TOWN OF CONSTANTIA

MINUTES –BUDGET MEETING – October 18, 2023

3:00 pm Constantia Town Hall

Present: Frank Tomaino - Supervisor

Ronald Chapman, Richard Colesante, Thomas Moran, John Metzger– Council Members

Clare Haynes – Town Clerk

Nancy Butler – Bookkeeper

CALL TO ORDER:

At 3:00 pm Mr. Tomaino called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

2024 BUDGET GENERAL FUNDS:

Mr. Tomaino told the board this is the third meeting on the budget, all changes have been made as requested at the last meetings.

A1620.2 Building EQ (Cap Improvement) was increased to $150,000. Ms. Butler handed out a balance sheet as to where we stand for the property at 1667 State Route 49, it is as follows:

10/18/2023 Balance in A1620.2	$373,583.
Minus balance due for purchase	$240,000.
Minus Real Estate Fee	$ 17,500.
Remaining Balance	$116,083. (Attorney Fees Unknown)

1667 State Route 49 – Renovation Funds:

A1620.2 Balance	$116,083.
American Rescue Funds Balance	$198,089.
2024 Budget A1620.2	$150,000.
Total Amount for Renovation	$464,172.

Using $198,089 will zero out the American Rescue Funds. The question was raised about the economic study funds that were set aside for NorCog, must subtract out $4,000-$5,000 as that has yet to be billed.

A1990.4 Contingency was lowered to $50,000. as suggested at the last meeting to help with any changes from the last meeting.

A3620.11 Code Enforcement PS1 – this line should have been decreased to 3%, all agreed, Ms. Butler will make the necessary change.

A7020.1 Park and Recreation Administration should have been decreased to $4,000., Ms. Butler will make the change.

A9060.8 Hospital & Medical Insurance – Ms. Butler received notice of increase, was not as bad as anticipated.

Mr. Metzger asked about a line for cemeteries, Ms. Butler realized that Mr. Baxter did not include this line. The cemetery line will be funded with $5,000.

After discussion about North Shore Ambulance on their requested increase the board would like Mr. Tomaino request they attend the next scheduled budget meeting on October 25th at 3pm.

All board members want to stay below the tax cap, Ms. Butler will make the necessary changes and stay below the tax cap if possible.

ADJOURN:

At 4:02 pm the meeting adjourned.