

A Re-Organizational meeting for the Town Board of Constable was held on January 10, 2019 in the Town Office. Members present were Councilwoman Lemire, Councilmen Wilson, Leahy and Patterson, Supervisor Onufer, Code Officer Halley and Town Clerk Prue. Highway Superintendent Martin was absent.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Lemire for the following appointments for the year 2019, motion carried.

Deputy Town Supervisor	Melanie Lemire
Deputy Town Clerk	None
Deputy Highway Superintendent	John Mallette
Code Enforcement Officer	Gordie Halley
Health Officer	Lori Tulip, RN
Chairman of Board of Assessors	James H. Lester, Jr.
Town Constable	Bernard Harte
Town Historian	Martha Gardner
Town Attorney	Matthew McArdle
Dog Control Officer	NCAS
Newspaper	Malone Telegram
Grievance Board	Timothy Leahy, Chairman
5 year term	Term expires 2019
	Wellington "Joe" Lewis
	Term expires 2022
	Bernard Martin
	Term Expires 2020

Registrar of Vital Statistics	Town Clerk
Records Management Officer	Town Clerk

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire, seconded by Councilman Leahy for the following Committee's for the year 2019, motion carried.

Recreation Park	All Board Members
	Chairman, Co-Chairman
	No one at this time

Land Fill	All Board Members
	Councilman Wilson, Chairman

Building & General	All Board Members
	Councilman Wilson, Chairman
	Supervisor Onufer, Co-Chairman

Highway

All Board Members  
Councilman Wilson, Chairman  
Councilman Patterson, Co-Chairman

Capital Improvement

Supervisor Onufer, Chairman  
Councilman Wilson, Co-Chairman  
Mike Shea, Harold Phillips, James  
Lester, Town Assessor and Stan Tulip

A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Lemire for the following Financial Institutions for the year 2019, motion carried.

General & Highway Fund - Checking	Community National Bank
General & Highway Savings	NY Class Account
Trust & Agency	Community National Bank
Highway & General Fund Capital Improvement-Savings - NY Class Account	NY Class Account
Recreation Park Capital Improvement	NY Class Account

A motion was made by Councilman Patterson, seconded by Councilwoman Lemire allowing the Town Supervisor to pay Budget Bills, Malone Telegram, Utilities, Postage, Expense bills, Self-Insurance and "Association of Town's", a Publication received by all Town Board members, and the new credit card, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire, seconded by Councilman Wilson, regarding keeping the regular Town Board meeting night on the second Thursday of each month with the meetings starting at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilson seconded by Councilman Leahy, regarding allowing the Highway Superintendent to have funds of \$5,000.00 made available to him for emergency spending, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire, seconded by Councilman Wilson, for the mileage rate to be \$.48 per mile, with the starting point being the town hall and return to the town hall, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire, seconded by Councilman Wilson to accept the wages of elected town officials as stated in the 2019 budget, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Leahy to accept the wages of town highway department employees as stated in the union contract, motion carried.

On a motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Lemire for the "Guidelines for Town Officials & Employees", Motion carried.

Room Fee - \$80.00 - \$100.00 per night  
Meal Allowance – Breakfast - \$8.00  
Lunch - \$10.00  
Dinner - \$20.00

On a motion by Councilman Patterson, seconded by Councilman Wilson, for Resolution #1-2019 regarding Supervisor Onufer and Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Lemire ability to sign checks for Community Bank, and authorize to withdraw and contribute to the NY Class Account, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the Re-Organizational meeting was made by Councilman Patterson, seconded by Councilwoman Lemire, meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM, motion carried.

Regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM by Supervisor Onufer.

Guests present were Town Justice Diane Wisnesky, Jim Lester, Dalton Patterson and Frank DiFiore, Telegram

On a motion by Councilman Leahy, seconded by Councilman Wilson to accept the minutes from the 12/14/17 meeting, motion carried.

On a motion by Councilman Leahy, seconded by Councilman Wilson to accept the minutes from the 12/27/17 meeting, motion carried.

**Annual Audit Cashbooks and Ledgers for Town Justice, Town Clerk, Town Supervisor and Code Officer.**

Justice Wisnesky, Town Justice, presented her cashbook for all board members present to review. This was reviewed and signed by all board members present. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire, seconded by Councilman Wilson to accept cashbook from Justice Wisnesky, motion carried.

Town Clerk presented her cash receipt book for all board members present to review. Cash receipt books was reviewed and signed by all board members present. A motion was made by Councilman Patterson, seconded by Councilman Leahy to accept Town Clerks cash receipt book, motion carried.

Supervisor Onufer, presented the general ledgers for the General Fund and the Highway Fund for all board members present to review. General Ledgers were reviewed and signed by all board members presents. A motion was made by Councilman Patterson, seconded by Councilman Leahy to accept both ledgers, motion carried.

Code Officer Gordon Halley presented his checkbook and year-end report for all board members present to review. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire, seconded

Councilman Wilson by to accept Code Officers check book and yearend report, motion carried.

**TOWN CLERK**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Leahy to accept the Town Clerk’s Report, motion carried.

**Code Officer**

Code Officer Halley reported with regards to the Taylor Rd. property that he hasn’t been by the property in a couple of weeks. With regards to the Miller Road Property, he has found a new address and has sent paperwork out to them.

Supervisor Onufer advised Gordie that he needs to be letting the Franklin County Treasurers office know about any homes affected by fire.

The OYA Solar Project is being worked on and Solar Panels will use approximately 37 acres.

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Constable, held on January 10, 2019, the following resolution was passed and reads as follows:

A motion was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman Patterson for Resolution #2-2019 “State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Negative Declaration, Notice of Determination of Non-Significance”, motion carried. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Wilson	Yes
Councilman Patterson	Yes
Councilwoman Lemire	Abstained
Councilman Leahy	Yes

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article #8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The Town of Constable, as lead agency, has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant environmental impact and a Draft Impact Statement will not be prepared.

**Name of Action:**

OYA State Route 122-A Community Distributed Generation (CDG)

**SEQR Status**

Unlisted

**Conditioned Negative Declaration:**

No

**Description of Action:**

OYA Solar NY, L.P. plans to construct a solar energy facility on an approximately 37 acre portion of a 140.9 acre parcel located in the Town of Constable, Franklin County, New York. The maximum height of the solar panels above ground is approximately 10 feet. The solar arrays will be secured by an 8 foot high perimeter chain link fence. A gravel access road will be constructed as an extension of an existing property access road and will be used to access the arrays for construction and maintenance.

**Location:**

1436 State Route 122, Constable, NY 12926.

**Reasons Supporting This Determination:**

The proposed construction of solar arrays will not conflict with zoning regulations, impair the quality of the existing community, will not increase traffic or energy use, will not increase the potential for erosion, flooding, or drainage problems, and will not create a hazard to human health.

For Further Information:

Contact Person: Gordon A. Halley  
Address: 892 State Route 122, P.O. 39, Constable, NY 12926  
Telephone Number: 518-481-6113

Thank you,

Gordon Halley, Code Officer  
Town of Constable

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Leahy to accept the Code Officer's report for 12/12/2018 – 01/09/2019, motion carried.

**Capital Improvement**

Resumes from Councilman Leahy and Councilman Wilson have been sent to Brooks Washburn and Rural Development.

Dalton Patterson presented the contract for Computer Tech. Support, building and maintaining the website. Copies were made for each board member, excluding Councilman Patterson, to read. A motion was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilwoman Lemire giving Supervisor Onufer permission to sign the contract, motion carried. Councilman Patterson abstained from this vote.

## **Town Justice**

Supervisor Onufer reported that Justice Wisnesky turned in funds in the amount of \$1,377.00 for December 2018 no voucher from the Justice Court has been received yet.

## **Rec Park**

Councilman Wilson presented a contract from R&S Electrical Services for the following work to be done at the Rec Park.

Replace old 100 amp panel with new 100 amp panel, replace all devices with new spec. grade. Add 2 new circuit pumps, 16 @ \$75.00 - \$1,200.00

Material – New panel, devices, breakers, pipe, wire, etc.1 @\$850.00

Total \$2050.00

A motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilwoman Lemire to accept this contract and to begin work ASAP, motion carried. Councilman Wilson abstained from the vote.

## **HUD**

Nothing new to report

## **Highway**

In the absence of Highway Superintendent Martin, Supervisor Onufer reported the NYS Snow & Ice Contract for 2018-2019 was received on December 31, 2018.

Due to Highway Superintendent Martin being absent, no Fuel Usage report was given.

A motion was made by Councilman Leahy and seconded by Councilman Patterson to send Highway Superintendent Martin to the MSHA Training, motion carried.

On a motion by, Councilman Leahy, seconded by Councilwoman Lemire for budget amendment #8-2018 Highway Fund. Motion Carried

\$12,544.21 from Account #DA 5148.4 Serv. for other govt. Cont. Exp.

\$ 432.01 to DA 5110.4 Gen. Rep. Cont. Exp.

\$ 2,082.21 to DA 5112.2 Imp. Capital Outlay

\$ 4,288.80 to DA 5130.1 Mach. Pers. Serv.

\$ 920.00 to DA 5130.4 Mach. Cont. Exp.

\$ 128.19 to DA 5140.4 Misc. Brush/Weeds Cont. Exp.

\$ 883.79 to DA 5148.1 Snow Rem. Other Govt. Pers. Serv.

\$ 283.73 to DA 9030.8 Emp. Ben. Social Security  
\$ 3,525.48 to DA 9060.8 Emp. Ben. Hosp.-Med. Ins.

Supervisor Onufer presented the Highway Dept. Fund Monthly Statement for December 2018 for all board members to review. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Patterson to accept the Highway Dept. Fund Monthly Statement, motion carried.

Highway Dept. bills were audited and approved #170 - #192.

## **ASSESSOR**

Jim Lester has not found anyone yet to fill the vacancy.

## **General**

Savings Statements for December 2018 were presented for all board members to review.

Code of Ethics – Tabled

Supervisor Onufer reported that the \$950.00 has been received from the Franklin County Youth Bureau.

Supervisor Onufer presented request from Andrew Campanella, President of the National School Choice Week to pass a resolution in support of “National School Choice Week”, a motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Wilson for this resolution, motion carried and it reads as follows:

Resolution #3-2019

Constable School Choice Week

WHEREAS all children in Constable should have access to the highest quality education possible; and

WHEREAS Constable recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in Constable to be successful adults; and,

WHEREAS quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Constable; and,

WHEREAS Constable is home to a multitude of high quality public and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home; and,

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

WHEREAS Constable has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and,

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, do hereby recognize January 20 – 26, 2019 as Constable School Choice Week, and we call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

Constable Town Board

Supervisor Onufer presented the General Fund Monthly Statement for December 2018 for all board members to review. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Wilson to accept the Highway Dept. Fund Monthly Statement, motion carried.

Supervisor Onufer reported that he filled out a survey from the NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets with regards to the North Country Animal Shelter and returned to NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets.

Supervisor Onufer presented the 2019 Statement of Taxes and Equalization Rates.

Supervisor Onufer reported that a schedule needs to be set up for a Councilperson to do a monthly audit of the General & Highway Fund Bank Reconciliation. It was decided that this could be done 10 minutes before each monthly meeting.

On a motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Lemire for a budget amendment #08-2018 General Fund.

\$208.05 from Account #A 1330.4 Tax Collector Cont. Exp.  
\$ 35.94 from Account #A 1330.4 Tax Collector Cont. Exp.  
\$497.45 from Account #A 1330.4 Tax Collector Cont. Exp.  
\$ 202.12 from Account #A 1620.2 Cent. Garage Cont. Exp.  
\$ 652.52 from Account #A 1990.4 Contingent

\$208.05 to Account #A 1355.4 Tax Assessor Cont. Exp.  
\$ 35.94 to Account #A 1410.4 Town Clerk Cont. Exp.  
\$ 497.45 to Account #A 1620.4 Central Garage Cont. Exp..  
\$202.12 to Account #A 5132.2 Garage Equip. Exp.  
\$652.52 to Account #A 5132.4 Garage Cont. Exp.

Motion carried.



General Bills were audited and approved. #221 - #253

On a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Lemire, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm,

Susan Prue, Constable Town Clerk