

A public Hearing for the Town Board of Constable was held on March 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Town Office. Members present were Councilwoman Lemire, Councilmen Wilson and Patterson, Supervisor Onufer, Town Clerk Prue, Highway Superintendent Martin (via phone conference call) and Code Officer Halley. Councilman Leahy was absent.

This public hearing was for the new HUD Grant. The public hearing was done through remote access using Go-To Meeting. F.O.T.N.C. Representative was Melissa Furnia. The following letter was read and signed by Supervisor Onufer.

The purpose of this letter is to establish an agreement between the Town of Constable and Friends of the North Country, Inc., to assist the Town to apply to NYS Homes and Community Renewal for CDBG Housing Rehabilitation funds; non-profits have come under great scrutiny and stringent audit practices over the last several years and it has become necessary to have a written agreement in place to establish a basis for billing/invoicing.

Friends proposes a lump-sum fee-for-services of \$1,450.00 to help cover costs incurred such as; interview prospective grantees, gather, analyze, and prepare data to demonstrate need and impact of the town's application, visit random sites to illustrate the need for housing rehabilitation in the Town, and to complete the application itself – to be submitted on time via the NYS HCR Community Development Online system. While the proposed fee does not compare to the actual costs necessary to prepare the application, it would help us greatly by supporting our unrestricted funds pool.

Friends out-of-pocket expenses incurred for the application are to be reimbursed or paid directly to the vendor(s) by the town. Those costs may include, but not limited to paper, printing, postage, copies, envelopes, etc.

The town accepts the proposal (above) as indicate by the signature below.

No Constable residents were present for the hearing and board members discussed and had any questions answered by Melissa Furnia.

A motion was made at 7:10 pm by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Patterson to close the public hearing, motion carried.

Regular meeting opened at 7:10 pm by Supervisor Onufer.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilwoman Lemire to accept the minutes from the February 2021 Public and Regular meeting, motion carried.

Code Officer

Gordie went over his report that covered the time period of 01/25/2021 – 03/08/2021.

Solar Projects: OYA, Supervisor Onufer reported that he has checked with the Association of Towns for Towns with a Pilot Program and their schedule of payments and due dates.

Helios Solar Project: may be on hold.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman Patterson to accept the Code Officer's report for 01/25/2021 – 03/08/2021, motion carried.

WEB/TECH

Dalton was absent. Supervisor Onufer read his report for February and a motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Wilson to accept Dalton's report, motion carried with Councilman Patterson abstaining from this vote.

OLD TOWN HALL

Supervisor Onufer reported that Mr. Brusco has filed a business plan and the bank has begun processing his loan. A motion was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman Patterson to allow the sale of the old town hall to proceed, motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Martin gave his Fuel Usage report up to February 2021.

Supervisor Onufer reported receipt of \$30,224.82 which represents Franklin County's first payment for the Snow & Ice Contract.

All board members present discussed whether to rebuild or replace the collapsed Salt Shed at the Highway Garage.

Navistar – nothing new to report.

Stebbins Road - nothing new to report.

Historic Marker tabled till Spring.

Mower has been purchased.

Supervisor Onufer presented the Highway Dept. Fund Monthly Statement for February 2021 for all board members to review. A motion was made by Councilman

Patterson and seconded by Councilman Wilson to accept the Highway Dept. Fund Monthly Statement, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilman Wilson to approved Highway Superintendent Martin's February report, motion carried.

Highway Dept. bills were audited and approved #11 - #25.

Capital Improvement

Supervisor Onufer reported that the floor plugs have been received and installed in the Justice Courtroom.

Order has been placed for the dedication plaque.

Supervisor Onufer asked permission to get prices for a floor scrubber a motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Patterson giving Supervisor permission, motion carried.

Supervisor Onufer presented the Capital Improvement Fund Monthly Statement for February 2021 for all board members to review. A motion was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilwoman Lemire to accept the Capital Projects Fund Monthly Statement, motion carried.

Capital Improvements bills were audited and approved #1 - #2.

Town Justice

Supervisor Onufer reported that Justice Wisnesky turned in funds in the amount of \$842.00 for February 2021, no voucher from the Justice Court has been received yet.

Grant for alarm system was not approved but they advised to apply again for the next round of grant funding.

TOWN CLERK

Town clerk turned in \$203.00 for the month of February 2021. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Patterson to accept the Town Clerk's Report, motion carried.

HUD

Following the closing of the Public Hearing the following Resolution was also approved.

On a motion by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Patterson for Resolution #5-2021 which reads as follows:

I hereby certify that, at a Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Constable, a Municipality with offices at 15964 State Route 30N, Constable, NY 12926, duly called a (quorum being present) and held at the Town of Constable Office, in the Town of Constable, County of Franklin and State of New York, on February 11, 2021, the following resolution was duly adopted and is now in full force and effect;

WHEREAS, this Town Board hereby authorizes the Town's participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Administered by New York State Homes and Community Renewal; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Friends of the North Country, Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, is hereby authorized to assist the Town to prepare and submit an application to New York State Homes and Community Renewal for the purposes of Community Development within the town's jurisdiction, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Town Board does hereby adopt the Abbreviated Consolidated Plan, the Citizen Participation Plan and the Anti-Displacement Plan for the purposes of the CDBG application and program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of the Abbreviated Consolidated Plan, the Citizen Participation Plan and the Anti-Displacement Plan be retained at the Town Office by the Town Clerk of the Town of Constable, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign and execute associated documentation for the aforementioned NYS Homes and Community Renewal CDBG Application.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as Town Clerk of the Town of Constable, on this 11th day of March 2021.

Motion carried.

Supervisor Onufer reported receipt of a discharge of mortgage for the J. & L.B. HUD Grant.

General

Supervisor Onufer reported he participated in a Webinar presented by Senator Chuck Schumer.

Supervisor Onufer reported he participated in a Webinar with the Association of Towns with regards to the AIMS funds.

Supervisor Onufer reported that the CHIPS funds have been restored back to normal.

Supervisor Onufer reported receipt of \$14.21 from Ambit Energy.

Supervisor Onufer reported receipt of 2021 pilot check in the amount of \$702.84
RE: Burchacon Housing.

Supervisor Onufer reported that the Franklin County Board of Elections has requested to use the Town Hall for the next election.

Supervisor Onufer reported that there will be a Sex Abuse and Discrimination webinar on March 15, 2021 at 5:00 pm and any employees or elected officials who haven't already taken the training for 2021 need to participate in this training.

Savings Statements for February 2021 was presented for all board members to review.

Trial Balance for February 2021 was presented for all board members to review.

A motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilman Wilson for Budget Amendment #1-2021 for the General Fund, motion carried.

\$345.00 from Account #A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance
\$345.00 to Account #A1910.41 Fire Dept. Cancer Ins.

Supervisor Onufer presented the General Fund Monthly Statement for February 2021 for all board members to review. A motion was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilwoman Lemire to accept the General Fund Monthly Statement, motion carried.

General Bills were audited and approved. #26- #52

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Lemire, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Susan Prue, Constable Town Clerk