

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING - TOWN BOARD – February 15, 2023
4:00 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Frank Tomaino – Town Supervisor
Ronald Chapman, Richard Colesante, John Metzger, Thomas Moran – Council Members
Clare Haynes – Town Clerk
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent
Paul Baxter – Tug Hill Commission

CALL TO ORDER:

At 4:00 pm Mr. Tomaino called the special meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss spending ideas for the ARPA Funds.

ARPA FUNDS:

Sprinklers - Mr. Woolridge met with Davis Ulmer for a sprinkler estimate at the highway garage. The estimate for materials and installation is \$205,000. Mr. Woolridge expects another quote from Metallo Automatic Sprinkler Company shortly. Mr. Tomaino had the annual review with the Town's insurance carrier during the review Mr. Tomaino asked if there would be a savings once the sprinklers are installed. Ms. Juliana stated that the installation of sprinklers do not net a lot of a savings. Mr. Woolridge is surprised, he really thought there would be a savings. Mr. Metzger asked if it is really worth the outlay of funds, Mr. Woolridge is unsure. Mr. Colesante asked why the mixed emotions for the sprinklers? Mr. Woolridge stated that the County highway garage does not have sprinklers and does not believe any town highway garages in the County have them either. Mr. Woolridge responded that it is one of those things, if something happened then the Town would wish they had them. It is just so costly. Mr. Colesante asked if the highway garage is structurally sound, would the Town be putting money into a building that is not worth it. Mr. Woolridge said the building is in good shape. Mr. Tomaino asked what would happen if the trucks were destroyed, right now trucks are two years out and the Town has 5 trucks. Mr. Woolridge responded that other Towns and the County would step in to help. Mr. Moran responded that there will never be an opportunity like this again, the Town would never be able to budget for something like this. If this expenditure is accepted there will be around \$149,000 left for other projects.

Mill Street - Mr. Tomaino stated that the Mill St. project is a top priority, board members agree. Mr. Woolridge told the board that the blocks and caps will be \$22,000, a total of \$45,000 with asphalt and labor. Mr. Metzger asked about CHIPs funding, Mr. Woolridge responded that yes the asphalt can be charged to CHIPs but what is used out of CHIPs lowers what can be spent on paving roads.

Generator – Mr. Woolridge found a used 25kw generator for \$5,500, Mr. Woolridge reached out to Mr. Asmus owner of North Shore Electric,, who does electrical work for the Town. Mr. Asmus indicated that is the right size for the highway department. Mr. Asmus told Mr. Woolridge that with his discount can get a new generator with switch installed for \$8,500. The board told Mr. Woolridge that they would approve the purchase of a new generator at that price.

Equipment – At budget time \$35,000 was set aside from ARPA funds for the purchase of a sewer jet. Mr. Woolridge is still looking for one.

Fuel Island – More information is needed for a fuel island, Mr. Woolridge would like to get one that can cover each employee and vehicle. This could be expanded to include the fire department. Mr. Woolridge believes \$50,000. Ms. Butler has spoken to Mr. Tomaino about the one that Amboy purchased, Mr. Tomaino will get the contact number, Ms. Butler indicated that their equipment was closer to \$12,000.

David C. Webb Park at Taft Bay – Mr. Woolridge had the following ideas, Mr. Tomaino asked if these ideas came from Mrs. Zehr, Chairman for the park. Mr. Woolridge responded no, he will be attending the park and recreation meeting in March.

- Entrance to the park needs to be paved along with the parking lot, they have both deteriorated \$25,000. Discussion on using CHIPs for this project. Mr. Woolridge reminded the board that if CHIPs is used that is less that will be available to pave the roads.
- Barriers for the park - \$15,000 for the barriers, \$39,600 installed. These barriers would be installed the entire way down the driveway, hopefully to keep cars off the grass. After discussion this is not a priority.
- Basketball/Tennis Courts – Both of these areas need to be resurfaced, the area is 130x110. The small roller will need to be rented, \$5,000 for a week Mr. Woolridge believes it will only take a few days so rental could be as low as \$1,500 an additional \$7,000 for asphalt, \$12,000 for this project. This is a priority as the courts are deteriorating.
- Fence – The fence around the basketball and tennis courts are in bad shape, Mr. Woolridge will be meeting with the fencing company for quotes to remove the fence while the area is being resurfaced and then reinstalled, either with new fencing or with the current fence. More information when it is received.
- Pavilion roofs are in good shape - removed from the list.

- Mower – Mr. Woolridge does not believe the mower needs to be replaced at this time.

Mr. Colesante would like to add \$8,750 to the list for economic development. Mr. Colesante is working with NORCOG to fund an economic development study. They are working on a grant from the County for \$50,000, \$16,000 from NOCOG the rest will split between West Monroe, Constantia, Village of Cleveland and the Village of Central Square. As the major emphasis is on tourism and Oneida Lake Mr. Colesante is unsure if the Village of Central Square will want to be involved. Mr. Colesante will update the board as more information is received.

Mr. Tomaino wanted to remind the board that the procurement policy must be followed for all the purchases and projects.

Ms. Butler did give to the board members the memo from Laberge outlining the time frame for ARPA. The Town must allocate the funds by 12/2024 and all funds must be spent by 12/2026.

ADJOURN:

At 5:22 pm the meeting adjourned.