

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES – SUPERVISOR and BUDGET MEETING – October 5, 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  
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent  
Dustin Clark and David Powers – Barton & Loguidice  
John Whitney – Fire Chief, Constantia Volunteer Fire Department

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 9:00 am Mr. Mosley called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

**SEWER:**

Mr. Clark and Mr. Powers gave an update for sewer – The survey has been ordered and field work will be starting soon. The fly over was done in the spring that was a big help, currently waiting for the base mapping to be completed. Barton & Loguidice will be starting the permitting process, the entire project will need to be permitted before any construction monies will be released. One of the permits is from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), this will require shovel tests of the entire district including all grinder pump placements about 1,600 total samples. Letters will be going out to residents to make appointments for site visits and to have easements signed. Hopefully permits will be granted by the middle of next year.

No date yet to close with EFC, their funds will be available to use to move forward. Depending when the loan closes, the first payment will need to be made within two years. Bond Council and Ms. Lathan, Fiscal Advisors will help with that.

Pump Stations - Two pump stations need to be sited, Mr. Powers gave the board a few possible locations. One needs to be in and around the hamlet of Constantia, the other in Bernhards Bay. Mr. Colesante asked if there was any thought of using the Taft Bay Park property for the pump station for Bernhards Bay. The Town owns three acres of the park that borders State Route 49, Mr. Colesante believes it would be easier if Town property could be used. The Town also owns property on Kibbie Lake Rd that could be considered as a pump station location for the hamlet of Constantia.

**WATER:**

After looking at the map, there is good density to continue up County Route 23 for public water if you wanted to take a mathematical approach. Something to look at if feasible.

-9:30am Mr. Clark and Mr. Powers left the meeting.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Whitney – Fire Chief, Constantia Volunteer Fire Department was in to discuss the upcoming contract between the Town and the Fire District and Department. Mr. Whitney has read the contract and is unsure if the wording needs to be changed but the fire department is going to stop going to what is classified as Alpha and Bravo calls. These are what are considered band aid calls, these calls are usually situations where the people can drive themselves to the hospital but choose to call the ambulance instead. Mr. Whitney has contacted other Oswego County fire departments, a majority of them have already stop responding to these calls. When Northshore Ambulance is out of service 911 dispatch will tone out Constantia. Mr. Colesante asked who establishes Alpha/Bravo rating, the dispatch center does thru a series of questions along with history of calls at that location. Mr. Colesante asked what the ambulance had to say about this change, Mr. Whitney has not reached out to them as of yet but they are a 24/7 ambulance so they will be dispatched as usual. Fire Commissioners are ok with the change, they just want to keep the door open if this does not work, then go back to all rescue calls. The reality for the fire department is volunteers are just not showing up for these calls, trying to keep as many members happy as possible.

-9:55am Mr. Whitney left the meeting.

**2022 BUDGET:**

All board members received a copy of the 2022 Tentative Budget. Mr. Woolridge was in with his Budget Outline for 2022.

-DB5110.1 General Repairs PS increased by \$30,000 this has not been increased in a while. Mr. Woolridge did put in a for 3% wage for a majority of the personnel and increased two employees rate to be in line with the rest of the members. One employee has only been employed for about a month, he will stay at his starting wage for 2022.

-DB5112.2 Improvements CO decreased by \$90,000, this is because Mr. Woolridge is unsure if the Emergency Winter Recovery money will be available next year best to be conservative.

-DB5130.2 Machinery Eq to be increased by \$87,000 to pay remainder of new truck balance.

After discussion on the purchase of a new plow truck, Mr. Mosley made the motion to authorize the purchase of one 2022 International HX520 SFA Omaha Orange #0311 for \$130,933.00, the truck will include a 5 year engine/after treatment warranty at no extra cost. A Viking-Civet Plow/Body will be purchased for \$70,990.49 making the total purchase for the new truck and plow package \$201,923.49 ordered thru Navistar, Loudinville, NY. There will be a \$102,000 down payment due in 2021 and the remainder will be paid in 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

-Village of Cleveland, Mr. Woolridge and Mr. Mosley will have a meeting with the Mayor of the Village of Cleveland. Just a sit down to notify the village board that if paving is requested, a written agreement will need to be signed, it is the best way to have a working agreement.

-Mr. Colesante asked if Mr. Woolridge has been getting together a budget for sewers, he has been discussing needs with Mr. Avery as it pertains to equipment needed and the size of the building. Mr. Colesante would encourage Mr. Woolridge to make the process as user friendly as possible, get the right equipment up front. There will be dedicated staff for sewer with the Highway Superintendent in charge.

-At 11:15am Mr. Woolridge left the building

**BOARD INITIATIVES:**

Discussion turned to the First Amendment to ‘Agreement of Municipal Cooperation for Construction, Financing, Operation, and Maintenance of an Inter-Municipal Water System for the North Shore Water System’. This agreement needs to be approved by both the Town of Constantia and West Monroe. Mr. Sundet, Supervisor for West Monroe created a spreadsheet for reference, after discussion Mr. Moran would like to see the spreadsheet continue until 2041 which will cover payment for the entire remainder of the loan for North Shore Water District. Ms. Butler will reach out to Mr. Sundet for a new spreadsheet. Mr. Moran also asked Ms. Butler to reach out to Albany for the proper procedure to transfer monies from Bernhards Bay Water District to North Shore Water District to complete the process.

**ADJOURN:**

At 11:45 am the meeting adjourned.