

September 6, 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, Richard Peterson, Kathy Russ, John Saeli, and Peter McDonald, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch, Town Attorney, John Sipos, Bookkeeper, Carol Sipos, Sewer Maintainer, Bill Kolbeck, Assistant Water Maintainer, Rob Bohman, and Judge Dave Ettman. Also present was Joan Teichner.

Privilege of the Floor: Judge Ettman is required to attend the magistrates meeting in September and reported that his 2011 expense budget is low and inquired as to whether there were funds available elsewhere if needed to cover his mileage expense which will be approximately \$90.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried to approve Judge Ettman's mileage expense to attend the magistrates meeting in September.

Mrs. Karlsen reported that a letter was received from the State of New York Unified Court System requesting a copy of the most recent audit or examination of your local court's records and a copy of the board's resolution acknowledging that the required examination or audit was conducted. Judge Ettman will consult with the Town of Ovid Judge to see what their office provides to their board for audit and report back at the October meeting.

Varick Sewer District No. 1: It was determined that the sheds can be torn down as they are not necessary and the hoists, floats and lift which are currently stored in them can be stored elsewhere. The board also felt the cost of doing this should be shared by the Town of Romulus. Mr. McDonald will contact Dan Duddleston to clean out the sheds and contact the Town of Romulus about the cost of tear down. Once the storage location is determined it will be reported to the board and noted in the minutes for future reference.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to tear down two sheds owned by the Varick Sewer District No.1 with the costs to be shared with the Town of Romulus.

Mr. McDonald will check with Dan and Butch regarding the manholes in this district and report back at the October meeting.

Reports of bills paid by the Town of Romulus will be sent to the Town Clerk.

Varick Sewer District No. 2: Bill Kolbeck reported that a curb stop was repaired in the Town of Romulus at 5668 East Lake Road over the holiday weekend by Nicholson and Brewers Septic was also called in. Bill reported that the check valves were installed on the wrong side of the main which doesn't allow the system to be shut down.

There are 5 curb boxes in the Town of Romulus that need to be dug up and repaired. Although these curb boxes are owned by the residents in the Town of Romulus and were not inspected by our district at the time of installation, the board, by a previous motion, agreed to maintain their systems as they pay debt service on the sewer line. Two quotes were presented by Mr. Kolbeck for this work. Nicholson Trucking presented a written quote in the amount of \$345 each and Pete Keefer submitted a verbal quote to Mr. Kolbeck in the amount of \$125 each. Mr. Peterson stated that he would in the future like to see sealed written quotes submitted to the town clerk to be opened by the board to provide confidentiality and fairness to those who are bidding. Mr. Kolbeck will get a written quote from Peter Keefer to be filed with the Town Clerk.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to hire Peter Keefer to provide the necessary equipment and manpower to complete the required digging and restoration of the repair of the five curb boxes within the next two weeks at a cost not to exceed \$125 each.

Mr. Hayssen suggested that Mr. Kolbeck get pricing from Blair Supply as well as Hudson Pipe to complete the above repair work.

He also reported that the County will address the manhole cover between Deal and Kennedy Road with black top in order to allow the plows to go over it.

Water District No. 1: It was reported that there are five newly installed meters in this district that aren't working properly, but it was unsure if the Village of Waterloo corrected the problem or not. Rob will look further into this issue.

Mr. McDonald will check with Butch and Bob will check with Jason regarding Russell Street repair.

It was also reported that Romulus has almost all of their new meters installed and did not need to purchase any from Water District No. 3.

Bob is still following up with the Romulus Fire Department who has reportedly been obtaining unmetered water.

Seneca Lake Water District: Rob Bauman reported that there are 15 Orion meters in stock and he will assess how many more will be needed to complete the repairs in this district. He will contact the Village of Waterloo to use the meter reader to test the reported broken meters before replacing them.

Mr. Hayssen will complete a comparison between the water usage by residents and what the Village of Waterloo is billing for water usage. It was also suggested that he request that the Village of Waterloo bill the town on a quarterly basis to coincide with the districts water billing.

Discussion was also held regarding the hydrant bolts and it was determined that two more test digs should be completed and bolts replaced. One off of East Lake Road and one on East Lake Road to see if road salt may be a possible issue.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried to hire Damon Nicholson to replace hydrant bolts at two locations designated by Jim Bromka.

Water District No. 3: Rob Bauman reported that whoever did the inspection will be responsible for the installation of the meter and transponder. Concern was still expressed over the connection between the meter and the transponder in the meter pits, but time will tell if this is going to become an issue.

Highway: Mr. McCulloch reported that they completed paving 1 2/10 mile of roads and with the help of the county they also paved 4 intersections. He also reported that the county offered their backhoe and excavator to complete the connection of the waterline to the town hall which they hope to have completed by the end of September.

A discussion was held regarding Lyons Road Trash and the dumping fees. It was noted that they do not use Seneca Meadows. Mr. McCulloch reported that he wanted to continue providing Spring and Fall Cleanup to the towns people, and reported that it is imperative that dumpsters be available when requested which he did not have when using a prior service. Mr. Hayssen will check with Seneca Meadows to see what their dumping fees would be and then contact Lyons Road Trash to negotiate a better rate. Mr. McCulloch will schedule Lyons Road Trash for dumpsters for Fall Cleanup.

Town Clerk's Report: Total Revenue to Supervisor: \$447.15, New York State Ag & Markets: \$27.00, NYS Environmental Conservation: \$36.85, Total Disbursements: \$511.00

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to accept the Town Clerk's Report.

Supervisor's Report: A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the written Supervisor's Report.

Mr. Hayssen reported that he just received the 2008 financial figures from Ray Wager's office and hasn't had a chance to review them yet, but will report on them at the next meeting. Mrs. Sipos reported that the accountant stated that the Town of Varick is in good financial shape.

Raymond Wager CPA, P.C. submitted quotation for accounting services for the years ending December 31, 2010 and 2011 at \$10,700 and \$10,850 respectfully. It was noted that the increase of \$150 was due to the addition of Water District No. 3 in 2011.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve Raymond F. Wager, CPA P.C. accounting service proposals for December 31, 2010 in the amount of \$10,700 and December 31, 2011 in the amount of \$10,850.

Personnel: No report

Assessor: A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the assessors' reports for July and August 2011.

Minutes: A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the Minutes of August 2, 2011.

Abstract: A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract No. 9, General, Vouchers A0011-113 to A0011-123 in the amount of \$727.17, Varick Sewer District No. 2, Vouchers SSs11-028 to SSS11-031 in the amount of \$4,515.03, Seneca Lake Water District, Vouchers SWS11-055 to SWS11-059 in the amount of \$35,241.47, Varick Sewer District No. 1, Vouchers VS111-018 to VS111-020 in the amount of \$290.50, and Varick Water District No. 3, Vouchers VW311-017 to VW3-11-018 in the amount of \$100.86.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the following Varick Water District No. 3 Capital Project bill:

Blair Supply	\$5,038.80
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Code Enforcement Officer: Larry Colton submitted a written report.

Old Business, New Business, and Correspondence:

The board reviewed the draft letter prepared by Peter McDonald to Michael Nozzolio regarding the James property and made revisions to it. The board also reiterated that the owner's home is built in a natural valley and the pipe under his garage is too small to handle the water that flows through this valley which results in flooding of the property.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to approve and send the letter with revisions to Senator Michael Nozzolio.

Mr. Hayssen reported that he spoke to Joanne Davis at Hillside and they are looking into putting 3,400 feet of fencing facing Yale Farm Road.

Mr. Sipos handed out information regarding South Seneca Ambulance and directed the board to review it and he will answer any questions at the budget workshop. He reported that he has also provided this information to Steve Gettman and has turned it over to Barry Porsch, District Attorney. Mr. McDonald indicated that this issue should be put into Barry Porsch's hands.

Mrs. Sipos reported that South Seneca Ambulance has not provide the town with a contract or budget figures to date.

Kathy Russo will contact John Vincent, Dog Control Officer, for a quarterly report.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to hold a 2012 Budget Workshop Monday, September 19, 2011 at the Varick Town Hall and to address any other business that may come before the board.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Karlsen
Varick Town Clerk