

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES - TOWN BOARD – July 17, 2018**  
7:30 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley - Supervisor  
Thomas Moran, John Metzger, Frank Tomaino– Council Members  
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk  
Warren Bader – Town Attorney

Others Present: George Kalkowsky – Barton & Loguidice  
Erin Zehr – Chairman, Park and Recreation Commission

Absent: Richard Colesante – Council Member  
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 7:30 pm Mr. Mosley called the town board meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**WATER:**

- ✓ 72% construction completed to date.
  - 16” Water main being installed along NY-49. At current pace forecast 5-6 weeks to reach end.
  - All side roads have had water main installed –
    - Testing and disinfection still needs to be done and then approval by County Health Dept.
    - Then OCWA has to do a walkthrough before a road is accepted.
    - After a road is accepted the contractor is allowed to install services.
  - Restoration is ongoing – it has been a hot dry summer please be patient with the grass.
  - Information packets sent out to residents. If you have not received a packet, contact the Town Clerk. This packet includes info how to hook up and material requirements.
- ✓ Highlander Construction has submitted Pay Application No 3
- ✓ No easements outstanding.
- ✓ Construction questions can be directed to Senior Inspector Neil Zimmer (cell) 315-350-0831

Mr. and Mrs. Bixby, 13 Lower Rd was in attendance to discuss the ongoing issues they are having with the water being installed on their property. They are still unhappy with how high their valve box is and also rocks in their yard. Mr. Mosley requested Mr. Kalkowsky stop to see their issues.

**SEWER:**

- Sewer workshop meeting scheduled for July 26th, 6PM at Constantia Town Hall.
  - B&L will present preliminary layout and financing projections for discussion
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Mr. Moran will not be able to be at the July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, but is requesting Barton & Loguidice look at the biggest picture possible, follow the same footprint as both water districts. Mr. Moran feels this would be the best way to go even if it means having to bond out for some of the construction.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes for June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be approved at the August town board meeting, they are available but all councilmen have not reviewed them yet.

**VOUCHERS:**

Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #7, Dated July 17, 2018:

General Fund	204-252	\$ 36,847.95
Highway Fund	109-123	\$ 41,618.54
Bernhards Bay Water	17-18	\$642,806.95

Seconded by Mr. Moran.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Metzger – Yes Mosley - Yes

**SUPERVISOR:**

Mr. Moran made the motion to approve the Supervisor’s report dated June 30, 2018, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Metzger – Yes Mosley - Yes

**HIGHWAY:**

Mr. Woolridge was not in attendance.

**TOWN CLERK:**

Mrs. Haynes reported that the total receipts and disbursements for the Town Clerk’s Office for the month of June were \$2,726.45. Mr. Metzger made the motion to accept the Town Clerk report as presented, seconded by Mr. Moran.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino –Yes Metzger – Yes Mosley - Yes

**ASSESSOR:**

No report

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Mr. Hall put in his resignation, to be effective August 2, 2018.

**JUSTICE:**

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept Justice Pelon's and Justice Simpson's report for June seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Metzger – Yes Mosley - Yes

**DOG CONTROL:**

Mr. Tomaino made the motion to accept the Dog Control Officer's report, seconded by Mr. Moran.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Metzger – Yes Mosley - Yes

**PLANNING BOARD:**

Minutes from June 26, 2018 received.

**REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE:**

No Report

**TUG HILL COMMISSION:**

Paul Baxter reported:

1. I attended the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council on Tuesday, July 17 in Oswego.
2. The county's summer/fall tourism and events brochures are out, and I have copies for you and the public.
3. We are in the process of planning one or more budget process workshops in the region, likely in late August or early September. Please let me know if you think you might be interested in attending one of the workshops, and any preference on dates.
4. State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli has announced that the tax levy limit for towns for their 2019 town budgets will be two percent. This is the first time the tax levy limit, which is either two percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower, has been at two percent since 2013.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Williams from 121 Doris Park Dr. was in about her property. She has been having a flooding problem since the culvert/ditching was done on Doris Park Dr. Mr. Mosley will speak to Mr. Woolridge.

Mrs. Harper also noted that there is a sink hole on Frederick St that might be a problem.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Letter received from Mrs. Haynes-99 Salt Rd – the letter was a copy of a letter sent to NYSDOT about the guardrail on St. Rt. 49. This is a follow up thanking the State for cleaning up the guardrail.
- Mercy Flight Control, Mr. Bartkoski was in to discuss a possible donation of \$.10 per citizen. Save for discussion at budget meetings.
- NYSDOT Letter approving the reduction of the speed limit to 45 MPH for .5 mile north of Knapp Rd.

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:**

Mrs. Zehr reported:

- 125 Kids are attending the park program, 85 are enrolled in swim lessons. There is still time to join just stop at the park for information.
- Movie night is scheduled for this Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Mrs. Zehr was asked if they are having a problem with algi, none is being reported, water is clear.
- The security system at the park needs to be replaced and upgraded. Mrs. Zehr has received 4 bids and will be meeting with ADT on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> hopefully bids will be in place for the next Park Commission meeting.

Mr. Moran asked if the Commission ever thought of maybe inviting other town's to be part of our park program. Mr. Moran stated we have a unique park and it might be a benefit to the town of Constantia and other town's to have a joint program. Mrs. Zehr will bring it up at the next Commission meeting.

**BOARD INITIATIVES AND COMMENTS:**

COUNCILMAN: **TOMAINO**

Introduced the following and moved its adoption:

**The Town of Constantia is agreeing to a joint purchase of an electronic sign from Rome Sign for a total of \$15,644.00. The cost of the sign will be shared equally with each paying \$7,822.00 towards the purchase of said sign. The Constantia Fire District #1 will be installing the sign on their property located at 23 County Route 23.**

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:

Kenneth Mosley	Voted	<b>YES</b>
Richard Colesante	Absent	
John Metzger	Voted	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Tom Moran	Voted	<b>YES</b>
Frank Tomaino	Voted	<b>YES</b>

Mr. Moran made the motion to authorize Supervisor Mosley to sign the agreement increasing the NYMIR Excess Limits from \$1,000,000/\$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000/\$6,000,000 with an additional premium of \$1,430.00, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Metzger – Yes Mosley - Yes

At the July 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor's meeting Mr. Colesante would like the Town to look into local laws in regards to wind and solar farms. Mr. Hall gave the town board members a sample resolution for review, Mr. Moran would like to task the Planning Board to look into these possibilities. Mr. Bader will also speak to members of his firm to get copies of local laws they have drafted for other municipalities.

Employee handbook will be tabled until the August 6<sup>th</sup> Supervisor meeting, there are still a few outstanding questions that need to be answered.

Mrs. Haynes reminded the board that Justice Court Grants are now available, to make the courtroom handicap assessable is a qualified request. If the board would like the Justice Pelon to request this improvement it might be best to make a motion authorizing Judge Pelon to submit a grant. Mr. Tomaino made the motion to authorize the Town of Constantia to apply for a Justice Court Grant, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Metzger – Yes Mosley - Yes

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:13 pm Mr. Metzger made the motion to go into executive session to discuss employee issues, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Metzger – Yes Mosley - Yes

\*Mrs. Haynes was not invited into executive session.

At 8:44 Mr. Metzger made the motion to return from executive session and reopen the regular meeting of the town board seconded by Mr. Moran.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Metzger – Yes Mosley - Yes

During executive session it was decided to ask Mr. John Haynes to start working as the Temporary Code Enforcement Officer under Mr. Wayne Hall. This position will be to fill the gap with Mr. Hall resigning from the Code Enforcement position. An advertisement requesting applications was sent to both the Citizen Outlet and the Queen Central, the ad will run for 2 weeks. Mr. Haynes will need to apply if still interested.

Also during executive session board members authorized Mr. Mosely to draft and send a letter to the park commission in regards to children under 5 attending the park program with employees. This letter will be approved by Mr. Bader.

#### **ADJOURN:**

At 8:48 pm Mr. Moran made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried: Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Metzger – Yes Mosley - Yes