

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – SUPERVISOR’S MEETING – June 1, 2020
9:00 am Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley - Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran, Frank Tomaino – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent
Warren Bader – Town Attorney – Via Zoom
John Haynes – Code Enforcement Officer
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission – Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER:

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

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Woolridge asked Mr. Bader if he is going to handle the permanent easement required at 7 Doris Park Drive. Without the easement the Town will not have permission to go onto the property where the new drainage was installed. Mr. Bader’s office is re-opening this week, Mr. Bader will go into his office to finalize the paperwork and get the necessary signatures. The easement needs to be 10ft x 220ft which brings the easement right down to the waterline. Mr. Woolridge asked if there could be a statement that we paid \$2,000 for the easement, Mr. Bader will be sure to include the payment as part of the easement.

Mr. Woolridge reminded the board that he is and will be using oil and stone this year on bad sections of the roads this year. CHIPS monies that the State reimburses the Town is not guaranteed, Mr. Woolridge does not want to put the Town in a bad situation. Many Towns in the County are doing the same thing as Mr. Woolridge, waiting to spend the CHIPS monies next year when CHIPS money is guaranteed.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR:

Mr. Mosley called Mr. Reehil to clarify some information on the properties in Town that are on the list for auction this year, auction is tentatively set for August 6th-8th. One property located on Doris Park Dr is a burned-out house, shortly after the County took possession of the property there was a fire. The County did come and razed the building, Mr. Reehil called the County and found out that they will remove all the debris before the auction.

There are two properties that the Land Bank has requested from Oswego County, one is on State Route 49 the other is on Grannis Rd. The Land Bank has looked at both of these locations, they feel the house on State Route 49 is not repairable, if the Land Bank receives procession, the plan would be to raze this house. The house on Grannis Rd the Land Bank feels can be repaired. Mr. Reehil has indicated that there has been some push back by other Legislators as to handing over properties that could make the County money as Legislators are concerned as to State funding and the budget consequences with COVID crisis. Mr. Reehil believes the decision on turning over the properties to the Land Bank will be made at the caucus this week with final vote at the June 11th meeting.

BOARD COMMENT:

-Water extensions – At the May Town Board meeting Mr. Clark brought up extension possibilities within the Town. Mr. Gibbs on Auringer Rd has brought to the attention of the board that water, and sewer for that matter, would be welcome on Auringer Rd. After discussion it was decided that Mr. Colesante will reach out to Mr. Gibbs to see if he would carry a petition on the need for water to the residents on Auringer Rd. If the majority of residents on Auringer Rd. are agreeable, the Town can proceed to make the necessary decisions if they would like to move forward with an extension district.

-Mr. Mosley updated the board on MacIntosh Pallet. MacIntosh Pallet is hooking up to the water system, they thought there was a 2” curb stop. After speaking to Mr. Clark and looking at the notes, it was noted that no special curb stops were requested by MacIntosh. MacIntosh will be installing the bigger curb stop at their own expense.

-As requested Mr. Mosley contacted Mr. Gideon of the 5th Judicial District to ask the question about mileage reimbursement when a judge is traveling to CAP court. Judge Gideon told Mr. Mosley that the justice gets reimbursed \$250 per night which should be considered as all inclusive. The Town has nothing to do with CAP court, so it is up to each Town if they are going to pay mileage. Mr. Metzger is concerned as the Town does not have the authority to pay for something that is not associated with the Town. Mr. Mosley says that the County is paying the Judges to do the court night. Mr. Metzger believes this is a good subject to ask the NYS Comptroller about – Mr Laird Petire, or a question for Town Topics. Mr. Mosley stated that it is up to the board, and a decision needs to be made. Mr. Mosley asked each board member what they would like to do, pay the Justice for mileage one time per month to go to CAP court.

Moran – Yes Tomaino – Yes Colesante – No Metzger – No Mosley – Yes

Both Mr. Colesante and Mr. Metzger want to make it clear they do not want to penalize Justice Simpson, but they are not comfortable paying for something that is not Town business.

-Mr. Mosley has spoken to Ms. Petkash – Chairman for the planning board. They will be starting their meetings again in June using social distancing. If all members can attend, they will hold an earlier meeting.

-June 9th at 9am will be the next RV and Storage law meeting. Mrs. Haynes will reach out to Mrs. Kimmel and Mr. Macari to see if they can attend if the meeting by offering attendance via Zoom.

-Mr. Haynes told the board that the house on South Shore Dr that burned down last year has finally received septic system approval by the County. They will be building on the same footprint as the original house.

-Mr. Colesante updated the board on the David C. Webb Park at Taft Bay – a tentative opening date for the park will be July 1st. It is still not known if the summer program will be held, must wait to see if the Governor allows summer camps. Mrs. Haynes was asked to contact all pavilion rentals and cancel until July 1st.

-Mr. Moran would like to meet with Mr. Bader to dissolve the 2 lighting districts. If the board is agreeable it will mean a charge to each property owner on their taxes, a little over \$5 a year on their tax bills.

ADJOURN:

At 11:05am Mr. Colesante made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tomaino.

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