

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES –PUBLIC HEARING– November 6, 2025
6:00 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Frank Tomaino - Supervisor
Ronald Chapman, Michael Donegan, Thomas Moran, Daniel Poné, – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

At 6:00 pm Mr. Tomaino called the public hearing to order with the pledge of allegiance. The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss the 2026 Preliminary Town Budget.

2026 PRELIMINARY TOWN BUDGET:

Mr. Tomaino would like to note that there was one change to the preliminary budget after it was printed. A7510.4 Historian was increased from \$1,000 to \$1,250; this change will take away a stipend but add more to contractual account for general spending.

The budget is once again under the tax cap, the town board members feel it is important not to go over the tax cap.

Fire contracts, fuel purchasing contract and the kennel agreement are all available tonight for review.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Haynes asked the board if they would like to use every door direct mail option from the United States Postal Service to send flyers to the three postal codes for the Town reminding residents that it is a law to license their dogs. 2,824 flyers will need to be printed which can be done with the town hall copier. \$697.53 is the mail fee, A1410.42 Dog Licensing line has enough to pay for the postage. Mr. Tomaino requested an ad be placed in the Queen Central when the flyers are mailed out. Board members agreed to the mailing.

The Town has received the project manual that contains the bidding and contract requirements, it is a 300+ page document that has been sent to the town's attorney for approval. Mr. Moran is concerned that it is a standard contract used by engineers and has concerns about the payment schedule. The attorney will reach out with any questions.

A resident asked about the \$1.75M grant that the sewer district received. The good news is this grant can be used to pay back expenses going back to 2023. Hopefully this will be a significant portion of the \$2M bond the sewer district owes that will need to be renewed in 2026.

Mr. Ryan Kostusiak, Grant Administrator from NY Senator C. J. Ryan's office introduced himself to the board members and offered his help on the Senator's behalf.

ADJOURN:

At 6:15pm Mr. Chapman made the motion to adjourn the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Donegan.

Carried: Ayes: Chapman, Donegan, Moran, Poné, Tomaino

Respectfully submitted:

Clare Haynes
Town Clerk