

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES –TOWN BOARD MEETING– June 18, 2024
6:00 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Frank Tomaino - Supervisor
Ronald Chapman, Michael Donegan, Thomas Moran, Daniel Poné – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent
E. John Whitney – Deputy Highway Superintendent
Warren Bader-Town Attorney
Erin Zehr – Park and Recreation Commissioner
Bill Buchan, John Mura– Sewer Advisory Board
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission

CALL TO ORDER:

At 6:00 pm Mr. Tomaino called the town board meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

WASTEWATER:

The Town advertised for RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for engineering for the sewer district. Six interested firms reached out, only Barton & Loguidice (B&L) sent in the required documentation. Mr. Tomaino stated that the board will not act on it tonight, there are other legalities that need to be handled first, but it appears the Town will be working with B&L again.

SEWER ADVISORY BOARD:

Mr. Tomaino would like to take this time to appoint the members of the new sewer advisory board, with no discussion Mr. Poné made the motion to appoint: Mr. Buchan, Chair, other members will be Mr. Chapman Mr. Cerra, Mr. Colesante and Mr. Mura, seconded by Mr. Donegan.
Carried: Ayes: Chapman, Donegan, Moran, Poné, Tomaino

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #6 Dated June 18, 2024:

General:	203-245	\$25,458.94	Sewer:	12-14	\$8,412.11
Highway:	84-96	\$14,352.78	ARPA:	4	\$ 844.88
Trust and Agency:	6	\$15,902.05	B-Bay Water:	5	\$1,946.00

Seconded by Mr. Chapman.

Carried: Ayes: Chapman, Donegan, Moran, Poné, Tomaino

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Moran made the motion to approve the supervisor's report dated May 31, 2024, seconded by Mr. Poné.
Carried: Ayes: Chapman, Donegan, Moran, Poné, Tomaino

MINUTES:

Mr. Moran made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 14th special meeting and the May 21st town board meeting, seconded by Mr. Poné.

Carried: Ayes: Chapman, Donegan, Moran, Poné, Tomaino

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the following reports as received:

Justice Pelon, Justice Simpson, Town Clerk and Dog Control,

seconded by Mr. Chapman

Carried: Ayes: Chapman, Donegan, Moran, Poné, Tomaino

PARK AND RECREATION:

Ms. Zehr reported:

- Park is ready for summer recreation program; sign up's will be Wednesday the 19th and Saturday the 22nd. July 1st will be the first day and will run until August 15th.
- Painting has been completed and the plumbing and electrical problems fixed.
- Military band is scheduled the same night as fireworks July 20th.
- Three local bands will be performing at the park this year, July 14th, August 4th and 18th.

- Pickle Ball court is ready.
- The “coyotes” are working, seems to be less goose droppings.

Mr. Tomaino told Mrs. Zehr that the park looks great, thank you for all you are doing.

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge reported:

- ✓ Culvert on Dutcherville Rd is completed.
- ✓ Cutting trees.
- ✓ Hauling stone.
- ✓ Mowing, new roadside mower has been received.
- ✓ Ditching and the culvert has been replaced on Salt Rd where there was flooding.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Baxter reported:

- The Tug Hill Commission met **Monday, May 20** at the Central Square village offices. The Tug Hill Commission meeting scheduled for next **Monday, June 17** in the town of Denmark has been rescheduled to **Monday, July 15**.
- A reminder that Tug Hill Commission staff are ready to meet with the town at its convenience to apply the Tug Hill GIS (geographic information system) in identifying land parcels suitable for economic development according to factors identified by the town. We are in the process of scheduling the next **North Shore Council of Governments** meeting, possibly as soon as July.
- I now have copies of the next edition of the **Tug Hill Recreation Guide**. Note that a digital version of the Guide is available at <https://visittughill.com> .
- There is nothing new to report about the status of **wildlife management area payment legislation**.

BOARD MINUTES:

May 23rd Board of Appeals and May 28th Planning and Zoning minutes received.

PLANNING BOARD:

Mrs. Williams has submitted her letter of resignation from both the planning and zoning boards, with this Mr. Randall West will be now a full voting member. There is now a vacant seat on both boards, Mr. Tomaino has two letters of interest. After interviewing prospective members, a decision will be made at the July town board meeting.

BOARD INITIATIVES AND COMMENT:

Tax Collector - Satisfaction of Warrant has been received from Oswego County.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:18 pm Mr. Poné made the motion to go into executive session to discuss employee concerns, seconded by Mr. Donegan.

Carried: Ayes: Chapman, Donegan, Moran, Poné, Tomaino

* Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent and E. John Whitney – Deputy Highway Superintendent attended the executive session, Mrs. Haynes was not invited.

At 6:37pm Mr. Chapman with no decisions made during executive session made the motion to re-open the town board meeting, seconded by Mr. Donegan.

Carried: Ayes: Chapman, Donegan, Moran, Poné, Tomaino

SEWER ADVISORY BOARD:

Mr. Tomaino asked Mr. Buchan if he had any updates for the public, Mr. Buchan and a few of the members met with Assemblyman Barclay. Mr. Barclay is willing to help in any way possible, especially with the WIIA grant, unfortunately the next grant cycle the district will be ready for is in 2025.

The focus right now is to find a suitable location for a waste water treatment plant, there are a few possible locations, more news to follow.

ADJOURN:

At 6:47 pm Mr. Chapman made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Poné.

Carried: Ayes: Chapman, Donegan, Moran, Poné, Tomaino

Respectfully submitted:

Clare Haynes
Town Clerk