

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES – SUPERVISOR MEETING - TOWN BOARD – August 1, 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 Supervisor  
Dustin Clark – 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.

**RESIDENTS CONCERNS:**

Mr. Tomaino told the board he had a few residents stop to discuss some issues. Mrs. Patty Allen was in requesting a horse crossing sign on Lewis Rd also does not want her section on Lewis Rd paved. After discussion Mr. Tomaino told her she should get a petition together from her neighbors in reference to paving. As for the house crossing sign, he will speak to Mr. Woolridge.

Mr. Eric Will has property on Salt Rd that is being damaged by beavers. Mr. Tomaino did tell Mr. Will that he will speak to Mr. Woolridge, but there is not a lot the Town can do on private property. The beavers are causing problems everywhere.

**WASTEWATER:**

Mr. Clark told the board that Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for grants to be submitted. G&G Municipal Consulting and Grantwriting worked on and submitted the Community Development Block Grant for the sewer district for \$1.25M. An application for DEC WQIP for an additional \$10M was also submitted. The project was already awarded \$4.6M in the 20-21 grant cycle, B&L has submitted the work plan for the \$4.6M, it has not been processed yet but it looks good that the progress is underway. The work plan used the \$4.6M for upgrades to the sewer treatment plant and some of the main lines. With the work plan submitted the district can ask for additional funding, the max amount of the WQIP Grant is \$10M. The application is not clear if the total amount of \$10M is for one project or per year so instead of asking for the remainder \$5.4M it was decided to again ask for the max.

A notice of incomplete application response was received from NYSDEC on the 2A modifications that were submitted for the upgraded sewer plant. It is common to receive this response on the first round, there is new climate change information that will need to be submitted. Mr. Clark is glad to have received this information back, it means the application is moving forward.

Easement and grinder pump inspections are going well, board members are concerned that there has not been a big response. Mr. Clark assured the board members that this is pretty normal, the district will be getting easements signed as they are putting pipes in the ground. Mr. Colesante would like an informational session before Fall just to keep the residents informed.

Mr. Moran asked what is going to happen with septic tanks that are under decks, Mr. Colesante is aware of a septic tank under the floor of a garage. These tanks will not be removed, but pumped out and filled with sand. Mr. Moran's major concern is these tanks have a possibility of collapsing, he does not want that to happen.

Mr. Colesante asked about the flags at the park, Mr. Clark believes they are for the soil borings that are scheduled to be done shortly.

Mr. Tomaino told the board that Mr. House Village of Cleveland DPW Superintendent offered to maintain the Town's collection system. After discussion majority of the board believes the district should be handled in-house. At this same meeting it was brought up that the Village would like the dryer beds decommissioned with a concrete floor. Mr. Clark indicated this would be an extra, they will need to see how the project progresses.

Discussion turned to inflation as it relates to the sewer district. At the current time there is enough money to fund the district, but all of the contingency has been taken up by inflation. Mr. Clark will be getting the information together to increase the total cost of the district to \$49M to help to cover the lost money due to inflation. At the present time there will be no money for the extras, i.e. new facility to house and repair the grinder pumps at the highway garage. It is important to increase the amount of the total project to be eligible for additional grants. Mr. Clark will be discussing his options with Mr. Goodfriend from ORRICK our bond council, to get the proper paperwork together.

### **HIGHWAY:**

At 10:15am Mr. Woolridge came into the meeting to speak to the board. He understands there were some complaints at the July town board meeting that he would like to address. Mr. Sarchioto, 83 Redfield St. complained about stumps that have not been removed, they have since been removed, Mr. Woolridge believes Mr. Sarchioto is happy with what was done but Mr. Woolridge has not heard from him.

Mr. Patchen – 76 Tannery Rd, was in to complain about the water that accumulates by his mailbox and in his driveway when it rains, it does dissipate fairly quickly. Mr. Whitney has spoken to Mr. Patchen, the highway will be cutting back the shoulder of the road to create a small ditch for the water to go into. Mr. Colesante has spoken to Mr. Patchen his main concern is he feels the water is undermining his driveway, hopefully the ditch will help with the problem, Mr. Woolridge hopes to have the ditch done next week after paving.

The highway is currently paving Railroad St. and Frederick St to cover the new culvert pipes, they will be next going to Salt Rd to do the same paving over the new culvert pipes. Asphalt went up again today, it is now \$80 a ton, this is about twice as much as last year. This extra charge along with diesel the Town will not be doing much paving.

Mr. Woolridge submitted for CHIPs re-imbusement for the culvert pipes around \$48,000. Next quarter he plans to submit for the new hotbox and the paving that is now being done. Mr. Woolridge expects to do a budget modification before the end of the year, general repairs will run short he believes \$40-\$50,000 will cover the shortfall. Budgeting for the 2023 budget is going to be difficult.

Mr. Woolridge personally is going to purchase a new truck lift, he is willing to sell his old one to the Town for \$2,500. It is a 12,000lb lift, it will anchor right to the floor. This lift will be able to pick up the F550. Mr. Colesante encouraged Mr. Woolridge to get the information in writing to make the offer to the Town and to make sure there is no issues.

Mr. Moran asked if Mr. Woolridge still plans on completing Mill St., Mr. Woolridge is hoping to get to it by the end of the year as he is planning on using CHIPs funding. Mr. Woolridge will draw something up for the board to approve.

Mr. Chapman asked about paving for the Village of Cleveland last year, mainly did the Village pay for the roller. Mr. Woolridge responded that they did, it was an agreement after the fact as they did not supply the help they said they would. Mr. Chapman thanked Mr. Woolridge for the information.

### **BOARD ITEMS:**

Board members were asked to review the following paragraph Land Development Law for discussion on Section 745 the following changes were made:

*All new land use activity, change of property classification or change in use of land, buildings or structures through the establishment of a new use, or through the expansion or enlargement of an existing use ~~for which this law requires review and approval of site plans~~, shall proceed through a site plan review. Supporting data must be submitted for review and approval in accordance with the standards and procedures set forth in this law. No*

*permit shall be issued by the enforcement officer, except upon authorization by and in conformity with an approved site plan.*

All board members are in agreement with the changes, Mrs. Haynes will forward to Costello, Cooney & Fearon the proper paperwork for the local law change along with the required public hearing.

Short Term Rentals – Mr. Bader brought with him a sample law for the board to review, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 am will be the next Supervisor's meeting where this will be discussed.

Mr. Colesante brought up the NYS Fish Hatchery property on the corner of Hatchery Rd and Tannery Rd. This property borders Scriba Park which is owned by the Town. The Town recently took down a bridge that was on the hatchery property that allowed access to the park property, the bridge was in disrepair. Mr. Colesante is aware of a long term lease that was signed in the early 90's but would like to follow up with a letter to Mr. Daley, NYSDEC for approval to rebuild the bridge. Mr. Colesante and Mr. Tomaino will draft the letter.

**ADJOURN:**

At 11:34 am the meeting adjourned.