

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – SUPERVISOR’S MEETING – October 5, 2020
9:00 am Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley - Supervisor
Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Nancy Butler – Bookkeeper
Warren Bader – Town Attorney
John Langey – Costello, Cooney & Fearon
Dustin Clark and David Powers – Barton & Loguidice

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. As per recommended procedures during COVID-19 all persons in attendance were seated 6ft apart.

TOWN DUMP:

David Bardoun, owner of Bardoun Land Surveying was in to speak on behalf of Mr. Pat Regan who could not come to today’s meeting. At issue is a parcel of land that adjoins the old Town dump, 281.00-03-05.04. Mr. Regan purchased the land, when looking at the property for measurable timber Mr. Regan found what he believes is spillover garbage from the old Town dump. Mr. Regan is offering to subdivide 18 acres from the 40.86 in exchange of 11.9 acres from parcel 281.00-03-06 which is owned by the Town of Constantia. Mr. Bader would like to have the parcels appraised as the board would not want to give away Town assets. Another thought would be to just purchase the approximately 2 acres of land that is the area of the spillover. Mr. Colesante is concerned with the other 11.9 acres, could this have been part of the dump, is there any garbage located in that area. Another issue with the swap, is the 11.9 acres has road frontage on County Route 17, the 18 acres is land locked. The benefit of the 18 acres is it backs up to the Town’s gravel pit, which will give the Town access from there. After further discussion, Mr. Bader will contact DEC to get additional information on the old dump, Mr. Bader will also review the file given to him by the Town Clerk. At 9:40 am Mr. Bardoun left the meeting.

BERNHARDS BAY WATER:

Mr. Clark and Mr. Powers were in to help answer questions on the latest questionnaire for the financial closing of the Bernhards Bay Water District. One of the major questions that the board members need to decide is if they want to use the current fund balance in the Bernhards Bay Water District to pay back the general fund the amount that was used to create the district. As of this date there is \$295,534.27 in the Bernhards Bay Water District fund, the amount that is owed to the general fund is \$86,104.96. After discussion it was decided to use the fund balance instead of increasing the loan amount. Mr. Metzger made the motion to use the existing Bernhards Bay Fund Balance to pay back the general fund, seconded by Mr. Moran.

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

Discussion turned to the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town of Constantia and the Town Of West Monroe. Within that agreement there is an equalization statement:

“If at any time the equivalent dwelling unit charge of any aforementioned water district or extension for debt service and hydrant maintenance is less than the then Uniform Equivalent Dwelling Unit Charge for the initial districts, the latter charge shall be levied with the excess revenue applied against the expenses of the initial districts. A revised Uniform Equivalent Dwelling Unit Charge shall then be calculated and applied to the initial water districts and said water district or extension.”

Mr. Moran handed out a comparison to be used as a discussion point. Mr. Colesante does not necessarily agree that this equalization needs to be done because each district uses the previous districts infrastructure. Mr. Clark stated that it was always the intent to service water to Bernhards Bay, the Town just could not get funding for the entire district. Mr. Langey has some additional questions as to how this should happen, Mr. Langey will reach out to Mr. Goodfriend from the bonding agency who has vast experience with these matters.

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Clark brought with him an engineering service proposal for a backflow prevention at the highway garage. This is a requirement for OCWA to supply water to the highway garage. Mr. Colesante made the motion to authorize Supervisor Mosley to sign the agreement for \$1,700, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

BUDGET:

Increase General Fund A1420.4 Attorney CE from \$10,000 to \$35,000.

Mr. Clark was asked about the sewer if there are any outstanding invoices that might need to be held over and paid in 2021. Mr. Clark indicated that \$10,000 to \$20,000 will be sufficient, the board members decided on \$15,000 for the sewer district in 2021.

ADJOURN:

At 11:00 am, the meeting adjourned.