

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – PUBLIC HEARING 2022 BUDGET – NOVEMBER 4, 2021
7:00 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley - Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran, Frank Tomaino – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Nancy Butler – Bookkeeper
Warren Bader – Town Attorney
Vern Sundet – West Monroe Supervisor
Peg Peck – on behalf of the Constantia Rural Cemetery Association

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:00 pm Mr. Mosley called the public hearing to order with the pledge of allegiance.

CEMETERY:

With no public in attendance to discuss the 2022 budget, Mr. Mosley opened the floor to Mrs. Peck. Mrs. Peck was in to discuss with the board her concerns with the cemetery association. While the association is in good standing financially, Mrs. Peck has some concerns with the members of the board, 2 members have full time jobs, 1 is in FL for the winter, the remaining are retired but older. Mrs. Peck originally was seated on the board because it was brought to her attention that the association was having some issues with their records, Mrs. Peck had the right background to help get things sorted out. What Mrs. Peck thought would take a year has taken 2.5 years, a majority of the work has been completed. Currently the association is working on new bi-laws. Mrs. Peck would like to step down, the concern is there is no one on the board that she can cross train on the new digital files. Volunteerism is certainly an issue, the Town has a few board that are lacking members. Mr. Moran is concerned that the other 3 cemeteries in are feeling the same burdens. The town board members are willing to help get the word out, Mrs. Haynes can put on the electronic sign the need for additional members, and advertise in the Queen Central. Hopefully the association will get interested people using these avenues along with word of mouth that the association is in need.

*at 7:30pm Mrs. Peck left the meeting

DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Haynes told the board about a phone call that came into the Supervisor's office in reference to vacant parcels that are being sold on Martin Rd that are in the new Constantia Sewer District. The caller had received a quote from the Village of Cleveland to bring sewer to the parcel. Mrs. Haynes would like clarification as to what should the prospective buys be told? The Village can supply, but the buyers should be told they will be responsible for the debt service to Constantia.

Mr. Sundet, Supervisor from West Monroe will be reaching out to Mrs. Zehr, Park and Recreation Commission Chair about the possibility of bringing West Monroe kids to the park program. Mr. Sundet is still doing some work to see if it is feasible before officially bringing it to the commission.

Mrs. Haynes would like the board members approval to get estimates for a new Town website. While our current website is working, it is frustrating as the website changes how they operate without notice. The board will consider making the change once quotes are received.

WATER:

Ms. Butler and Mr. Sundet got together today to review the information at it pertains to the North Shore Water District, Toad Harbor Water District and the Bernhards Bay Water District. The major issue is the original IMA that states that no district can pay less than the original district. Bernhards Bay Water District debt service did come in lower than the original two districts. As it turned out, Ms. Butler did not apply the proper formula to all districts which was causing the issue. The outcome of the meeting is that Bernhards Bay Water District will pay a percentage of the debt of the North Shore Water and Toad Harbor Water Districts, which will satisfy the original agreement. After discussion, the board members are in agreement with the calculations, Mrs. Haynes will make the necessary changes 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.' for approval at the November town board meeting.

CLOSE AND ADJOURN:

At 8:28 pm with no public in attendance, Mr. Colesante made the motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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