

June 7, 2011

The regular meeting of the Varick Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Robert Hayssen at 7:00 p.m. Present at this meeting were Council Members Peter McDonald, Richard Peterson, and Kathy Russo, Town Attorney, John Sipos, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Bookkeeper, Carol Sipos, and Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch. Also present were Village of Waterloo, Jim Bromka, and Residents of the Town; Randy McCulloch and Rob Bauman. Absent: Councilman John Saeli

**Privilege of the Floor:** Randy McCulloch expressed his concerns and those of others who live in the neighborhood of Hillside Family of Agencies on Yale Farm Road regarding their clients leaving the campus and trespassing on their properties and the safety of family members who reside in the neighborhood. It was reported that there is fencing around three sides of Hillside property but the fencing that faced Yale Farm Road was taken down several years ago. It was suggested that that fencing should be put back up in order to deter easy access to surrounding properties and that a letter be sent to Hillside requesting this portion of fence be put back up and to invite a representative from Hillside to the next meeting allowing them the opportunity to address the residents concerns and to inform the Varick Board what actions Hillside intend to take to resolve these concerns.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to send a letter recommending to Hillside that the fencing facing Yale Farm Road be put back up and to invite them to the next board meeting to be held July 5 to further address the residents concerns.

**Highway:** Mr. McCulloch reported that the Ford truck taken to the Palmyra Auction brought \$24,400 and because Mr. McCulloch was easy to work with they waived their commission on this sale.

Spring Clean up was very busy and a large volume of items were taken in. He reported that they have 12 pallets of televisions to take to the county when they do the hazardous waste clean up. He also reported that people continue to bring items before and after hours which causes a large mess and additional work. Discussed was held regarding the roll off costs, dumping cost, the collection of electronics and hours of service for the clean up and it was determined that at this time no changes would be made. It was suggested that Laurie Nigro be contacted in Seneca Falls regarding the electronic items for recycling.

The highway department will be prepping and resurfacing the lower end of Townline Road. They also repaired a culvert pipe on Ogden Road.

Mr. McCulloch stated that we can not claim the expense of stone and oiling under CHIPS funds as any project claimed under CHIPS has to have a ten year life. He also reported that if the town milled out the end of White Road, the state would pave it when they are doing Route 96 from Route 336 towards the Town of Romulus. Mr. McCulloch reported

the board's position to Chris Covert regarding Route 336 and that no action will be taken on the town's part.

**Sewer District No. 1:** Mr. McDonald reported that the Town of Romulus has agreed to do the books for this district for ten years without any cost to the district. Bills are to be divided; Varick 45% and Romulus 55%. Steve Gettman is preparing an agreement for the two towns to review.

All bills are to be presented to the Varick Town Board for approval of payment first as our monthly meetings are held prior to the Town of Romulus then forwarded to the Town of Romulus for vouchering and their approval. Mr. McDonald will notify the Town of Romulus regarding this matter.

**Varick Water District No. 1:** Mr. McDonald will meet with the Town of Romulus regarding this district now that the Sewer District seems to be under control. It was reported that the repairs are still not completed in the hamlet and that Mike McDonald and Rob Bauman are still scheduled to complete them.

Mrs. Sipos reported that the board cannot hire people to work for the town until it has been approved by the County Personnel Department. Mr. Bauman was not initially approved by the county under the job title assigned to him by Varick, but did receive approval for him to work for the Town of Fayette. She since has contacted Sue Hensel at the Town of Fayette, got their job title and resubmitted it to the county, which they did finally approve.

It was noted that Yaws charges more for water testing than the Village of Waterloo and Mr. Hayssen would like Butch to get us a monthly water reading to assist in monitoring water loss. Rob Bauman is to bring Varick Water 1 meter supplies back to the town hall for storage and a discussion took place regarding these supplies being purchased by Water District No. 3 for their use.

**Varick Water District No. 3:** It was suggested that the Sensus meters that were purchased for this district be sold to the Town of Romulus as they are replacing their meters and use this type.

The question was raised again as to what action will be taken against the County and its inspector for approving alternate bedding material to be used other than what was specified by the County engineer on this project. Mr. Hayssen reported Cindy Lorenzetti had negotiated a settlement with Syracuse Constructors in the amount of \$15,000 to be divided between the two towns proportionately for using the less expensive material than what was originally specified and bid. There will be a meeting held between the two towns on Thursday, June 9, at 4:30 at the Fayette Town Hall to review remaining budget figures and billing submitted to the Town of Varick by the Town of Fayette. It was suggested that prior to approving this negotiated amount with Syracuse, Fayette and Varick review their Form E's and make sure there is enough money to complete the project.

Syracuse Constructors have begun restoration work.

Mr. McDonald questioned whether material other than sand as specified in district regulations would be suitable around service lines and can be used. Hayssen reported that the engineer, Jason McCormick stated that pea gravel would be acceptable and it was noted that there are different qualities of sand. The board decided to only allow sand and to notify John Yells of their decision.

Mr. Bromka showed the board the ratty condition the hydrant markers are in already and suggested purchasing new ones coded for water flow. He also questioned when ISO would be in to test water flow on the some of the hydrants and reported to the board that they will not do all the hydrants, but they all should be done. The Village of Waterloo is scheduled to read the meters for this district the end of September.

The Village flushed the dead ends of the district on May 24 and will flush them again the beginning of July and prior to Labor Day. Mr. Bromka also reported that there is a problem with the meter at Hillside and questioned who was responsible for the calibration on this meter. Mr. Bromka is getting a quote to do this calibration, but it is felt that that this should have been done when it was installed and as part of the project. Jeff Trout and Don Maybury will be contacted regarding this matter.

The board discussed whether the town should require Workman's Compensation by the contractors performing work for Homeowners within this district. It was decided that it would be up to the homeowners as to whether they would require this or not as it wasn't specified in the original regulations set forth by the towns

**Seneca Lake Water District:** A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to hire Rob Bauman as a part time water maintainer for all Town of Varick water districts under the direction of John Yells.

It was reported that there are still several meters in this district that are not working correctly and they are to be repaired or replaced by Labor Day for the next quarterly reading.

Mr. Bromka reported that the New York State Operation Reports are completed for both Seneca Lake Water District and Varick Water District No. 1. He also reported that the new master meter is in good working order.

The board approved Ben Karlsen to do the annual maintenance on this district's hydrants.

Mr. Bromka reported that the Village discovered two water leaks located near what was once the Little Store and Hahnel Road at the hydrants. He presented the bolts that were replaced in order to repair these leaks. The board is aware of the problem with these bolts and stainless steal bolts were previously ordered to replace them. It was unsure whether all the bolts on the hydrants need to be replaced other than around the tops of the

valve, so it was suggested that an exploratory dig be done on one hydrant to see what is going to need to be done..

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried to hire Damon Nicholson with workman's compensation, on an hourly basis to dig up one hydrant, replace the necessary bolts and report to John Yells and/or Robert Hayssen as to what he found.

**Clerk's Report:** A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's Report; Total Revenue to Supervisor: \$143.53, New York State Ag. And Markets: \$9.00, NYS Environmental Conservation: \$60.47, Total Disbursements: \$213.00.

**Supervisor' Report:** A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve the written Supervisor's Report.

**Personnel:** Mrs. Russo reported that the Summer Recreation Program is on track and all pertaining paper work has been handed out.

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Submitted a written report for the board's review. He also requested an ID card be made for him. Mr. McDonald will look into this.

**Minutes:** A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of May 3, 2011.

**Abstract:** A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract No. 6, Highway, Vouchers DAO11-29 to DAO11-39 in the amount of \$31,688.23, General, Vouchers A0011-67 to A0011-77 in the amount of \$10,540.73, Seneca Lake Water District, Vouchers SWS11-35 to SWS11-38 in the amount of \$62,600.26, Varick Water District No. 3, Vouchers VW311-2 to VW311-3 in the amount of \$81.53, Varick Sewer District No. 2, Vouchers SSS11-11 to SSS11-13 in the amount of \$2,572.63.

**South Seneca Ambulance:** Mr. Sipos distributed a packet of information regarding the agreement with South Seneca Ambulance and the research he has done. In an opinion that Mr. Sipos received South Seneca can not charge co-pays or co-insurance if a fee is charged on the tax bills for their service.

**New Business:** Mr. Hayssen discussed repairing the overhang on the building as water is still leaking into the Clerk's office.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donna Karlsen, Town Clerk