

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES –SUPERVISOR’S MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD – August 6, 2024**  
6:00 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Frank Tomaino – Supervisor  
Michael Donegan, Thomas Moran, Ronald Chapman, Daniel Poné  
Council Members  
Warren Bader – Town Attorney  
John Mura– Sewer Committee Member  
Rhonda Cottet – Deputy Town Clerk  
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission  
David Powers – Barton & Loguidice  
Mike Solazzo, Chuck Johnson, Andy Masuicca, Dawn Masuicca –  
Donald McFee Memorial Ambulance Service  
Constantia Volunteer Fire Department Members/Chiefs  
Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department Members/Chiefs

Absent: Clare Haynes – Town Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 6:00 pm Mr. Tomaino called the supervisor’s meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance

**WASTEWATER:**

Mr. Powers discussed the three locations under consideration for the wastewater treatment plant. Location A is off Hatchery Road, and there is a real opportunity at this location using Frederick Creek as a conduit for the discharge. Location B is adjacent to location A and could also discharge using Frederick Creek. If unable to use Frederick Creek, the discharge could be piped along the old railroad trail. Location C is the Town Park by the Highway garage. Two creeks border the site; however, they may not be suitable as they are intermittent. Mr. Mura will contact the members of the Sewer Committee to schedule a meeting and Mr. Powers agreed to attend the Sewer Committee meeting to review the possible treatment plant sites. The Town should narrow the list of possible sites to one or two locations prior to submission to the DEC for site approval.

At 6:10 p.m. Mr. Powers left the meeting.

**AMBULANCE SERVICE:**

Mr. Solazzo indicated Donald McFee Memorial Ambulance Service (McFee) had hoped to transfer into North Shore Ambulance. However, this cannot be done. McFee will have to apply for an expansion and the cost to do this is \$20,000. McFee will need some type of initial contract with the Town to get started as well as assistance with the \$20,000 fee. An emergency certificate of need (CON) has been issued, but the CON is only good for 60 days. McFee is trying to figure out the amount needed from the Town in order to supply ambulance services for the Town; however, they have not been able to obtain any information from North Shore Ambulance regarding the average number of calls. An average number of 1,000 calls a year with an average reimbursement of \$500 would cover the \$500,000 needed for service. It was discussed whether the Town of Amboy and Town of Vienna would be included. Currently there is a need for a climate-controlled location to garage an ambulance. The Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department has room at their station and David Hinds has offered to garage the ambulance there until other accommodations are made. It was noted it will take a month or two to be able to staff the ambulance 24 hours a day/seven days a week. McFee does use a blend of volunteer and career staff.

At 6:45 p.m. several ambulance and fire department members left.

Mr. Tomaino received a bill from North Shore Ambulance indicating the Town owes \$18,399.69 for three weeks of ambulance service. Mr. Bader stated due to the breach of contract by North Shore Ambulance, the Town does not owe North Shore Ambulance.

**DISCUSSION:**

There is a vacancy on the Planning Board and a vacancy on the Zoning Commission. The Town received four letters of interest for the positions.

Mr. Chapman made a motion seconded by Mr. Poné to appoint Mr. John Mura as an alternate member of the Planning Board and as a member of the Zoning Commission.

Carried: Moran – Yes Chapman – Yes Poné – Yes Donegan – Yes Tomaino – Yes

**ADJOURN:**

At 7:15 pm the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:  
Rhonda Cottet  
Deputy Town Clerk