

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES –TOWN BOARD MEETING– June 16, 2026
6:00 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Ronald Chapman Jr. - Supervisor
Cory Monroe, Thomas Moran, Daniel Poné, – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
E. John Whitney –Highway Superintendent
Dillon Kinsey – Deputy Highway Superintendent
James Peck – Chair, Planning and Zoning Boards
Greg Baird – Chairman of Fire Commission, Constantia Fire District
Charles Gibbs & Richard Rathbun – Fire Commissioners
Roy Reehil – County Legislator
Erin Zehr – Park and Recreation Commission, Chair
Heidi Tompkins & Nate Snavlin – Tug Hill Commission

Absent: Michael Donegan - Councilman

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

WASTEWATER:

Mr. Powers from Barton & Loguidice submitted the following report as he could not be in attendance. Mr. Chapman indicated that the new information is bold and Mr. Powers sent this as a summary:

- The WIIA and WQIP application deadlines have been announced for end of July.
- The Income Survey is complete by G&G and the MHI came back at \$60,000 which qualifies the Town for hardship 0% loan and CDBG!
- We are continuing with the septic system inspections as necessary for the WQIP grant this round
- Still waiting for the EPA to give us the go ahead on spending the previously awarded Tenney grant
- SOCRIS is officially in the State budget for \$12M so we will begin designing immediately! Huge win for SOCRIS and all projects involved!

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 Complete. District MHI reported as \$60,000.**
- ✓ **EFC PLUS Listing Update submitted on 5/29.**
- **Sanitary Survey septic system testing ongoing to support WQIP. Coordinating with residents.**
- \$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

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.
- **Submit WIIA grant application by July 27 deadline!**
- **Submit DEC WQIP grant application by July 31 deadline!**

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 FY26-27 NYS budget resolution for SOCRIS project!**

Upcoming items:

- Continue progress on County / City of Fulton Treatment Agreement
- Ongoing project promotion
- **SOCRIS design to commence in July which shows progress and will help support Constantia funding applications!**

C. Target Funding Opportunities:

- NYSEFC Base WIIA:
 - Project is eligible for up to 25% of net project costs up to \$25M

- **Applications due July 27th!**
- 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 July 31, 2026**
- 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.
 - Submit WIIA grant application by July 27 deadline!
 - Submit DEC WQIP grant application by July 31 deadline!

CONSTANTIA FIRE:

Mr. Baird and members of Constantia Fire District Commissioners were in attendance tonight to give the residents and board members an update on the purchase of a new fire engine. This new engine is a large expense, the district has been saving towards this purchase, but as with everything the price has skyrocketed. This new engine is \$1.2M, the special reserve account has \$1M that can be used towards the purchase. After discussion by the commissioners, it has been decided to put \$800,000 down and finance the remainder. On July 14th from 6pm-8pm residents that live in Fire District #1 can and are encouraged to vote on the purchase.

PARK AND RECREATION:

Mrs. Zehr reported the following:

- The commission is really busy right now gearing up for the season. The team is ready and we are in a good place.
- West Monroe is partnering with us again this year.
- Rec Signups will be held on June 19 from 10-1 and June 27 from 9-noon.
- All kids from Constantia, Bernhards Bay, Cleveland, and West Monroe within the age ranges will be allowed to attend. No out-of-town children again this year.
- The lines are in the water, and the beach is open on a limited schedule for now, mostly weekends, weather permitting.
- Summer rec dates are June 30-August 13.
- The annual Military Band and Fireworks event has been moved to August 8 to accommodate the Band's schedule.
- Family night is August 2 with Ron Hurne playing live music.

TUG HILL COMMISSION:

Mrs. Tompkins gave his monthly report for the North Shore & Salmon Rivers Council of Governments report, please go to www.norcog.org for more information. Mrs. Tompkins also introduced Mr. Nate Snablin as an associate circuit rider, Mr. Snablin will be attending meetings when Mrs. Tompkins is unavailable.

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Whitney reported:

- Ordered a new sander for the 2024 plow truck, the 2023 truck is still at Viking International, hopefully it will be delivered this year.
- Now that the State budget has been passed, the Town will be able to be re-imbursed for qualified spending up to \$563,662.51 using the State sponsored CHIPs program.
- Mr. Whitney hopes to start oil and stoning on June 24th with paving starting soon after. If all goes well, paving should be done by the end of July.

As requested at last meeting, Mr. Whitney discussed what accounts that can be charged with Ms. Butler for the purchase of the wood boiler. Ms. Butler told Mr. Whitney that there are a few accounts that can be used to purchase the boiler. With no further discussion, Mr. Poné made the motion to authorize the purchase of the outdoor wood boiler for \$20,898.60 from Handy Charlie, seconded by Mr. Moran.

Carried: Ayes: Moran, Monroe, Poné, Chapman

COUNTY LEGISLATOR:

Mr. Reehil and the County Legislator's are pleased that SOCRUS funding stayed in the State budget. This is a huge step for Oswego County. The County also matched the partial tax exemption for 65 years and older, this is a sliding scale. Please reach out to Mr. Wheeler for more information.

ZONING BOARD:

Mr. Peck came to the meeting tonight to update the board on the zoning commission actions. Below are the steps that they will be taking, Mr. Peck believes that the process should be completed by year end.

1. Zoning Commission agrees on final version (1-2 months from present)

- 2. Zoning Commission preview meeting with Town Board (completed maps, highlighting changes as compared to current Land Development and to be superseded Laws)
- 3. Zoning Commission holds initial public hearing and forwards to Town Board / Counsel
- 4. Adjustments as needed from feedback
- 5. Town Board sends draft to Oswego County Planning as required by NYS GMU 12-B
- 6. Town Board (with help from Zoning Commission) makes desirable changes recommended by Oswego County
- 7. Town Board hold final public hearing and adopts

HISTORIAN:

Mrs. Kieffer gave the following report:

- County Fair is July 1-5, not sure what days but Mrs. Kieffer will be in attendance for at least 2 days in the heritage building.
- Working to finalize the History Hop Event, this event celebrates Constantia’s past and present with local businesses, fire departments and more. Explore Constantia on July 18th. Oswego County Tourism, the Oswego County Historians and the Oneida Lake Chamber of Commerce will all be helping to promote the event.
- Steamers in Oswego will be hosting “History on Tap” on July 7th, they asked Mrs. Kieffer to give her presentation on Frenchman’s Island.
- Mrs. Kieffer had the honor to ride the “Seneca Chief” from Sylvan Beach to Brewerton.

VOUCHERS:

Mr. Monroe made the motion to accept the following vouchers as listed on Abstract #6 Dated June 16, 2026:

▪ General	189-233	\$37,403.95	Trust &Agency	6	\$ 18,627.73
▪ Highway	79-104	\$36,329.47	Sewer	4-8	\$2,101,789.25
▪ B Bay Water	5	\$ 1,814.00			

Seconded by Mr. Poné.

Carried: Ayes: Moran, Monroe, Poné, Chapman

SUPERVISOR:

COUNCILMAN: Poné

Introduced the following and moved its adoption:

Budget Modification 2026 General Fund: this budget modification is necessary as the bond anticipation note (BAN) has been received for the modification of the building at 1667 State Route 49 to be converted into the new town hall.

Revenue: A5730 BAN to be added to the budget \$950,000.00

Expense: A1620.2 Buildings Eq. (Cap Improvement) increase by \$950,000.00 from A5730 BAN

New balance: \$1,850,000.

Seconded by Councilman: Moran

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	Voted	Yes
Michael Donegan	Absent	
Cory Monroe	Voted	Yes
Thomas Moran	Voted	Yes
Daniel Poné	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

COUNCILMAN: Moran

Introduced the following and moved its adoption:

Due to an increase of revenue from New York State Department of Transportation Highway Improvement Program the following is a budget modification. Revenue DB3501 CHIPS will be increased from \$182,492 to \$563,662.51, the following is the revenue breakdown:

2026-2027	CHIPS	\$359,346.65
2026-2027	Pave NY	\$ 48,353.43
2026-2027	Winter Recovery	\$123,726.81
2026-2027	Pave our Potholes	<u>\$ 32,235.62</u>
Total:		\$563,662.51

Increase the following budget lines:

Revenue	DB3501	from:	\$182,492.00	to	\$563,662.51
Expense	DB5112.2	from:	\$182,492.00	to	\$563,662.51

Seconded by Councilman: Poné

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	Voted	Yes
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Daniel Poné	Voted	Yes
Michael Donegan	Absent	
Tom Moran	Voted	Yes
Cory Monroe	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Mr. Monroe made the motion to accept the May 31st supervisor’s report as received, seconded by Mr. Moran.
Carried: Ayes: Moran, Monroe, Poné, Chapman

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND BOARD MINUTES:

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

- Code Enforcement, Justice Simpson, Town Clerk, Tax Collector final settlement letter received from Oswego County
- March 17th town board meeting

seconded by Mr. Moran.

Carried: Ayes: Moran, Monroe, Poné, Chapman

BOARD INITIATIVES AND COMMENTS:

**TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION**

June 16, 2026

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA LOCAL LAW NO. C OF 2026
(“A Local Law Establishing a Noise Control Ordinance Within the Town of Constantia”)

Councilor Monroe introduced proposed Local Law No. C-2026, A Local Law Establishing a Noise Control Ordinance Within the Town of Constantia, and made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilor Moran:

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of a local law in the Town of Constantia, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law, with the result that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the adoption to said Local Law is an unlisted action for purposes of environmental review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that a short environmental assessment form (EAF) shall be required in connection with this matter; and

WHEREAS, the said EAF has been prepared and has been reviewed by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the adoption of said Local Law, has considered the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617.7 and has compared the impacts which may be reasonably expected to result from the adoption of said Local Law against said criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the enactment of proposed Local Law No. C-2026 is an unlisted action, there are no other involved agencies and this Board shall act as lead agency in this matter for purposes of SEQR review; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, the Town Board has determined this action shall have no significant adverse impact on the environment; that, accordingly, an environmental impact statement (EIS) shall not be required; and that this resolution shall constitute a negative declaration under SEQR; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town Board shall conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. C-2026 at the Town Hall located at 14 Frederick Street, Constantia, New York on July 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that notice of said public hearing shall be provided at least five (5) days prior to the date of said public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town of Constantia and to any affected municipalities described above.

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

Thomas Moran	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Michael Donegan	Councilor	Absent	

Cory Monroe	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Daniel Pone	Councilor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION**

June 16, 2026

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA LOCAL LAW NO. D OF 2026
("A Local Law To Repeal and Replace Local Law 3 of 2010 with
a New Dog Control Law for the Town of Constantia")

Councilor Monroe introduced proposed Local Law No. D-2026, A Local Law To Repeal and Replace Local Law 3 of 2010 With a New Dog Control Law for the Town of Constantia, and made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilor Moran:

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of a local law in the Town of Constantia, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law, with the result that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the adoption to said Local Law is an unlisted action for purposes of environmental review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that a short environmental assessment form (EAF) shall be required in connection with this matter; and

WHEREAS, the said EAF has been prepared and has been reviewed by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the adoption of said Local Law, has considered the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617.7 and has compared the impacts which may be reasonably expected to result from the adoption of said Local Law against said criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the enactment of proposed Local Law No. D-2026 is an unlisted action, there are no other involved agencies and this Board shall act as lead agency in this matter for purposes of SEQR review; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, the Town Board has determined this action shall have no significant adverse impact on the environment; that, accordingly, an environmental impact statement (EIS) shall not be required; and that this resolution shall constitute a negative declaration under SEQR; and it is further

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Cory Monroe	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Daniel Pone	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Ronald Chapman	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Mr. Mura has submitted his resignation from the planning board and zoning committee, Mr. Peck encouraged the board to appoint Mr. Brien Connelly as the 2nd alternate on the planning board, Mr. Connelly already sits on the zoning committee. With no discussion, Mr. Monroe accepted the resignation of Mr. Mura and appointment of Mr. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Poné.

Carried: Ayes: Moran, Monroe, Poné, Chapman

After 20 years Warren Bader decided to retire, Mr. Bader started as a Judge for the Town and then went on to being our attorney. Mr. Chapman wanted to assure the residents that although there will not be an attorney present at each meeting, they are just a phone call away. It is with thanks that Mr. Monroe accepted Mr. Bader's resignation, seconded by Mr. Moran.

Carried: Ayes: Moran, Monroe, Poné, Chapman

Additionally on May 20th the audit for 2025 town clerk and 2025-2026 tax collector was completed by Mr. Chapman and Mr. Monroe.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Question was asked about the new town hall, Mr. Chapman is hopeful the contractors will be starting on July 6th with completion by the end of December.

ADJOURN:

At 7:20 pm Mr. Poné made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Monroe.

Carried: Ayes: Moran, Monroe, Poné, Chapman

Respectfully submitted:

Clare Haynes
Town Clerk