

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – SUPERVISOR MEETING – NOVEMBER 1, 2021
9:00 am Constantia Town Hall

Present: Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran, Frank Tomaino – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Nancy Butler – Bookkeeper
Warren Bader – Town Attorney
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent
Dustin Clark – Barton & Loguidice

Absent: Kenneth Mosley - Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER:

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

SEWER:

The point of discussion for this meeting is the sewer law that will need to be enacted by the Town. Mr. Clark had previously given the board members a copy of the DEC Sewer Law that can be used as reference along with the law passed by the Village of Cleveland. The law will be specific for the properties in the sewer district. Mr. Colesante referenced the document given to the board by Ms. Butler indicating that there will be no septic systems within the district. After review, this letter is from the State Comptroller allowing the Town the ability to go into debt. This debt will not go against the Town.

The major question that needs to be answered, are all the board members all in agreement that properties within the District must hook to the sewer system, if not there will be fines outlined in the law. This requirement will be phased into effect, for example: the property owner will have 90 days to hook to the system, after the 90 days fines will be assessed upon the Town and County tax bill. After discussion, Mr. Bader will create a resolution, stating the fact that a law is being created that will require hookup to the sewer system and the decommissioning of the old system. The resolution will give a time line but will leave the fines that could be charged out as they will be decided at a later date. The board members would like the resolution passed before the end of the year for questions that might arise while residents are paying their taxes.

Future development, when the sewer main is being constructed past a vacant lot, unless the property owner contacts the Town to install a lateral, there will be none installed and a ½ of an EDU will be assessed. If the property owner contacts the Town and a lateral is installed, then a full EDU will be charged to that property. When dealing with vacant lots, if new construction will be happening before the sewer goes past the property, the Town will need to come up with rules as how this will be treated. Mr. Clark indicated the Town might authorize holding tanks knowing that sewers are coming in the very near future. Mr. Tomaino stated that the property owner might just put in a conventional system, they are not cost prohibitive. When development comes to a vacant parcel after sewer construction has completed, the property owner will need to contact the Town for easements, rules and fees to hook up to the system.

Barton & Loguidice will be sending out letters to make appointments with residents, hopefully at that time an easement will be drafted, signed and notarized by all involved. It is important to remember that you can't build on top of the easement, Barton & Loguidice will work with the residents to comply with their requests.

Mr. Clark told the board it is important to deal with sump pumps in the law, they are the hardest to deal with because adding the additional ground water from the sump pumps overloads the WWTP. Mr. Avery who worked for the Village in the past now works for the Constantia highway department, the board would like to involve Mr. Avery as much as possible.

Mr. Clark looked at Taft Bay Park for a possible pump station, they are still investigating the location. If they went with this location there might be only one pump station which is not ideal. The Village is concerned with odor, the more the system moves the better off it is.

The next supervisor meeting is December 6th at 9am, the board members agreed to review 10 pages of the DEC model law for discussion.

WATER:

Mr. Moran brought up the 2022 Budget and his concerns that the North Shore Water District is using their fund balance to achieve the necessary difference between North Shore and Bernhards Bay Water Districts. Mr. Clark told the board that there is no reason to keep a large fund balance, OCWA leases the system so they take care of any issues. When Ms. Butler discussed the situation with the Comptroller's office they indicated what is being proposed is illegal, you cannot write a check from one district to another. Ms. Butler told the board members that Mr. Sundet will be at the public hearing on Thursday at 7pm, there will be more discussion at that time.

*At 10:58am Mr. Clark and Mr. Tomaino left the meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Colesante told the board there is a large tree that has fallen into Scriba Creek right above the Hatchery. Both Mr. Woolridge and Mr. Colesante have been contacted by Mr. Evans who runs the hatchery for help. The

location of the fallen tree could cause an ice jam. Mr. Colesante is going to speak to Mr. Evans again, really the State should be taking care of this issue.

ADJOURN:

At 11:25 am the meeting adjourned.