

December 30, 2009

The year end meeting was called to order by Supervisor Robert Hayssen at 10:00 a.m. Present at this meeting were Councilmembers, Kathy Russo, John Saeli, Richard Peterson and Jeff Case, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch, Town Justice, Frank Case, and Town Attorney, John Sipos. Also present were Peter McDonald, Robert Bowman, and David Ettman.

A motion by Jeff Case, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to open the public hearing on the Amended Veterans Exemption.

There were no comments made.

A motion by Jeff Case, seconded by Richard Peterson, and so carried to close the public hearing.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson, and so carried to approve the amended Veterans Exemption and adopt it as Law No. 1 of the year 2009.

Judge Case presented the Varick Town Court's Summary Report of Cases dated January 1, 2009 to December 27, 2009 for the board to review and audit. Judge Case explained figures presented and how the funds collected were distributed.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Jeff Case and so carried unanimously to approve the end of year report presented by Judge Case and audit of the court's records.

Judge Case reported that he has reviewed and closed many of his open cases and is handing over few cases left open to the incoming elected Judge. He also thanked the board for the security that was provided to him this past year and expressed the need for this to continue for the incoming Judge.

Judge Case and Jeff Case will be retiring from their prospective positions and it was suggested that they be recognized with plaques in their honor.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Kathy Russo to purchase plaques honoring Frank Case and Jeff Case's years of service.

A motion by Jeff Case, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract 13, General, \$5,714.98, Highway, \$5,193.19, Varick Sewer District No. 2, \$28,417.50, Seneca Lake Water District, \$860.75.

A motion by Jeff Case, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried to approve payment of invoices for Varick Water District No. 3 in the amount of \$934.29.

A motion by Jeff Case, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve payment of invoices for Varick Water District No. 4 in the amount of \$6,404.99.

The board thanked the highway department, Rick and Kris for all the work they did in removing the furniture and carpeting in the conference room and offices.

Judge Case noted that the carpeting in his office should have been replaced as there are mold issues in his office.

A motion by Jeff Case, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to replace the carpeting in the judge's office and purchase dead bolts for doors that need them.

A motion by Mrs. Russo to pay Michele Andrews a salary of \$1,800 for the Summer Recreation program position for the summer of 2009.

Mrs. Russo reviewed the reasons why she felt Ms. Andrews should receive this pay raise and what her hourly pay amount would be with this raise based on the hours she works.

Mr. Hayssen questioned whether there was money left in the budget to cover the added expense if approved. Mr. Peterson noted that according to Michele's figures there were only six residents from the Town of Varick who attended this year and questioned again whether the program should continue. After further review it was determined that there was not enough money in the budget to cover this expense and it would need to be revisited in 2010 if desired. The motion died for a lack of a second.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the Amendment to the Town of Varick General Fund, Resolution No. 3.

A motion by Jeff Case, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Amendment to the Varick Sewer District No. 2, Resolution No. 4.

WHEREAS, the Town of Varick is in the process of forming a water district, namely Varick Water District No. 4, and

WHEREAS, there are bills that have been incurred in the process of the preparation work that need to be paid, and

WHEREAS, the Seneca Lake Water District has funds that can be loaned to the Varick Water District No. 4, and

WHEREAS, once the district has been formed and we receive funding, this money will be paid back to Seneca Lake Water District with interest at the rate of .15% annually, and

WHEREAS, if the water district is not created, the money borrowed will be repaid to the Seneca Lake Water District out of General Fund excess money.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Seneca Lake Water District loan to Varick Water District No. 4 the amount of \$10,000.

Dated: December 30, 2009

Motion by: Jeff Case

Seconded by: Richard Peterson

Abstained: John Saeli

So Carried

Mr. Sipos thought the BANS could be issued by the end of January to cover bills already incurred as well as some future payments.

Mr. Hayssen reported that he and Mr. Sipos attended a meeting at the Town of Romulus regarding Sewer District No. 1 and find that there is an outstanding bond amount of approximately \$40,000 at a 7% interest rate. It was suggested borrowing money from Seneca Lake Water District to pay the bond off, charging a lower percentage of interest, which would benefit both districts. The board will look into this further.

Mr. Hayssen reported that the contract to purchase water for Varick Water District No. 4 from the Town of Fayette was modified to 6. (e) Resale. Any resale and/or distribution of water by the Town of Varick to another municipality is prohibited except with the consent of the Town of Fayette.

Mr. Saeli questioned the .10 per thousand gallons to cover leakage. It was explained that this would cover any leakage costs in the Town of Fayette lines in getting the water to the Town of Varick.

Judge Case swore in the newly elected officials, Peter McDonald, David Ettman, and Kathy Russo.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Jeff Case and so carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Donna Karlsen
Varick Town Clerk