

A Public Meeting for the Town of Constable was held on October 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Constable Town Hall. Members present were Councilman Wilson and Patterson, Councilwoman Lemire, Supervisor Onufer, Town Clerk Prue, Highway Superintendent Martin, Councilman Leahy was absent. The purpose for the public meeting was to discuss and approve the budget for 2020.

Guests present were Brendan McDonough, Malone Telegram, Jim Lester, Tax Assessor, Diane Wisnesky. Constable Town Justice and Dalton Patterson, Tech/Web.

Jim Lester asked why in the budget it is called tax assessors. He requested that it be changed to property assessor. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Wilson to make this change for the 2021 budget year, motion carried.

Supervisor Onufer read the following resolution for the Justice Court Grant into the minutes.

Office of Justice Court Support
Justice Court Assistance Program
187 Wolf Road, Suite 103
Albany, NY 12205

At a regular monthly meeting for the Town of Constable, Town Board, held on October 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall, a motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Wilson for Resolution #10-2019 which reads as follows:

“The Town of Constable Town Board authorizes the Town of Constable Justice Court to apply for a grant with JCAP in the 2019-2020 grant cycle in the amount of \$30,000.00. The purpose of which is, the Town of Constable is building a new town hall at the project cost of \$453,000.00 and the Justice Court will have new offices in the new town hall and the \$30,000.00 grant funds will be used solely in the new Justice Court Office”, A roll call vote was taken:

Councilwoman Lemire – Yes
Councilman Leahy – Absent
Councilman Patterson - Yes
Councilman Wilson – Yes
Motion carried.

Highway bills were audited and approved #111 - #123, motion carried.

Capital Projects bills were audited and approved #12, motion carried.

General Fund bills were audited and approved #188 - #204, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilman Wilson to adjourn the public meeting at 7:30 pm, motion carried.

The regular monthly meeting for the Town of Constable was opened at 7:30. Member present were Councilman Wilson and Patterson, Councilwoman Lemire, Supervisor Onufer, Town Clerk Prue, Highway Superintendent Martin. Councilman Leahy and Code Officer Halley were absent.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire, seconded by Councilman Wilson to accept minutes from the September 12, 2019 meeting, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilman Wilson to accept the 2020 Preliminary Budget and approve as the actual 2020 Budget, motion carried. Roll call on vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Lemire - Yes
Councilman Leahy - Absent
Councilman Patterson - Yes
Councilman Wilson - Yes

CODE OFFICER

Code Officer Halley was absent.

Supervisor Onufer reported that the OYA Solar Project has been approved.

Supervisor Onufer reported a proposal had been received from Helios Solar that if the Town will cut the necessary trees at the old landfill in preparation for the possible Solar Farm, Helios will mow and plow. This was discussed by all board members present but no decision was made.

HIGHWAY

Supervisor Onufer reported receipt of \$28,425.54 from the NYS DOT Grant on Stebbins Road for work that has been completed. There is approximately \$27,000.00 left on this grant.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Patterson to have all the Town Trucks oiled again this year, motion carried.

Metal dumpster is still at the Highway Garage.

Supervisor Onufer reported receipt of \$27,284.98 in CHIPS Funds.

Supervisor Onufer reported receipt of \$17,372.84 from Pave NY.

Supervisor Onufer reported receipt of \$14,702.19 from Winter Recovery Funds.

Highway Superintendent Martin reported that he has registered the truck for the 2011 truck engine law suit.

Highway Superintendent Martin gave his fuel usage report for August and September 2019.

Highway Superintendent Martin reported on work that has been done on the Stebbins Road and Cargin Road.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Patterson for Highway Budget Amendment #7-2019

\$8,817.60 from Account # DA5130.1 Machinery Personal Service
\$8,817.60 to Account #DA5110.1 General Repairs Personal Service

\$579.79 from Account #DA5130.2 Machinery Equipment
\$579.79 to Account #DA5112.2 Imp. Capital Outlay

\$5.80 from Account #DA5110.4 General Repairs – Contractual Exp.
\$5.80 to Account #DA5140.4 Brush & Weeds Cont. Exp.

Motion carried.

Supervisors Report for the September Highway Fund presented for all board members to review. Motion made by Councilwoman Lemire, seconded by Councilman Patterson to accept the Supervisor's Highway report, motion carried.

REC PARK

Supervisor Onufer reported that someone left an orange bicycle at the park and it is locked up.

Supervisor Onufer reported that he has had the phone shut down for the winter.

WEB

Dalton gave his report for work done September on the Website and computer system.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Wilson to accept Dalton's report, motion carried.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Supervisor Onufer reported that the contractor has submitted an application for payment in the amount of \$70,300.00. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Patterson to approve payment, motion carried.

Supervisors Report for the September Capital Projects Fund was presented for all board members to review. Motion made by Councilman Patterson, seconded by Councilman Wilson to accept the Supervisor's Capital Projects Fund report, motion carried.

Town Justice

Supervisor Onufer reported Justice Wisnesky court fees collected for August were, \$694.00 a voucher from the Justice Court Fund in the amount of \$554.00 was received and the town's portion was \$95.00. Justice Wisnesky turned over \$1,102.00 for September and no voucher has been received from the Justice Court Fund yet.

Town Clerk

Motion made by Councilman Patterson seconded by Councilman Wilson to accept the Town Clerk's Report, motion carried.

Assessor

There will be a public meeting for the Town of Constable Town Board, on Local Law #1-2019 Re: Assessor, at the November 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

The proposed local law #1-2019, for elected assessor, was read, in its entirety, into the minutes by Supervisor Onufer. It reads as follows:

Town of Constable

Local Law No. 1 of 2019

A LOCAL LAW "ESTABLISHING A SINGLE ELECTED ASSESSOR"

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Constable as follows.

- § 1. Legislative Intent.**
- § 2. Abolition of the Offices of the Board of three elected assessors.**
- § 3. Appointment**

§ 4. Term of Office

§ 5. Qualifications

§ 6. Inconsistency

§ 7. Severability

§ 8. No Referendum

§ 9. Effective Date

§10. Numerical Lettering Designations

§1. Legislative intent:

To establish the office of a single elected assessor pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §329. It is the intent of this local law to abolish the board of three elected assessors in the Town of Constable and to substitute, therefore, a single elected assessor to be appointed pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §310

§2. Abolition of the Offices of the Board of three elected assessors.

The offices of the three elected assessors as previously established and continued by the Town of Constable are hereby abolished effective _____, 2019.

§3. Appointment:

In place and stead of the board of three elected assessors, the Town of Constable shall have one (1) single assessor to be elected. Such initial terms of office will be from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2025.

§4. Term of Office:

The term of office for said elected assessor shall be six (6) years, with the current term being October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2025.

§5. Qualifications:

The qualifications for the office of elected assessor shall be the minimum qualifications and standards set by the State Board of Equalization and Assessment as of the date of appointment to the office.

§6. Inconsistency:

All other laws and ordinances of the Town of Constable that are inconsistent with the provisions of this local law are hereby repealed, provided however, that such repeal shall only be to the extent of such inconsistency and in all other respects this local law shall be in addition to such other local laws or ordinances regulating and governing the subject matter covered by this local law.

§7. Severability:

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part of this local law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such judgement shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, words, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgement shall have been rendered.

§8. No Referendum:

This local law shall not be subject to a referendum

§9. Effective Date:

This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

§10. Numerical/Lettering Designations:

The chapter designation and numerical/lettering designations of the sections and article(s) included in this local law shall be delegated to the discretion of General Code Publishers, which may renumber the chapter, sections, and article(s) included in this local law as necessary to accommodate incorporation of this local law in the Code of the Town of Constable.

Town Clerk to put the legal notice in the Telegram.

GENERAL

Supervisor Onufer reported receipt of the Dog Control Inspection Report from the NYS Ag & Mkts. That was completed on October 3, 2019. According to the report DCO services were marked as satisfactory.

Supervisor Onufer reported that the Comptroller's Office stating that our environment fiscal stress report is the same as last year at 6.7%.

Supervisor Onufer presented the North Country Life Flight Contract, which reads as follows, for approval by the board.

WHEREAS: North Country Life Flight, Inc. is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation which is responsible for all aspects of patient care by providing medical equipment, training medical personnel and administering the medical portion utilizing the New York State Police helicopter based in Saranac Lake; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Police aviation resources do not provide a medically trained team or medical equipment for patient transports; and

WHEREAS: The people of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton and St. Lawrence Counties receive a vital emergency medical service which is free of charge to critically ill and seriously injured parties, and, therefore municipal governments are asked to pledge monies for this worthwhile program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Constable hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a contract with North Country Life Flight, Inc. for the purpose of operating the medical component of the medivac program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$500.00 which represents the Town's share for 2020; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: The sum of \$500.00 is hereby appropriated to Account No. 4540.4 for payment to North Country Life Flight, Inc.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilwoman Lemire to approve Resolution #11-2019 North Country Life Flight, Inc. 2020 Contract.

The Constable Adult Center has not reached a decision on purchasing the entire Town Hall Building. They are checking out to see what the Insurance will cost.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman Patterson to replace the window in the Women's bathroom for a cost of \$600.00, motion carried.

Supervisor Onufer reported that the Board of Ethics is complete and consists of the following people:

Teresa Robideau
Clyde Wilson
Harold Phillips

A motion was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilwoman Lemire for Budget Amendment #7-2019 for the General Fund, motion carried.

\$107.47 from Account # A7310.1 Youth Program Pers. Serv. Lifeguards
\$107.47 to Account #A1110.4 Justice Contractual Exp.

\$232.57 from Account #A7310.1 Youth Program Pers. Serv. Lifeguards
\$232.57 to Account #A1620.4 Town Hall – Cont. Exp. Until & Supplies

\$114.63 from A7310.1 Youth Program Pers. Serv. Lifeguards
\$114.63 to 7110.4 Parks – Capital Projects.

NY Class Account for September presented for all board members to review.

Trial Balance for September presented for all board members to review.

Supervisors Report for the September General Fund presented for all board members to review. A motion was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman Patterson to approve the September Supervisors Report, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Lemire at 9:45 P.M., seconded by Councilman Patterson, motion carried.