

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA  
**MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING - TOWN BOARD – January 25, 2023**  
4:30 pm Constantia Town Hall

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

Absent: Frank Tomaino – Town Supervisor

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 4:30 pm Mr. Moran 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:**

Mr. Tomaino called this meeting to discuss spending the remaining ARPA funds. As a requirement of receiving the funds the Town must put in place a spending plan. Mrs. Butler supplied a listing of the funds both received and spent up to date:

ARPA received:	\$421,639.75
Spent:	
Northshore Ambulance	\$ 49,648.00
Laberge Engineering	\$ 377.25
Deluxe (Checks)	\$ 211.81
Laberge Engineering	\$ 609.98
Advanced iT LLC	<u>\$ 17,201.83</u>
Balance to Date	\$353,590.88

Discussion started on the voucher submitted at the January town board meeting for Woodford Brothers. The voucher is to encapsulate the crawl space at the town hall. Mr. Tomaino in the past had indicated he would like to use the town hall special reserve as there is sufficient funds and to support the town hall is what the fund was originally set up for, Mr. Chapman agrees. Mr. Moran and Mr. Metzger would like to use ARPA Funds after further discussion it was noted that a decision does not need to be made at this meeting. Mrs. Haynes indicated that a decision will need to be made before the next town board meeting as a clarification needs to be made as to where the voucher will be charged to.

After discussion the following ideas were listed, a few of the ideas will need confirmation of estimates:

Highway equipment purchase originally agreed upon at the budget meeting:	\$35,000
Mills Street project	\$25,000
Backup generator for highway garage	TBD
Resurface tennis courts at town park	TBD
Road barriers for the town park	TBD
Mower to town park	\$18,000
Replace pavilion roofs	TBD
Sprinkler system for highway garage	\$200,000+/-
Gas island for the highway garage	\$50,000

As Mr. Mura was in attendance, he was asked about the quotes the VFW received for generator purchase, Mr. Mura remembers the middle range was \$20,000. The VFW did request funds from ARPA for monies towards the purchase of a backup generator. Mr. Mura stated that any help the Town could give the VFW would be great but all of the ideas discussed today are worthwhile.

Mr. Metzger believes some of the projects are too big to get done within the time frame as outlined by ARPA guidelines. The board would like to know a bit more of what the requirements are for spending the ARPA funds. It is believed that Ms. Butler has the information needed by the board as it pertains to deadlines as to when the Town must submit the plan to spend the money and also when the projects need to be completed.

Mr. Woolridge will reach out to vendors for quotes on some of the above projects.

February 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm was set for the next meeting for continued discussion.

**ADJOURN:**

At 5:39pm Mr. Metzger made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Chapman.

Carried: Metzger – Yes Colesante – Yes Chapman – Yes Moran - Yes