

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES –TOWN BOARD MEETING– May 19, 2026
6:00 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Ronald Chapman Jr. - Supervisor
Michael Donegan, Cory Monroe, Thomas Moran, Daniel Poné, – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
E. John Whitney –Highway Superintendent
Dillon Kinsey – Deputy Highway Superintendent
Roy Reehil – County Legislator
Erin Zehr – Park and Recreation Commission, Chair
Rod Campbell – Tug Hill Commission

CALL TO ORDER:

At 6:00 pm Mr. Chapman called the town board meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A resident asked how the new town hall renovations were coming, Mr. Chapman responded that the lowest bidders for each section of the renovations will be awarded tonight. After speaking to the contractors, they are hopeful that the building will be ready for use by the end of they year. As with any government project, you must have all the funding before you can start. The Town already has \$950,000 saved for the project, the Town will close on the remaining \$950,000, that will be needed to move forward. Once the new building is completed, this building at 14 Frederick St will be sold, that money will then be put towards paying off the bond.

Another resident wanted to commend the Town Historian, Mrs. Kieffer who really putting a lot of work into the position and is doing a great job.

A resident from Doris Park asked if there is a noise ordinance for Constantia, Mr. Chapman answered there is not. Also, are there rules/laws regarding what color a storage container must be painted, Mr. Chapman also replied there was no law as to paint colors.

WASTEWATER:

Mr. Powers from Barton & Loguidice submitted the following report as he could not be in attendance.

CONSTANTIA NORTH SHORE SEWER PROJECT

A. Constantia Sewer Project Progress:

- ✓ Funding agencies have indicated that SOCRIS must have funding and be underway before Constantia’s project will be eligible for funding.
- ✓ Project Score on the NYSEFC 2026 Intended Use Plan (IUP) – 126 points.
- ✓ Income Surveys door-to-door complete. G&G finalizing report.
- New WQIP grant application will be submitted this year for \$10M.
- \$1.75M STAG Grant – Procurement Flexibility Request sent 11/14/25
 - Approx. \$300k spent to-date appears to be eligible for reimbursement by the grant
 - Remainder of grant can go towards finishing out design
- Sanitary Survey septic system testing underway. Coordinating dates with residents.

Upcoming items:

- EPA Procurement Flexibility Request went to review 2/12. Town will execute agreement once approved to begin and draw on \$1.75M STAG grant previously awarded.
- Complete EFC PLUS Listing Update with new MHI results by 5/29.

B. SOCRIS Progress:

- ✓ IMA approved
- ✓ Application to NYSEFC for IMG Grant submitted September 12, 2025 - \$30M Max. Project scored 121 points! No awards were made to SOCRIS project in 2025 round.
- ✓ County developing the Treatment Agreement with the City of Fulton.
- ✓ Meetings with ESD, Governor’s office, Senator Ryan, Assemblyman Barclay, DEC and EFC. SOCRIS creates a significant opportunity for Economic Development in the region.
- ✓ Oswego County Water Agency has been formed and holds monthly meetings.
- ✓ Oswego County is working towards Sewer District formation and bond resolution to prepare for 2026 IMG application.
- \$12M included in the preliminary FY26-27 NYS budget resolution for SOCRIS project! Not yet final, but incredible inclusion at this stage of State budget process.

Upcoming items:

- Continue progress on County / City of Fulton Treatment Agreement
- Ongoing project promotion

C. Target Funding Opportunities:

- NYSEFC Base WIIA:
 - Project is eligible for up to 25% of net project costs up to \$25M
 - Applications due late summer/ early fall 2026 (Date TBD)
- NYSEFC Base Additional Subsidy:
 - Eligible communities can receive up to 25% of net project costs up to an additional \$2M

- NYSDEC WQIP Grant:
 - Project is eligible for grant up to \$10M
 - Applications due summer 2026 (Date TBD)
 - Other Grant Opportunities:
 - USDA RD Grant
 - NBRC Grant
 - ESD Grant
 - CDBG Grant
 - STAG/CPF Grant
 - Micron
- D. NEXT STEPS:
- Close Grant Agreement with EPA, determine use of grant funds
 - Update PER with results of 2026 income survey. Complete EFC PLUS update for 2026 IUP

Barton and Loguidice has sent letters to residents in the sewer district to test a few of the septic tanks and leach fields. Mr. Buchan, who was on the sewer committee, wanted to let people know that this is a completely confidential survey. The survey results will be sent directly to B&L; the Town will not have access to the documents. Please do not be concerned if you receive a letter, it is just another step in the grant funding process.

PARK AND RECREATION:

Mrs. Zehr reported the following:

- Busy season is here, the following dates are important:
- Lifeguard Training at the park: June 6, Lines go in/beach opens: June 7
- Rec Signups: June 19 from 10 AM - 1 PM and June 27 from 9 AM - Noon.
- Rec Dates: Monday - Thursday June 30 - August 13. Weather Permitting
- Family Night: August 2.
- We are working out the final details for our annual fireworks night and will start promoting next week. Just waiting on final confirmation from the Fort Drum Band.
- Staff has been hired, uniforms are ordered and in, and theme weeks are set for rec, which will be announced closer to when rec starts.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mr. Campbell gave his monthly report for the North Shore & Salmon Rivers Council of Governments report, please go to www.norcog.org for more information.

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Whitney reported:

- First new 10-wheeler dump truck a 2023 is at Viking International to have the snow equipment put on, the 2024 is waiting on the delivery of the plow equipment which the town employees will put on at the garage.
- Renewed the salt contract
- Beaver permit and the mining permit have been renewed. The mining permit is good until May 2031.
- Dumpster days were once again successful, same number of dumpsters as last year.
- Working at the park for the last few days, beach sand is in, mulched trees, repaired fence and put out the picnic tables.
- National Grid helped cut down some trees on Knapp Rd, they will come back and do the ones at Trinity Church
- Waiting for the budget to be passed before final decision on what will be paved this year, Mr. Whitney wants to verify what CHIPS money will be in the budget for the Town
- Mr. Whitney advertised for a new wood boiler, the one they have is getting old and the only source of heat for the garage. The only bid received was from Handy Charlie for \$20,898.60 this includes a \$5,000 trade-in for the used boiler. After discussion it was decided to table the purchase until June 16th to verify what account will be able to pay for the boiler.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR:

Mr. Reehil told the board that the County is waiting for the State budget to pass. There is a line in the State budget that will appropriate \$12M to the SOCRIS project, it has bi-partisan support and shows how important the project is for the County. The Oswego County Government Directories are available, Mr. Reehil brought a few with him to share.

HISTORIAN:

Mrs. Kieffer submitted the following report:

1. I have submitted a piece to the Oswego Palladium Newspaper as they are printing a special edition commemorating the 250th. My piece highlights Frenchman's Island and the role it played during the Revolutionary War.
2. The Buffalo Maritime Museum is bringing the replica canal boat "Seneca Chief" back through the canal from NYC to Buffalo. I have been invited to ride along from Sylvan Beach to Brewerton and looking forward to it. It leaves at 8am on Flay Day, June 14, from Sylvan Beach and should arrive in Brewerton around lunchtime.

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Poné made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #5 Dated May 19, 2026:

▪ General	155-188	\$26,944.34	Sewer	2-3	\$ 1,526.25
▪ Highway	62-78	\$16,340.38	Trust & Agency	5	\$18,627.73

Seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

BUDGET TRANSFER:

Mr. Moran read the following into the minutes:

Referring to general fund budget transfer sheet #1 for April 2026, account A1910.4 Insurance is over budget by \$3,950.90. I therefore make a motion to transfer \$3,950.90 from contingency account A1990.4 to replenish the over budget account leaving \$41,599.10 balance in contingency. Motion made by Mr. Moran seconded by Mr. Donegan.

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

SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Moran made the motion to accept the April 30th supervisor’s report as received, seconded by Mr. Donegan.

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

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND BOARD MINUTES:

Mr. Donegan made a motion to accept the following reports and minutes as received:

Code Enforcement, Justice Simpson, Town Clerk, Tax Collector

March 17th town board meeting

seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Chapman read a letter into the minutes from two different residents encouraging the Town to support the Central Square Library. Full copies of the letters can be viewed at the Town Clerk's office.5

MINUTES RECEIVED:

March 24th and 28th planning and zoning minutes

BOARD INITIATIVES AND COMMENTS:

Mrs. Haynes recently attended the Tug Hill Commission Conference; the following is the list of fees collected at the Town Clerks Office. It was noted at the conference that this listing should be approved at the organizational meeting yearly. With no discussion, Mr. Donegan made a motion to approve the fees as listed below, seconded by Mr. Poné.

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

2026 Town of Constantia Fees:

All fees are payable in cash, check or credit and debit card. Credit and debit cards are subject to a user fee.

Certified Copies:

Birth, Death, Marriage	\$ 15.00 each
Genealogical Copy	\$ 15.00
Marriage License	\$ 40.00
One Day Officiant	\$ 25.00

Pavilion Rental:

Resident	\$ 75.00 per pavilion, per day
Non-Resident	\$150.00 per pavilion, per day

Dog Licensing:

Spay/Neutered	\$ 7.00
Intact	\$15.00

Dogs:

Redemption Fee	\$20.00 Must have valid dog license
Additional for each day held	\$ 5.00

Driveway Permit	Cost of Materials
Photocopy	\$ 0.25 per copy
Returned Check Fee	\$20.00

COUNCILMAN: Moran

Introduced the following and moved its adoption:

The town board for the Town of Constantia accepts the following bids for alterations to 1667 State Route 49.

General Construction: Con Tech Building Systems, Inc.	\$1,074,500.00
Electrical: Huen Electric, Inc.	\$ 189,950.00
Plumbing: Morgan Mechanical LLC.	\$ 54,467.00
HVAC: Breathe Easy of CNY, Inc.	<u>\$ 178,190.00</u>
Total Bids Awarded	\$1,497,107.00

The town board authorizes Supervisor Chapman to sign contracts associated with the bids listed above. Awards are subject to the selected contractors entering into the appropriate contract documents, the filing of required bonds, insurance and other documentation and information as required in the bid solicitation/specification documents.

Seconded by Councilman: Monroe

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ronald Chapman Jr.	Voted	Yes
Michael Donegan	Voted	Yes
Daniel Poné	Voted	Yes
Cory Monroe	Voted	Yes
Thomas Moran	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Mr. Chapman spoke to Mr. Larry Prunoske, LLP Construction Inc. Mr. Prunoske has offered to be the construction manager for alterations to 1667 State Route 49. His proposal is for 6% of the total job cost. With no discussion, Mr. Poné made the motion to hire LLP Construction, Inc. for 6% of the total job cost, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Buchan wanted to speak on the paper-road issue in Doris Park. Mr. Buchan and Mr. Chapman tried to reach out to the heirs of the family that created the subdivision who ultimately must agree to resolve the issues. There seems to be no interest from the family members, unfortunately this leaves the property owners with a host of bad options. The board would need more time to discuss this with Mr. Buchan.

ADJOURN:

At 7:10 pm Mr. Donegan made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Poné.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Clare Haynes
Town Clerk