

December 1, 2009

The regular meeting of the Varick Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Robert Hayssen at 7:00 p.m. Present at the meeting were Councilmen Jeff Case, John Saeli and Richard Peterson, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Bookkeeper, Carol Sipos, Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch, Four Town Assessor, Anne Morgan, and Planning Board Member, Bill Larzelere. Also present were Dave Ettman, Peter McDonald and Dave Stonesifer. Absent: Town Attorney, John Sipos and Councilwoman, Kathy Russo

A motion by Jeff Case, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to open the Public Hearing on the Amended Veterans Exemption.

Mrs. Morgan reported that this proposed amended Veterans Exemption will be amending State Law 458 which was adopted in 1996. She is presenting this amended law to the local municipalities for adoption at the town level. She reviewed the exemption cost figures that would result if the amended exemption was adopted and explained that it would go into effect in 2011.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to close the public hearing at 7:05.

A motion by Jeff Case, seconded by John Saeli and so carried to approve the amended Veterans Exemption as presented by the Town Assessor.

Assessor's Report: Mrs. Morgan reported that all deeds are current and that property values have not gone down. She states that foreclosures have doubled from four in 2008 to approximately 9 in 2009 over the five towns. She reported that 100 acres of the Church of the Latter Day Saints is being added to the tax roll this year and an Agriculture Exemption will be filed with her. She also reported that to date she is still maintaining assessed value on lands owned by the Indians but contends these are not valid properties to base taxable values on.

Planning Board: Mr. Larzeler reviewed with the board the proposed changes the Planning Board is suggesting be made to the zoning code. They reviewed zoning pertaining to companion animals; wineries; Lakeshore Residential: Height of new construction, Dock sizes, Multi homes on lake fronts, Campgrounds, Equipment rental; Laboratory/R&D Facility; Private Group Instruction; Storage of commercial vehicles; Warehouse definition; Drainage plans; Fencing; and Certificate of Occupancy. Mr. Larzelere will take the topics discussed back to the Planning Board for further review.

Once the suggested changes are addressed, the Planning Board will present the Zoning Code to the board for approval and a public hearing will be held. Post cards will be sent to notify residents of the public hearing.

The board commended the Planning Board for the work they have done on this code.

A motion by Jeff Case, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to direct Mr. Hayssen to complete and sign any required intermunicipal agreements pertaining to the purchase of water contingent on the approval from the town attorney.

Supervisor's Report: Mr. Hayssen received two letters from Thomas Scoles, Seneca County Department of Health. The first letter was a report regarding the sanitary survey of the Romulus/Varick Joint Water District conducted on October 22, 2009. Mr. Scoles found the majority of the water district to be in compliance with today's standards. He did document one violation concerning the water district cross-connection control program. The mechanics of the program is being practiced by the water district; however the Town lacks local law which actually gives it the authority to enforce the program. Mr. Scoles stated the Town's legal council will need to develop a local law for adoption by the Town Board so the water district can legally enforce the program.

The second letter states that he was informed at the time of his inspection that the Romulus/Varick Joint Water District will no longer be operated as a joint entity. He would like this sent officially to him in writing indicating the date the two districts will operate independently. He will also need to provide the Town with a sampling schedule along with a list of required report submissions. The town will also need to secure the services of a Class D Certified Water Operator to oversee the District's operation.

It was suggested that if needed, Jim Bromka be approached as he currently oversees Seneca Lake Water District.

A motion by Jeff Case, seconded by Richard Peterson, and so carried to unanimously approve the written Supervisor's report.

Bookkeeper: Mrs. Sipos asked the board for their permission to attend the Association of Towns School held in New York City and name her as Varick's delegate.

A motion by Jeff Case, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the town attorney and bookkeepers attendance to the Association of Town's school and to name Carol Sipos as the town's delegate.

She also reported that the monitor on her desk top computer may be going bad and she may need to purchase a new one.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Jeff Case and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk Report; Revenues to Supervisor, \$65.14, County Treasurer, \$9.40, Ag & Markets, \$163.46, DEC, \$163.46, Total Disbursement: \$241.00

A motion by Jeff Case, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of November 4, 2009.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried to approve Abstract 12, General, Vouchers A0009-213 to A0009-231 in the amount of \$8,881.14,

