

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – SUPERVISOR MEETING - TOWN BOARD – February 6, 2023
9:00 am 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
Laureen Tackman – Mayor, Village of Cleveland
Shawn House – DPW Superintendent, Village of Cleveland
Dustin Clark, 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.

TOWN BOARD:

Mr. Tomaino asked the board members if they received the email he forwarded from Mr. Morris, Operations & Business Manager for North Shore Ambulance. The email included a letter notifying the Town that North Shore Ambulance holds the Certificate of Need (CON) for Amboy. This is a new development as North Shore was unaware until the New York State Department of Health contacted North Shore Ambulance. Mr. Morris will supply more information as it becomes available.

WASTEWATER:

Mr. Clark wished there was news on grant awards but there has been no news yet.

Title searches are coming in, in March/April there will be a big push to get inspections done.

Treatment plant – trying to identify areas to save costs, B&L will need to sit down with all involved to come up with an agreement on the changes, Ms. Tackman agrees cost savings is important.

Mr. Mura who owns and operates Kellar Consulting Services, forwarded a letter of interest to the Town to be an “Owners Representative” for the sewer district. Mr. Mura would serve as the day-to-day representative working with Barton & Loguidice to ensure the expectations of the Town are met. Mr. Mura feels that the Board Members did not look at his resume or contact his references. Mr. Moran responded that he takes exception to that, he did read his resume fully and at this point the Board does not believe an “Owners Representative” is necessary. Mr. Colesante added that he trusts the process, Barton & Loguidice is moving forward with the design portion of the project, getting the necessary approvals.

Mr. Duggleby asked about financing, move forward with short term financing then once the project is completed, then go to a long term rate. This is also being looked at, waiting for the grants to be awarded before moving to the next step. Mr. Clark told all in attendance that the District is moving forward, design and permitting are all happening. The project is not ready to go to bid at this point only 1/3 of the project has the necessary funding, there is no rush to get it done quickly.

Mr. Mura does not think the District is heading in the right direction, the residents are paying for something they do not have. Mr. Colesante responded that even with the water districts residents were paying 2-4 years before the water was available. Mr. Colesante pointed out that sewers have been talked about in Constantia since the mid 70’s with many different options. The current option on the table is what NYSDEC was acceptable to.

Mr. Clark wanted to revisit a property on Railroad St in Bernhards Bay, the resident told the board that they would need to make some plumbing changes that they would be responsible for. Mr. Clark assured the board that the objective is to make sure properties will be hooked up without additional costs to the property owner.

Ms. Tackman asked if the board might halt the project if the cost gets too high. Mr. Colesante believes that the project is already beyond that point.

BOARD ITEMS:

Ms. Tackman asked if the Town has taken advantage of the NYCLASS Investment opportunity. Ms. Tackman gave the information to Mr. Tomaino, as Mayor for the Village they took advantage and invested \$100,000, in one month they made \$215 in comparison to \$80 from Pathfinder Bank.

Mr. Metzger would like the Town to consider approval of the new exemption for Volunteer Fire and Ambulance volunteers, this exemption is for property taxes. It is a 10% reduction on their property value. If the Town decides to approve this exemption a Local Law will need to be passed, the County and school district will need to accept the exemption as well. Mr. Metzger will be getting more information for this exemption for the Town to consider.

Mr. Colesante has a few issues with the comprehensive plan that was sent to each board member to review, Mr. Tomaino responded that concerns should be sent to Mr. Peck, Chairman for the planning board.

Mr. Moran has been reading the Oswego County Emergency Management Plan, this is a plan the County would like the Town to adopt. Mr. Moran has a few questions, he will reach out to Ms. Bennett, Oswego County Emergency Management for answers.

Next ARPA meeting is Wednesday February 15th at 4 pm. Mr. Woolridge is getting proposals together for some of the projects. A contractor did come to the highway garage to give an estimate on sprinklers, hopefully this quote will be received shortly.

Mr. Tomaino has a meeting with Eastern Shores, the Town's insurance company on Tuesday. Mr. Tomaino will ask if the installing a sprinkler system will have a significant impact on the premium.

Mr. Dolan asked Mr. Tomaino to set a meeting with the members of the planning board and the board of appeals to get a better handle on the process and how the CEO can work with each board, meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 16th at 5pm.

ADJOURN:

At 10:53 am the meeting adjourned.