A Public Meeting for the Town of Constable was held on October 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Members present were Councilwoman Lemire, Councilmen Leahy, Patterson, and Wilson, Highway Superintendent Martin Supervisor Onufer, Town Clerk Prue.

Guests present was EJ Conzola II, Telegram.

BUDGET

Supervisor Onufer presented the 2021 preliminary budget and went over any line item that changed from 2020. No residents were present to ask questions. Supervisor Onufer reported that the 2021 budget represents a 3.9% decrease from the 2020 budget.

Bills were audited and approved: Highway – 100-102

Bills were audited and approved: Capital Projects – 65

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Patterson to accept the minutes from the September 10, 2020 meeting, motion carried.

CODE OFFICER

Gordie, gave his report for 09/08/2020 – 10/05/2020.

OYA Solar - Progressing

Helios – Progressing

Gordie turned in \$250.00 for the month of September.

A motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilwoman Lemire to accept the Code Officer's report, motion carried.

ASSESSOR

Supervisor Onufer reported that the printer was not working with the Assessors Computer. CST is working on this.

A motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilman Leahy to adopt Local Law #1-2020, changing Grievance Day, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Leahy at 7:41pm to close the public meeting, motion carried.

Regular meeting was called to order by Supervisor Onufer at 7:42 pm.

Members present were Councilwoman Lemire, Councilmen Leahy, Patterson, and Wilson, Highway Superintendent Martin Supervisor Onufer, Town Clerk Prue and Code Officer Halley.

A motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilman Leahy to adopt the 2021 Budget, motion carried.

Vote was as follows:

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

IT/TECHINICAL SUPPORT

CST notified Supervisor Onufer that there have been 10 power outages at the New Town Hall since September 1, 2020 and they are advising that we get a battery backup at a cost of \$285.00. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Wilson authorizing Supervisor Onufer to purchase the battery backup, motion carried. Supervisor Onufer to check with NYSEG to see why this is happening.

Dalton reported that there were not any new comments or complaints on the Facebook page.

Dalton presented his new contract "General Service Agreement with the Town of Constable".

Dalton is going to put a copy of the Proposed 2021 budget and notify residents of the location for voting on our webpage.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Leahy to accept Dalton's report, motion carried with Councilman Patterson abstaining.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Martin gave his fuel usage report.

A motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilman Leahy to accept Larry's report, motion carried.

Supervisor Onufer reported that the Interest Payment on the new Highway Truck in the amount of \$1,634.65 is scheduled to be paid November 1, 2020. A motion was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman Leahy to move the funds from the Capital Projects Savings Account to the Highway Department Fund, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilman Wilson to have Highway Superintendent Martin oil the trucks at the Highway Garage to prevent rust, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Martin reported that the Franklin County Snow & Ice Contract is currently being worked on.

Stebbins Road – Work has been done on the South Side, it was dug up and gravel put down. Larry is going to check and see if there are additional funds available to help with the expense of finishing Stebbins Road.

Sand Pit – Nothing new to report.

Historic Marker – To be placed sometime this week.

Larry reported that there has been no interest from anyone with regards to selling the old truck. The 2006 injector repairs are being done at Fifth Wheel Diesel and a quote was received at \$8,000.00 - \$9,000.00. A motion was made by Councilman Leahy and seconded by Councilman Wilson to move the funds from the Capital Projects – Highway Dept. to the Highway Fund Acct., motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman Leahy for Resolution #19-2020 which reads as follows:

At the regular monthly meeting for the Town Board of the Town of Constable, was duly held at 7:30 pm in such Town on the 8th day of October, 2020 in the Town Offices. Upon the roll call by the Clerk, the following members were present.

Present: Councilwoman Lemire, Councilmen Leahy, Patterson and Wilson, Supervisor Onufer and Town Clerk Prue.

Resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to petition the NYS DOT to establish a 45 mph buffer zone on State Route 30 North between the 35 mph speed limit and the 55 mph speed limit that currently exists and likewise to establish another 45 mph buffer zone on State Route 30 South between the 35 mph speed limit and the 55 mph speed limit that currently exists.

WHEREAS; All municipalities have the right to take necessary actions to support the safety of the property owners of the municipality, and;

WHEREAS: The Town Board of the Town of Constable has been approached by a property owner expressing concern for the safety of local residents in the current 35 mph speed limit area of State Route 30 in Constable, NY, and;

WHEREAS: Many residents are currently using the area of State Route 30 North in the area of the 35 mph speed limit area to walk on State Route 30 North an area that does not have sidewalks in order to get exercise by walking around the block, and;

WHEREAS: Many large trucks heading both North and South on State Route 30 from the intersection with State Route 122 in the Town of Constable have been observed accelerating immediately to 55 MPH, and not observing the currently posted 35 MPH speed limit in the Town of Constable, NY, and;

WHEREAS: Many large trucks travelling South on State Route 30 North and cresting the hill just before the intersection with Davenport Drive do not slow down and observe the 35 mph speed limit until they are well with the 35 mph speed limit area of Constable, NY, and;

WHEREAS; The Town Supervisor of the Town of Constable, NY has been advised by the local NYS DOT Office located in Malone, NY to petition that office to consider the establishment of a 45 mph buffer zone on State Route 30 North and South of State Route 122 in the Town of Constable, NY between the currently existing 35 mph and 55 mph posted speed limits,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Constable, NY does hereby request the establishment of a 45 mph buffer zone on State Route 30 North and State Route 30 South between the currently existing 35 mph and 55 mph speed limit areas.

A vote was taken and the results are as follows:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Leahy for a Highway Budget Amendment #6-2020, motion carried.

\$508.46 from DA 5110.1 General Repairs – Pers. Serv. \$508.46 to DA 5130.1 Machinery Equip. – Pers. Serv.

\$2,367.08 from DA 5110.1 General Repairs – Pers. Serv. \$2,367.08 to DA 5140.1 Misc. Brush & Weeds – Pers. Serv.

Motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Leahy to accept the Supervisor's Report - Highway Fund, motion carried.

JUSTICE

Justice Wisnesky turned in \$411.00.for August with the Town keeping \$150.00. Justice Wisnesky turned in \$782.00 for September and no voucher has been received from the Justice Dept.

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk turned in \$64.00 for the month of September.

A motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilwoman Lemire to accept the Town Clerk's report, motion carried.

REC PARK

Supervisor Onufer reported that a donation of \$1,040.00 was received from the Herbert Barney family in the memory of Robin Barney. A piece of playground equipment will be looked at for this donation. The funds have been placed in the Rec Park Fund, where it will stay until a decision is made as to what playground equipment will be purchased.

HUD

Friends of the North Country are not sure if there will be any HUD Funds released.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Supervisor Onufer would like to have a commemorative plaque made for the New Town Hall.

Supervisor Onufer reported that Justice Wisnesky has submitted the proper Grant paperwork seeking the funds to put in a security system for the Justice Court Room and Justice Office.

DASNY – Nothing new to report

Supervisor Onufer reported that the Sale of the Old Town Hall/Adult Center is Progressing well.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemire and seconded by Councilman Patterson to accept the Capital Projects Report, motion carried

A motion was made by Councilwoman and seconded by Councilman Patterson for a General Fund - Budget Amendment #8-2020, motion carried.

\$700.00 from Fund Balance \$700.00 to A9901.9 Interfund Transfer for Capital Projects.

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Onufer reported that Aaron Dominic would like to purchase the Computer Desk that was used at the Old Town Hall. A motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilwoman Lemier to sell it for \$1.00, motion carried.

Supervisor Onufer reported the cell tower being placed in Constable will put on Fire Dept. property.

Supervisor Onufer reported a refund of \$263.99 was received from NYMIR.

A motion was made by Councilman Leahy and seconded by Councilman Patterson for Resolution #20-2020, Life Flight 2021 Contract, which reads as follows:

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.

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilwoman Lemire for a General Fund - Budget Amendment #9-2020, motion carried.

\$185.20 from Account #A7130.4 Youth Bureau – Cont. Exp. \$185.20 to Account ##A5132.4 Garage – Cont. Exp.

<u>Savings statement for September 2020 was reviewed by all board members present.</u>

<u>Trial Balance for September 2020 was reviewed by all board members present.</u>

Bills were audited and approved: General –185-204

Supervisor's Report, General Fund, presented and reviewed by all board members present, a motion was made by Councilman Leahy, seconded by Councilwoman Lemire to accept the Supervisor's Report, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilwoman Lemire to accept the Supervisor's Report, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Lemire at 9:05 P.M., seconded by Councilman Lemire, motion carried.