

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – SUPERVISOR MEETING - TOWN BOARD – June 14, 2023
9:00 am Constantia Town Hall

Present: Frank Tomaino - Supervisor
Ronald Chapman, John Metzger, Thomas Moran – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Warren Bader – Town Attorney
Others Present: Nick Capozza and Greg Foster
Absent: Richard Colesante – Council Member

CALL TO ORDER:

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

WASTEWATER:

Mr. Tomaino called this meeting to discuss the increased cost of the sewer project. Barton & Loguidice recently sent Addendum No. 3 to the May 2019 Preliminary Engineering Report/Map, Plan and Report. This addendum increases the probable cost of the district to \$62,950,000. As this is a substantial increase Mr. Tomaino wanted to get the board together to discuss this increase. Mr. Tomaino gave the board members balance sheets for the sewer project with bills paid to date, the district has paid a little over \$2.2M to out of the \$4.5M received from EFC. All board members are concerned with the increases and what they will mean to the project and the edu charges. The sewer treatment plant alone went from \$6M to \$14M, this is on the front end of the whole project.

Mr. Metzger stated one of the issues is the cycle of grants, they are not keeping up with the price increases. Mr. Bader added that the project is \$18M short, hard to believe there will be enough grants to cover this shortfall.

Mr. Capozza is a Constantia resident and in the sewer district. Mr. Capozza was in attendance to offer his help with any questions the Town may have. Mr. Capozza worked for Onondaga County wastewater treatment plant and was responsible for applying for grants and reviewing designs. Mr. Foster is another resident of Constantia in the sewer district, Mr. Foster has reviewed and installed many different sewer systems. He is also willing to help with questions and concerns.

Mr. Moran read the following into the minutes, this passage is from page 5 of the addendum under recommended steps to proceed:

“The project and estimated construction cost has been subject to severe inflation over the past 24 months. The Town has been forced to pursue additional grant in order to meet the target user charge of \$892. In order for the Town to proceed should the additional grant be secured, the Bond Resolution must be increased to reflect the new estimated project cost of \$62,950,000. The Town intends to schedule a Public Hearing at the June 20th regular board meeting and to pass the Bond Resolution subject to permissive referendum at the July 18th regular board meeting, following the Public Hearing. The final order to amend the Bond Resolution will be passed at a special August meeting should there be no referendum filed.”

Mr. Moran urges all members to read the addendum in full to understand the matter.

There was a general discussion on the project, with ideas from both Mr. Foster and Mr. Capozza. Mr. Tomaino would like to have another meeting with Mr. Clark and Mr. Powers to speak on the financial questions the board members have. A special meeting was scheduled for June 26th at 9am.

ADJOURN:

At 11:25 am the meeting adjourned.