

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – SUPERVISOR MEETING - TOWN BOARD – MARCH 7, 2022
9:00 am Constantia Town Hall

Present: Frank Tomaino - Supervisor
Ronald Chapman, Richard Colesante, John Metzger – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Dustin Clark and David Powers – Barton & Loguidice @ 10:00 am
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission

Absent: Thomas Moran – Council Member
Warren Bader – Town Attorney

CALL TO ORDER:

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

DISCUSSION:

-Mr. Robbins from North Shore Ambulance stopped in to ask if there was any news on the ARPA Funds. Mr. Tomaino told Mr. Robbins that we are still waiting the official guidelines on how to use the money. Mr. Robbins told the board members about the purchase of a newer ambulance, it was purchased off the lot. This ambulance is a smaller ambulance but is a 4-wheel drive. The 4-wheel drive is an advantage, they have not gotten stuck this year. North Shore Ambulance will be looking to purchase another rig by the end of the year, with this in mind they do have an employee that has experience in grant writing. They will be going after a grant offered by USDA.

-Usherwood Office Technology – Mrs. Haynes and Mr. Metzger sat thru a presentation with Ms. Usherwood and Mr. Walts, this presentation was at the request of iHeart Corp, our website designers. Recently NYMIR has removed the cyber security rider on our policy, the Town will be responsible to purchase a separate policy. NYMIR has been sending questionnaires to the Town for a few years which Mr. Metzger has been working on. Mr. Metzger told the board this is what the Town needs to see where the Town stands with cyber issues. Mr. Walts offered the Odyssey Discovery Agreement for \$1,500 this will give the Town an overall assessment of the IT infrastructure using current standards. They will also give suggestions on where the Town should be and what to do to correct issues. After discussion, Mr. Metzger made the motion to authorize Supervisor Tomaino to sign the Odyssey Discovery Agreement with Usherwood Office Technology for \$1,500., seconded by Mr. Chapman. Carried: Chapman – Yes Metzger – Yes Colesante – Yes Tomaino – Yes

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT BENEFIT:

Ms. Butler prepared a spreadsheet with the cost of the current health care and what it would cost the Town to offer this benefit to employees with 30+ years of service that retire. This benefit will bridge the gap from age 62 to 65. The spreadsheet does have the cost for both a family plan and the single plan. Mr. Colesante wanted to be sure all remember that the family plan was never going to be an option. Constantia has the only non-union highway department in the County. It is a belief that this benefit will encourage employees to stay or be able to retire when the time comes. After discussion Mr. Metzger and Mr. Colesante will reach out to the County and a few Towns to see how they deal with this issue.

WASTEWATER:

As the Village of Cleveland is updating their SPEEDES permit, B&L has been doing testing at the plant. It is believed that the new plant will be a 3A but the determination will need to wait until the results of this latest testing. Barton & Loguidice has run the calculations, it looks like the plant it will be a 3A, but ultimately it is DEC’s decision. Mr. Avery asked if the Village is aware that the plant might be designated as a 3A, Mr. Clark believes they are. Barton and Loguidice does have operators on staff and venders that can supply oversight and train people.

Soil borings have been done at the treatment plant, they were completed about a month ago. Mr. Clark and Mr. Powers have been meeting with vendors to discuss plans.

Mr. Clark told the board after looking at all the information, it is believed that the pump stations can be sited at 14 Frederick St at the site of the old library and the second one at the David C. Webb Memorial Park at Taft Bay. All agree that it will be nice to have them located on Town property.

The first group of 25 deed and title searches have been returned to B&L, Mr. Bader believes they should receive about 25 per week. All properties will need to have this done to verify the proper owner(s) for the parcels. Once enough title searches are done, letters will be sent to residents along with frequency asked questions. Property owners will then be able to make appointments for easement drawings. Easements will be filed in groups, the Town will get a copy for our records.

WATER:

Mr. Powers brought with him a handout that broke down the water district extension alternatives. The cost is a lot more for the extensions than originally thought. The problem is the Comptrollers threshold is \$989, this figure is determined by doing a comparison with the other water districts that are funded in the previous years. A district can be funded below this number but it cannot go above. The issue with the extension, is it is small and there is not any area that can help to get the necessary point score to qualify for hardship funding. Mr. Tomaino did tell Mr. Powers that Mr. Russell owner of Holly Park Trailer Park on Shacksbush called inquiring if water will be

offered soon. Mr. Powers and Mr. Clark will look at the elevation to see if it is possible to include the property in the extension.

SEWER LAW:

As time was running short, it was decided to wait to review Article 6 and 7 of the Sewer Use Law. The board members will review up to Article 11 on page 53 for the April supervisor's meeting.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

Mr. Tomaino attended the February planning board meeting and asked about the comprehensive plan, our current plan is from 2003. The planning board members agree that it needs to be updated, Mr. Tomaino suggested a quick update, then follow the quick update with a full review. Mr. Colesante remembered having a meeting at the school with Ms. Ko doing the presentation, maybe there will be information with the Tug Hill Commission.

ADJOURN:

At 12:11 pm the meeting adjourned.