

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES –TOWN BOARD – December 21, 2021
7:30 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley – Town Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Frank Tomaino – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent
Warren Bader - Town Attorney
Ronald Chapman Jr. – Council Member, Elect
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission
Dustin Clark – Barton & Loguidice

Absent: Thomas Moran – Council Member

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:30 pm with Mr. Mosley called the town board meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Eldred – 526 State Route 49, Ms. Bittner - 492 State Route 49 and Ms. Connolly – 384 State Route 49 were all in to ask questions about sewers.

SEWER:

Mr. Clark started out by telling the board that the Town of Constantia received the \$4.6M grant from the NYS Water Quality Improvements Program announced today. With the receipt of this grant, the project is fully funded and the resulting estimated first year user cost is \$850! Without the WQIP grant, the user cost was estimated at \$976. In total, funding for the \$39M project consists of:

- \$5M NYS WIIA Grant
- \$4.6M NYSDEC WQIP Grant
- \$3M USDA RD Grant
- \$20M NYSEFC Hardship interest free loan
- \$6.4M USDA RD poverty rate loan (1.125% interest)

Currently surveyors are out in the area doing elevation evaluations, Mr. Clark is aware they are going on properties as needed to get the elevation of the first floor of the home. A majority of the survey is done by a fly over, but some of the information they need to get from the ground.

Mr. Eldred asked if the pump house has been sited, not at this point. There will be two, one in the hamlet of Constantia the other one close to the Village of Cleveland.

The sewer treatment plant will be the first to be updated, then move onto the main lines from there. Mr. Eldred was told it will be about 2-3 years until they get to his residence. Mr. Eldred and Ms. Bittner live a few houses away with Ms. Connolly living closer to the Village. Mr. Eldred and Ms. Bittner both had a problem when the water lines went in and are in hopes that with the sewer the same will not happen. Mr. Clark reminded them that this is a turnkey project, people will be going to each residence to note where their current lines are. This will be a good time to explain where obstacles located in their yards so it can be noted.

Mr. Eldred is and was against the project, why did the Town feel the need to move forward. Mr. Metzger answered that 60% of the people are in favor of the district. Mr. Tomaino added that the Town has been discussing sewers for 20-30 years.

Ms. Connolly was unhappy to see the resolution that was passed enforcing the hook up to sewer and was wondering why this was mandated. This mandate is tied to the funding the project was awarded.

MINUTES:

Mr. Tomaino made the motion to accept the minutes of the November 4th public hearing, November 16th town board and December 6th supervisor meeting, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #12 Dated December 21, 2021:

General	388-434	\$ 28,966.05
Highway	219-234	\$118,139.18
Sewer	15 \$	\$ 525.00

Seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Metzger offered the following motion:

Highway Fund Budget Transfer #2 for November 2021, the following accounts are over budget:

DB5130.4 Machinery CE	\$ 2,582.67
DB5112.2 Road Improvement Cap	\$ 7,799.00
DB9010.8 Retirement	<u>\$ 2,691.20</u>
Total Over Budget:	\$13,072.87

Transfer \$13,072.87 from account DB9950.9 Capital Reserve to replenish the over budget accounts. This leaves a balance of \$14,000.74 in Capital Reserve.

General Fund Transfer #3 for November 2021, the following accounts are over budget:

A1420.4 Attorney CE	\$312.47
SL2-5182.4 Street Lighting CE	<u>\$142.93</u>
Total Over Budget:	\$455.40

Transfer \$455.40 from A1990.4 Contingency to replenish over budget accounts. This leaves a balance of \$83,263.60 in Contingency, motion seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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

Mr. Tomaino made the motion to approve the Supervisor's report dated November 30, 2021, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge updated the board with the following:

- With the high winds, they have been cleaning up branches and trees down. Also, have taken down a few trees that have been on the list that needed removal.
- Ditching
- All equipment is working well after the few times it has snowed

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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

- a. Code Enforcement - \$3,087.50
- b. Justice Pelon and Justice Simpson
- c. Town Clerk - \$4,053.50
- d. Dog Control

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

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter submitted the following report:

- Local Government Conference registration April 19, 2022 – information will be coming out soon.
- Information from recently conducted webinar for newly elected officials is now up on the Tug Hill Commission web site and on their YouTube channel.
- There is a new Oswego County hunting and fishing guide out, I have copies for the Town.
- The Tug Hill Commission has established its 2022 meeting schedule, March 21, 2022 is scheduled to be held in Cleveland at 10:00 am.

PLANNING BOARD:

-November 18, 2021 minutes received

Mrs. Sandra Williams has met with the members of the planning board and is interested in becoming a member of the board. Mr. Peck, Chairman believes she will be a good fit. Mr. Tomaino made the motion to appoint Mrs. Sandra Williams to the planning board term to expire 12/31/2024, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter received from Mr. Peck, Chairman of the Planning Board requesting he be reappointed to his position in January as his term expires on 12/31/2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:24pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to go into executive session to discuss an employee issue, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

ADJOURN:

At 9:04 pm Mr. Colesante made the motion to re-open the regular meeting and with no decisions made in executive session make the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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