

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – SUPERVISOR’S MEETING – January 6, 2020
9:00 am Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley - Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran– Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Dustin Clark – Barton & Loguidice
Absent: Frank Tomaino – Town Councilman

CALL TO ORDER:

At 9:00 am Mr. Mosley called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

SEWERS:

Mr. Moran opened to thank Mr. Clark for speaking to the Citizen Outlet, there was a lengthy article which was very informative.

As a recap, the Town of Constantia did receive the \$5M grant as requested from WIHA. This grant is for projects under \$50M, the Town received the highest amount possible for our project. The Town did unofficially receive the hardship financing 30 year 0% loan - \$20M, it is unofficial as the agency needs to approve the submitted income survey. Rural Development is the agency that handles the hardship funding, they also might award a grant, it will be another 45 days before there will be any information from Rural Development.

Another avenue that B&L will be looking into is National Pooling, the time frame for this is August – September. This is where left over funding is sent from all states where there was more money than eligible projects.

The Town really needs to get their residents to write letters of support, the more the better. Also, it would help to set up meetings with Senator Ritchie and Assemblyman Barclay to help push the projects.

Mr. Metzger asked if we could move back to two projects, Mr. Clark is going to call to find out all of the options.

Mr. Colesante was surprised that we were not awarded the DEC grant, they are the agency that wanted this district and encouraged the Town to go to with the Village sewer treatment plant. Mr. Clark has a call into the DEC for their opinions as to what was lacking.

Mr. Mosley asked the board members present if they wanted to move forward which means to sign for the \$5M grant. This grant is available for 3 years, but Mr. Clark believes it can be extended, this grant is for construction only.

Mr. Colesante is not in favor of spending any more money in this district until all the funding is in place. For 2020 the Town budgeted \$40,000, this will be more than enough to cover expenses to reapply for the DEC grant. As to doing additional work to move the project forward that will need to be discussed. The board members do not want to spend too much for a project that might never happen.

Discussion turned to buildable vs non-buildable vacant parcels. If it is a non-conforming parcel then the Town will need to make a decision, Mr. Clark suggested a .10 edu or lower.

Next joint meeting is scheduled for January 15th at 6:30pm at the Constantia Town Hall.

ADJOURN:

At 10:55 am the meeting adjourned.