

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – SUPERVISOR MEETING - TOWN BOARD – June 6, 2022
9:00 am Constantia Town Hall

Present: Frank Tomaino - Supervisor
Ronald Chapman, Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Warren Bader - Town Attorney
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent
Laureen Tackman – Mayor, Village of Cleveland
Dustin Clark and David Powers – Barton & Loguidice
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission

CALL TO ORDER:

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

DOG CONTROL:

Ms. Ashley was asked to come to the meeting for the board to update her on the new dog law that was recently passed. The board members gave Ms. Ashley a copy for review. They informed Ms. Ashley that they believe park employees will be the ones to reach out if a dog is at the park as this law will mainly be complaint driven. The new law does have a possible fine of \$250. Ms. Ashley will need to write those tickets. Two new signs have been installed at the park. The board also reminded Ms. Ashley that they would like to have her report submitted monthly.

*At 9:14am Ms. Ashley left the meeting

WASTEWATER:

Mr. Clark would like to set a date for a tour of the E-One Grinder pump factory. Mr. Tomaino is interested in going to the factory, June 22nd is the tentative date. As of yet there does not seem to be any interest from the highway employees in going. Mr. Tomaino understands that a majority of the highway employees are not interested in dealing with the grinder pumps, this is an issue that will need more discussion. The sewer district will need two dedicated employees to work with the grinder pumps, and associated issues. Mr. Colesante believes this is a team effort, the highway employees need to be involved. Mr. Tomaino will speak to Mr. Woolridge.

Mr. Clark needs 25 title searches a week from Costello, Cooney & Fearon - at the current time they have only received about 145. Mr. Bader will reach out to the subcontractor to see if this is a schedule they can work with, if not then maybe another group will need to be hired.

Treatment plant tour was a success, Mr. Tomaino learned a lot about the process.

No responses back yet on the permit application, DEC has had it for 4-5 weeks, waiting for comments and official feedback before moving forward.

Mr. Metzger asked about additional grants, Mr. Clark told the board that June 17th is the deadline to apply. The Bi-Partisan grant is going thru EFC, B&L are applying for an additional 30% funding. The original project had a 30% contingency but with the recent inflation this contingency has been taken. The project still has enough funding but will be moving forward with no contingency. Which is why B&L will continue to apply for any and all grants that this project will qualify for. At the June town board meeting a resolution will need to be approved to apply for the CDBG Grant, the district applied last year but was not awarded, it does not mean the district should not apply again. On July 29th the CFA (Conciliated Funding Application) is due. There is a lot of money out there, just must keep applying.

Same goes for water, Mr. Powers will be sending the application for the extension district that has been previously discussed.

*at 10:13 Mayor Tackman left the meeting

Mr. Tomaino brought up the County’s application for use of their ARPA funds, Mr. Clark has already filled out a similar application with the County for the sewer district. Mr. Tomaino told Mr. Clark that the board is interested in filling out the application for broadband in the Town. Mr. Clark is willing to help as they deal with these forms all the time. The County is asking that the Town commit up to 10% of the project cost requested, in this case the total cost will be \$863,251. this will complete broadband for the entire Town. After discussion all board members are in agreement that this will be a good use of the ARPA funds. The Town will commit 10% of the total project to complete broadband (\$86,325.) which will be paid out of the ARPA funds.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Hamacher, CEO for the Town sent the owners of 20 Frederick St a letter addressing concerns with the steeple on the building, no response as of yet from the letter.

LOCAL LAW B-2022:

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA LOCAL LAW NO. B OF 2022
 (“A Local Law Opting Out of the Real Property Tax Law Exemption for
Solar and Wind Energy Systems Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §487”)

Councilman Moran introduced proposed Local Law No. B-2022, “A Local Law Opting Out of the Real Property Tax Law Exemption for Solar and Wind Energy Systems Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §487”, which was seconded by Councilman Chapman:

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law No. B-2022 is being introduced and considered for enactment pursuant to the New York State Constitution and New York Municipal Home Rule Law §10; and

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of a local law in the Town of Constantia, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law, with the result that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of said Local Law is an Unlisted Action for purposes of environmental review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that a Short Environmental Assessment Form shall be required in connection with this matter; and

WHEREAS, the said Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared and has been reviewed by the Town; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board has considered the adoption of said Local Law and has considered the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617.7 and has compared the impacts which may reasonably be expected to result from the adoption of said Local Law against said criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that the Town Board has determined that this action shall have no significant adverse impact on the environment, that accordingly, an environmental impact statement (EIS) shall not be required; and that this resolution shall constitute a Negative Declaration under SEQRA; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board shall conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. B-2022 at the Town of Constantia Town Hall, 14 Frederick Street, Constantia, New York on June 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Tom Moran	Councilor	Voted	Yes
John Metzger	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Richard Colesante	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Ron Chapman	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Frank Tomaino	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

LOCAL LAW C-2022:

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA LOCAL LAW NO. C OF 2022
 (“A Local Law to Amend the Town of Constantia Land Development Law to Establish Regulations on Storage Trailers and Containers in the Town of Constantia”)

Councilman Metzger introduced proposed Local Law No. C-2022, “A Local Law to Amend the Town of Constantia Land Development Law to Establish Regulations on Storage Trailers and Containers in the Town of Constantia”, which was seconded by Councilman Colesante:

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law No. C-2022 is being introduced and considered for enactment pursuant to the New York State Constitution and New York Municipal Home Rule Law §10; and

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of a local law in the Town of Constantia, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law, with the result that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of said Local Law is an Unlisted Action for purposes of environmental review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that a Short Environmental Assessment Form shall be required in connection with this matter; and

WHEREAS, the said Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared and has been reviewed by the Town; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board has considered the adoption of said Local Law and has considered the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617.7 and has compared the impacts which may reasonably be expected to result from the adoption of said Local Law against said criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board shall conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. C-2022 at the Town of Constantia Town Hall, 14 Frederick Street, Constantia, New York on July 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Tom Moran	Councilor	Voted	Yes
John Metzger	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Richard Colesante	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Ron Chapman	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Frank Tomaino	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

BOARD ITEMS:

Mr. Tomaino asked if it would be necessary to have an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of West Monroe as it pertains to sending 50 kids to our summer program. Mr. Bader believes it is appropriate and will create the agreement.

Mrs. Haynes brought up the idea of having the crawlspace under the town hall looked at to see if there is anything that can be done with the rubble foundation. Animals have been getting under the building, hopefully if we can get the holes filled in and maybe some insulation it might help with the heating bills. The board has no objections but believes it might be very costly.

Mr. Woolridge asked Mr. Clark if they should be installing new sidewalks, Mr. Clark asked they wait until the sewers are done being installed. Discussion on the new sidewalks located on State Route 49 that were put in last year by the State, Mr. Woolridge told Mr. Clark that in a few areas around the sidewalks drainage was also installed, something to look for when digging.

Mr. Colesante told the board members that the foot bridge on the hatchery property (the upper part) that gives access to Scriba Park is in disrepair. Mr. Woolridge will remove the bridge with hopes that a boy scout might erect a new one as an Eagle project.

ADJOURN:

At 11:49am the meeting adjourned.