

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

Present: Kenneth Mosley - Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Warren Bader – Town Attorney
John Haynes – Code Enforcement Officer
Nancy Butler - Bookkeeper
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission

Absent: Frank Tomaino – Council Member

CALL TO ORDER:

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

BUDGET CONCERNS:

Ms. Butler came to the meeting to update the board on budget concerns. General fund: the first quarter mortgage tax was not affected by the pandemic. During the 2020 budget process the Town removed AIM funding, that helped as it appears that \$37,000 will not be received. With the closing of the park, the Town will be saving payroll, this is a big help. Overall the general fund should hold its own. The highway fund receives all the sales tax revenue sent to the Town by the County, this is where the short fall seems to be. First quarter payment was a bit lower but not substantially, second quarter payment was \$30,000 lower than last year. This is a concern as highway depends on sales tax to offset their budget. It is a possibility that the general fund will have to help the highway fund with the 2021 budget. Ms. Butler will be in contact with Mr. Woolridge to keep him up to date on the situation.

Mr. Woolridge is not at the meeting as he has been on vacation, Mr. Mosley texted Mr. Woolridge and asked him to self-quarantine for the required 14 days.

At 9:22 am, Ms. Butler left the meeting.

WATER PETITION:

Mr. Colesante brought with him and handed to Mrs. Haynes a petition from residents on Auringer Rd requesting public water. There are 15 homes on Auringer Rd, one is vacant, 3 were against the remaining 11 were all in favor of public water. Mr. Metzger is aware of a few houses past Knapp Rd that are also interested that should be added to the list and Cemetery Rd should be considered at least the few homes before the bridge. The board members asked Mr. Mosley to contact Mr. Clark from B&L for the cost of a feasibility study for these areas.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Colesante gave the board copies of a letter he drafted that can be sent to the residents in Town that are not in compliance with the Land Development Law sections that deal with campgrounds and also a letter that speaks to unregistered vehicles. These can be used by Mr. Haynes as a starting point when he comes across parcels not in compliance. The letter would come first to put the owners on notice, second contact will be made by a notice to remedy letter which will give them 14 days to contact the CEO with their intentions, third will be to bring them to court.

Mr. Colesante believes letters should be sent to property owners that have more than one RV being occupied on a parcel as the Town is in the process of bringing 52 Shacksbush Rd to court on their violations.

Liedka – 623 St Rt 49 – Mr. Haynes reported that the owners were not there over the weekend, Mr. Bader will send a letter to put them on notice this Thursday. This is a non-conforming lot, the RV will need to be removed at the end of this season.

Mr. Haynes received a complaint on 297.00-04-05.01 Youmans, Mr. Youmans is living in a storage container without proper sanitary disposal. Mr. Haynes spoke to Mr. Youmans, his property is land locked he accesses the property by driving down the Oswego County Trail. Mr. Youmans indicated that he will not be here long, Mr. Haynes advised Mr. Youmans he cannot live in a storage container.

BOARD COMMENT:

Mr. Bader stated at the last meeting that the preamble to the new RV law should be beefed up, Mr. Moran was wondering if there was a way to talk about the negative effects RV’s have on the property values in the Town. Mr. Baxter will reach out to the Tug Hill Commission to see if there has been a study that can confirm this.

Mr. Moran is working on dissolving the two lighting districts in the Town, Mr. Langey from Costello, Cooney and Fearon sent the dissolution rules – 17A of the General Municipal Law, there are 12 questions that need to be answered, Mr. Moran will attempt to answer them, and then consult with the town board to arrive at final presentation to legal team.

ADJOURN:

At 11:30 am Mr. Moran made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colesante.

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