SEWER:

As submitted by Mr. Powers via email: For those who may not know, the 2021 CFA Funding Round has been announced at long last! Information and links are below to the 2021 funding round. The good news is the WQIP Program administered by the DEC remains largely unchanged from previous years and your project is still eligible under the high priority project category for a grant award up to \$10,000,000. Just a reminder based on our current funding we will only need to apply for \$4,535,000 which is a much more reasonable request than the previous full \$10M. We have most of the documents prepared for the funding application, they will just need to be revisited and updated to ensure we comply with any program changes.

This is what we have been waiting for so it is very encouraging to see these announced and we are excited to put this application together again! We will share the funding application documents with you once they are prepared for review before submission in July.

CFA 2021 funding programs have been announced. The usual amount of funding (~\$750 million) covering 30 programs including a couple new programs as well.

- NYSDOS Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Program (\$1 million)
- NYSERDA Carbon Neutral Economic Development Program (\$15 million)
- NYSERDA Commercial and Industrial Carbon Challenge (\$15 million)

REDC Website - <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>

CFA 2021 Resources Available - https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/2021_Resources_Available_Guide.pdf

CFA 2021 Guidebook - https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/2021REDCGuidebook_Final.pdf

WATER:

Updated potential water extension map will be discussed at the June 7th supervisor’s meeting.

PARK AND RECREATION:

Mrs. Zehr told the board:

- Playground is almost complete, putting in stone now, hope to be done in next couple of weeks
- Highway is paving the walkway at the park
- Finalizing plans for the summer rec program at the park with the Oswego County Health Dept

Mrs. Zehr gave the board a list of salaries for the park, they would like approval for the following:

		<u>2020 rate</u>	<u>2021 rate</u>	<u>#of hours</u>	<u>#of wks</u>	<u>expense</u>
1	Park Director	\$257.23	\$257.23		13	\$ 3,344.00
<u>Summer Program</u>						
1	On-Site supervisor	\$15.92	\$15.92	40	10	\$ 6,368.00
1	Asst. supervisor	\$10.96	\$12.75	24	8	\$ 2,448.00
1	Evening supervisor	\$10.60	\$12.50	24	10	\$ 3,000.00
1	Weekend supervisor	\$11.00	\$12.75	16	10	\$ 2,040.00
1	Arts & Crafts Leader	\$10.75	\$12.50	24	8	\$ 2,400.00
1	Medical Counselor	\$11.32	\$13.00	24	8	\$ 2,496.00

1	Activities Counselor	\$10.60	\$12.50	24	8	\$ 2,400.00
2	Adult Counselor	\$10.60	\$12.50	24	8	<u>\$ 4,800.00</u>
						\$25,952.00
Waterfront						
1	WSI/Aquatics Director	\$12.24	\$13.50	24	10	\$ 3,240.00
1	Lifeguard I	\$11.35	\$12.75	30	10	\$ 3,825.00
6	Lifeguard II	\$10.60	\$12.50	30	10	\$22,500.00
1	Lifeguard III	\$10.60	\$12.50	30	10	<u>\$ 3,750.00</u>
						\$33,315.00
						Total Salaries: \$62,611.00

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the salaries as listed, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

Mr. Moran thanked Ms. Zehr for the work she has done for the Shineman Grant, it is a big benefit to the community

MINUTES:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the April 12th supervisor meeting, April 20th public hearing, and April 20th town board 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 #5 Dated May 18, 2021:

General Fund	142-179	\$ 69,875.84
Highway Fund	78-95	\$ 23,926.90
Sewer	6	\$ 3,763.69

Seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Moran made the motion to approve the Supervisor’s report dated April 30, 2021, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Mr. Moran did note that one budget account that was over in error has been corrected in this Supervisor’s report. Also, there is a considerable amount of money in the North Shore Water District, this account should be discussed at budget time.

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge reported:

- All but one truck has been turned over for summer, the last truck has been totally striped down, sandblasted and painted, they are now in the process of putting this one back together.
- Cutting shoulders and tree work continue
- Hope to start paving the first week of June
- Ordered new flags and poles, poles are on back order so they will be putting up what they have and intersperse with the Town banners
- CHIPS program in the State budget has had a 30% overall increase, this along with PaveNY and Winter Recovery (both of these programs were scheduled to end in 2020) has increased the amount the Town can use in 2021. As these programs were to end, Mr. Woolridge did not put this revenue in the 2021 budget. Both of the programs have been re-instated as a result the Town could see a large increase in the amount to be reimbursed for paving projects. This could be tricky on the budget, hopefully Ms. Butler, Bookkeeper can attend the June supervisor meeting to get the proper steps in place to best utilize the funding.

Mr. Metzger made the motion to approve the Highway Superintendent’s report, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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

- a. Code Enforcement received \$2,703.00
- b. Justice Pelon and Justice Simpson
- c. Town Clerk received \$4,838.50
- d. Tax Collector turn over \$10,282.53 to the Town Supervisor closing out the books for 2021.
- e. Dog Control

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

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter submitted the following report:

- Unchanged: 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. With upcoming changes in New York State pertaining to COVID-19, the office may move to 75% occupancy soon. Actual occupancy may be lower depending on need, as Tug Hill staff operate to minimize spread of COVID-19. Commission staff continue to be 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 through June 9, 2021. 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. Advance notice will also help with figuring out the logistics of notification and how to conduct the meeting via Zoom, either completely or with Zoom as an additional method of attendance and participation.

- As required by state law, I have posted the town's 2021 tentative assessment roll to the town's web site.
- The Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board is doing a county-wide community survey on availability of broadband, toward improving area coverage. More information is available on the North Shore Council of Governments web site, www.norcog.org, and at a web site for this effort, www.cnyinternet.com. I have also added a post regarding this to the town of Constantia web site.
- The Tug Hill Commission is doing its first-ever community recognition awards, and the deadline to submit for your community is June 1. More information about the awards program is on the commission's web site at <https://tughill.org/about/tug-hill-community-recognition-award/>

PLANNING BOARD:

Minutes received for April 27, 2021

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Mr. Macari would like the board to appoint Mr. Mark Somers to the Board of Appeals. Mr. Metzger made the motion to appoint Mr. Mark Somers to the Board of Appeals, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter received from Ms. Phyllis Price – 24 Youman Rd, continue discussion at the supervisor meeting

BOARD INITIATIVES:

With Mr. Haynes, CEO out on disability Mr. Tomaino made the motion to appoint Mr. Patrick Dolan as Temporary Part Time CEO for \$20.00 an hour (Mr. Dolan is the full time CEO for West Monroe), seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

Both Mr. Colesante and Mr. Moran have been contacted by Mr. Hartman – Kellar Dr. about an issue with his neighbor. The house was purchased and now is being rented as an Airbnb. Mr. Hartman has contacted both the owner and Airbnb with no success. When the house is rented it is causing issues for Mr. Hartman, drinking, loud noise, trespassing and a number of other issues. Airbnb's have been a subject in the past from Mr. Haynes, CEO as there are numerous properties in Town that are being rented. The board needs to have a discussion on a law or a change to the Land Development Law to help to regulate these types of properties in the Town. At the very least they need to be inspected yearly for fire hazards. Mr. Tomaino asked if there are other Towns with laws concerning these types of properties, Mr. Bader will research.

Mr. Mosley told the board that bids have been issued for the new sidewalks on a portion of State Route 49 from Frederick St to the bridge by the hatchery. The project should start in about 2 weeks.

Mr. Tomaino asked about the Comprehensive Plan that was put into place many years ago, why isn't the town living up to it? Mr. Colesante said the plan was well done and the planning board has it on their plate to review and renew, unfortunately like many plans, they get put on the shelf and not fully implemented. There are many homes on State Route 49 and in the hamlet that are in disrepair. Mr. Moran agrees, he sees the house that was the Constantia Cove, has never been re-sided, it looks terrible and is frustrating for sure. The Town is currently in Supreme Court with another resident to try to clean their property up. There is no easy solution.

Scriba Park – More damage, the signs that were put up have been torn down. Mr. Woolridge and employees at the fish hatchery have found most of them in the creek. Mr. Mosley will reach out to the Sheriff to see if he could send patrols down to the area. Mr. Woolridge in the past has spoken about installing a guardrail, he will reach back out to the County to see if any are available.

BID OPENING:

The Town advertised to wash the roof and siding at the Town Hall, one bid was received:

1. CNY Professional Property Maintenance \$2,700.00

Mrs. Haynes told the board that the legal notice was also sent to CNY Roof Cleaning with no response.

Mr. Tomaino made the motion to accept the one bid for the cleaning of the roof and siding from CNY Professional Property Maintenance for \$2,700.00, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

The Town advertised to seal and stripe the parking lot at the Town Hall, bids received as follows:

1. PADE CNY \$5,025.00
2. RJ Green Pavement Sealing & Striping LLC \$4,600.00

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept RJ Green Pavement Sealing & Striping LLC as low bid for \$4,600.00, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

The Town also advertised to sell the old library building next to the Town Hall, no bids were received.

ADJOURN:

At 9:12 pm Mr. Tomaino made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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