

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES –2025 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING-SUPERVISOR’S MEETING – November 7, 2024
6:00 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Frank Tomaino – Supervisor
Thomas Moran, Ronald Chapman, Michael Donegan, Daniel Poné
Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Warren Bader – Town Attorney
E. John Whitney – Deputy Highway Superintendent
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission
Dustin Clark – Barton & Loguidice

Absent: Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER:

At 4:00 pm Mr. Tomaino called the public hearing and supervisor’s meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING:

As there is no public to discuss the 2025 budget Mr. Tomaino will move forward with other issues.

Mr. Moran at this point wanted to address the OCWA 118% increase. This is directly related to use of water outside of Onondaga County and what used to be called the Metropolitan Water Board. For the 2025 Constantia Town Budget it was decided to increase the EDU charges for each district. Mr. Moran would like to see the balance in both the water district accounts to be invested, the interest will then be able to help offset the additional charges.

WASTEWATER:

With the major change in the wastewater project, Mr. Clark was in to discuss the Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 -Project Setting. This form needs to be submitted again as the original project included upgrading the village of Cleveland’s WWTP. With that said, the board reviewed the document and few changes were noted, with no additional comments the following resolution was offered:

COUNCILMAN: **Chapman**

Introduced the following and moved its adoption:

Proposed Action: Town of Constantia North Shore Sewer Project
RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE TOWN OF CONSTANTIA TOWN BOARD
TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Town of Constantia (Town) is proposing the Town of Constantia North Shore Sewer Project (Project), located in the Town of Constantia, Oswego County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Project has been classified as a “Type I Action” as defined by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in 6 NYCRR Part 617.4; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Town of Constantia Town Board to assume the role of “Lead Agency” for purposes of conducting a SEQRA/SERP assessment of the Project; and

WHEREAS, Part I of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) has been completed, reviewed by the Town of Constantia Town Board, and will be circulated to all Interested and Involved Agencies for purposes of establishing the Town of Constantia Town Board as “Lead Agency” in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Constantia hereby is authorized to sign Part I of the FEAF (page 13); and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town of Constantia will send said Part I of the FEAF and associated site figure to the attached list of “Interested and Involved Agencies” under cover of a “Notice of Intent to Establish Lead Agency” letter for purposes of establishing Lead Agency status under the SEQRA/SERP; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Constantia and Town Board, together with the Town of Constantia Attorney and B&L, are hereby authorized to take all actions, serve all notices, and complete all documents required to give full force and effect to this determination.

Seconded by Councilman: **Moran**

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Frank Tomaino	Voted	Yes
Ronald Chapman	Voted	Yes
Thomas Moran	Voted	Yes
Michael Donegan	Voted	Yes
Daniel Poné	Voted	Yes

The forgoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Tomaino received a resignation letter from Judge Pelon, his official date of resignation will be December 31, 2024. The board will need to have some discussion on how to move forward. Mr. Tomaino did reach out to Judge Gideon the Fifth Judicial Judge that oversees court in Oswego County. Judge Gideon told Mr. Tomaino there are a few options the Town can take, one being to go to one justice.

There can be issues if the Town decides to go this route, but nothing that can't be handled. Mr. Tomaino did speak to Judge Simpson, he is willing to work with the Town, Mr. Tomaino will ask Judge Simpson to come and speak to the board, maybe at the next supervisor meeting.

ADJOURN:

With no additional questions on the 2025 budget, at 6:54 pm Mr. Chapman made the motion to close the public hearing and adjourn the supervisors' meeting, seconded by Mr. Poné.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Clare Haynes

Town Clerk