

Constantia Town Court
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September 5, 2025

TO: Office of the State Comptroller
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This is to certify that my report for the month of August 2025 transmitted electronically to you on Friday, September 5, 2025 is a true and complete record of the activity of the court for the period. A check for the amount of \$1848.00 was sent to the Chief Fiscal Officer of The Town of Constantia on Friday, September 5, 2025.

Justice: 

Justice Name: Mark D. Simpson

Justice ID #: 3531980316S

Date: September 5, 2025

Town of Constantia Planning Board

Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2025

Call to Order

Chair Peck opened the meeting at 7:09 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included:

- Chair James Peck
- Sandra Retajczyk
- Sandra Touri-Bell
- Dave Antos
- Martin Godzwon
- Joseph Markham
- Randall West
- Brenda Mosher, Secretary

Guests in attendance included:

Members not in attendance included:

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous July meeting was made by Mr. Godzwon, seconded by Mr. West. Motion passed.

Tug Hill Commission

Nothing new to report

Town Board-Sewer Project

Nothing new to report

Planning Board

No new updates to report

Adjournment

Mr. Godzwon moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:18 PM, seconded by Chair Peck. Motion carried.

Brenda Mosher

9/8/25

Brenda Mosher
Secretary
Town of Constantia Planning Board, Zoning
Board, and Appeals Board

Date of Approval

Town of Constantia Zoning Board

Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2025

Call to Order

Chair Peck opened the meeting at 6:03 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included:

- Chair James Peck
- Sandra Retajczyk
- Sandra Touri-Bell
- Dave Antos
- Martin Godzwon
- John Mura
- Joseph Markham
- Randall West
- Brien Connelly
- Jeff Rumble
- Terri John
- Brenda Mosher, Secretary

Guests in attendance included: Matt Johnson, Tug Hill Commission

Members not in attendance included:

Approval of Minutes

MOTION to accept July Meeting minutes made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Godwon. Motion passed unanimously.

Zoning District Definitions Review and Reframing

Waterfront Zoning District-

The Board discussed the merits of the definitions that are being reframed in terms of maximum building coverage and height above ground. Mr. Mura suggested a language change that in cases of the word “limit”, use “consider”, where applicable. Wording change to encourage people to invest in property. Maximum building height in current land development laws (section 450), possibly add wording to indicate “in accordance with land development laws” to reference.

Also discussed were the removal of wording that has oversight from superseding bodies (i.e, DEC, Oswego County, NYS). New DEC waterfront regulations are being implemented and will affect new building on properties, most specifically on the lakefront.

Commercial/Industrial Zoning District-

Current language and definition are acceptable to Board Members. Language allows Planning Board members to review any future business development in accordance with the Town’s goals as laid out in

the *Comprehensive Plan*. Mr. Mura stated that we need to be “prepared for the future”. Town should be prepared in the future to accommodate any new businesses or secondary businesses to support “Micron” project.

Residential Zoning District

Current language was reviewed along with definition and is acceptable to Board Members.

Rural Zoning District

A language change that in case of the word “designated”, use “should encourage”, where applicable in this section. Otherwise language and definition acceptable.

Matrix Definitions

Matrix definitions draft was provided to Board Members to review by Chair Peck. Noted the definitions not currently in the *land development laws*. Board reviewed and discussed additional definitions to the draft.

Residential setback of 80’ from center of road with new 100’ setback from the lake is too restrictive for property owners for this area. Looking for language guidance from Matt Johnson, Tug Hill Commission, to bring to next meeting.

Short term Rental Law

See Oswego County Law on Short-term Rentals. 4% tax goes entirely to the County. The County is responsible to inspect all short-term rentals. A comprehensive list of short-term rentals is being developed by the County for their use in taxation and inspection.

Adjournment

Chair Peck moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:03 PM, seconded by Mr. Mura and Mr. Godzwon. Board Members should be prepared to look next meeting at dimensional standards and applying them to the definitions of the Matrix.

Brenda Mosher

9/6/25

Brenda Mosher
Secretary
Town of Constantia Planning Board, Zoning
Board, and Appeals Board

Date of Approval

**TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION**

September 16, 2025

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA LOCAL LAW NO. A OF 2025
("A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established
in General Municipal Law §3-c in the Town of Constantia")

The following resolution was offered by Councilor _____, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilor _____, to wit:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a proposed local law titled Local Law No. A-2025, "A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c in the Town of Constantia," was presented and introduced at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Constantia held on August 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on such proposed local law on September 16, 2025, by the Town Board of the Town of Constantia and proof of publication of notice of such public hearing, as required by law, having been submitted and filed, and all persons desiring to be heard in connection with said proposed local law having been heard, and said proposed local law having been in the possession of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Constantia in its final form in the manner required by Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Volume 6 N.Y.C.R.R., Section 617 of the Regulations relating to Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law of New York (SEQRA), requires that as early as possible in the consideration of a proposed action, an involved agency shall make a determination whether a given action is subject to the aforementioned law; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2025, the Town Board declared itself lead agency and determined that the enactment of proposed Local Law No. A-2025 is an unlisted action and will

have no significant effect on the environment, issuing a negative declaration, thus concluding environmental review under State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to enact said proposed Local Law No. A-2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Constantia, Oswego County, New York, does hereby enact Proposed Local Law No. A-2025 as Local Law No. 1-2025 as follows:

**“TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2025**

**A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED
IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C IN THE TOWN OF CONSTANTIA**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Constantia as follows:

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Constantia, County of Oswego pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Constantia to adopt a Town budget for (a) Town purposes; (b) fire protection districts; and (c) any other special or improvement district governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year 2026, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by the General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. AUTHORITY

This local law is adopted pursuant to Subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

Section 3. TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE

The Town Board of the Town of Constantia, County of Oswego, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article or part of this local law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operations to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.”

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

Thomas Moran	Councilor	Voted	Yes/No
Michael Donegan	Councilor	Voted	Yes/No
Ronald Chapman	Councilor	Voted	Yes/No
Daniel Pone	Councilor	Voted	Yes/No
Frank Tomaino	Supervisor	Voted	Yes/No

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

DATED: September 16, 2025