

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES –TOWN BOARD – February 15, 2022
7:30 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Frank Tomaino - Supervisor
Ronald Chapman, Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent
Warren Bader - Town Attorney
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

WASTEWATER/WATER:

With nothing new to report, Mr. Clark and Mr. Powers will not be at the meeting tonight.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Metzger asked about the status of West Monroe sending kids to our park program. Mr. Colesante told the board that the parks and recreation committee has met once with Mr. Sundet, Supervisor for West Monroe. Mrs. Zehr, park and recreation chair came up with \$176 per child. Mr. Tomaino reminded the board that other children that do not live in the Town come to the park for \$50 per child, Mr. Tomaino believes there should be an increase for this charge. Mr. Colesante does not know if Mr. Sundet will commit to a certain number of kids, the program will need to hire an additional counselor that should be covered by West Monroe. There will be more discussion going forward.

MINUTES:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the January 18th town board meeting, seconded by Mr. Chapman.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Colesante made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #2 Dated February 15, 2022:

General	33-73	\$ 16,832.69
Highway	16-33	\$ 31,249.00
Sewer	3	\$ 180.00
Northshore Water	2	\$357,367.00

Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Moran made the motion to approve the supervisor’s report dated January 31, 2022, seconded by Mr. Chapman.

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

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge reported:

- Issue with one of the plow truck, had to remove the sander, it is now up and running
- Old gradall is broken down, can’t find the parts for this 1991 machine. Because of this Mr. Woolridge is thinking about renting a rubber tire excavator it is faster for tree work. Mr. Woolridge will be getting prices.
- List of correction received from our insurance carrier NYMIR have been corrected
- Will be bringing the excavator up to Lewis Rd, going to widen the road, replace culverts and ditch to get ready for binder. 2-3 years later they will either oil and stone or pave. This will complete the 1.2 miles of dirt road.
- Will be closing down Frederick St to replace the culvert, the tree by the corner will also be removed.
- The salt shed will need to be repaired this year. The back cement wall needs to be sandblasted, primes and then put a layer of plywood over the area for protection.
- Advocacy Day will be the 1st week in March, unsure if the Superintendents will be able to travel to Albany, but hopefully the Town will get as much in CHIPs at was given last year.

Mr. Moran asked about sidewalks, can CHIPs money be used, Mr. Woolridge responded yes it can. Mr. Woolridge is hopeful to get some done in 2022, he just ran out of time in 2021.

Mr. Woolridge told the board that the County is selling their tree truck, it is a 99 Freightliner with a 72ft boom. Mr. Woolridge has the money in his equipment fund, if successful his current tree truck will be put on Auctions

International, he believes he will get \$15,000 or more. Mr. Woolridge would like to bid \$30,000 for the County truck. Mr. Moran made the motion to authorize Mr. Woolridge to bid \$30,000 for the Oswego County 1999 Freightliner Tree Truck, seconded by Mr. Chapman.

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

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the highway superintendent's report as given, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Chapman made the motion to accept the following reports as received for January, seconded by Mr. Moran.

- a. Code Enforcement - \$100.00
- b. Justice Pelon and Justice Simpson
- c. Town Clerk - \$1,048.00
- d. Tax Collector – \$2,375,448.59 Total Warrant has been turn over to the Town Supervisor
- e. Dog Control – No Report Received

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

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter reported:

- New York State Archives has announces that they are now accepting applications for the 2022-23 Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund grant cycle. More information is available on their web site, www.archives.nysed.gov/grants/lgrmif-grants. Deadline for application is 5pm March 21, 2022, and the deadline for establishing a new user account is 5pm March 7, 2022. There is a webinar about LGRMIF grants on March 1, 2022, from 10-11am.
- Constantia is in the Erie Canalway System area, and they have announced a grant for tourism infrastructure and amenity support and event support opening February 22 and due April 1. I've attached the grant announcement for your reference, should it be of interest.
- The Tug Hill Commission directors and Commission chair recently had their annual meeting with the chairs of the Tug Hill regions Council of Government (COG) chairs. I'd like to thank Rip Colesante for providing input on questions, needs, and concerns. This input provides the input to the Commission to shape its work program to best meet the needs of the region as defined by you, our Tug Hill towns and village.
- The Tug Hill Commission has established its meeting scheduled for 2022, and the Commission's meeting in Oswego County confirmed for Monday, March 21, 2022 at 10am in Cleveland at the village hall.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-Letter received from Justice Pelon and Justice Simpson, both are ready for their 2021 audit

-Blue and White Storage in West Monroe, public hearing on 2/23 @ 7:15pm West Monroe Town Hall, the Town received this because of the pump station is located next to the property

PLANNING BOARD:

January 25, 2022 minutes received

BOARD OF APPEALS:

None

BOARD INITIATIVES AND COMMENT:

March 2nd there will be a special meeting to continue discussion on the container law at 9:30am. As he proposed container law will be part of the Land Development Law, Mr. Colesante would like to tweak the portion on the Land Development Law as it pertains to site plan review. Hopefully the changes can be done at one public hearing.

Mr. Colesante made the motion to appoint Mr. William Hamacher as a part time code enforcement officer working a minimum of 12 hours a week for a salary of \$16,000., starting March 7, 2022, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

ADJOURN:

At 8:09 pm Mr. Metzger made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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