

February 5, 2013

The regular meeting of the Varick Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Hayssen at 7:00 p.m. Present at this meeting were Council Members, John Saeli, Kathy Russo, and Robert Bauman, Town Attorney, John Sipos, Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch, Bookkeeper, Carol Sipos, Account Clerk, Angela Testa, Ovid Gazette reporter, Aneta Glover and Ann and David Scharett. Absent: Peter McDonald

Petitioners to Address the Board: Ann and David Scharett expressed their concern over the air and sediment they got in their water lines in their home that they felt was the result of a water main break on Route 336, just down the road from their home. They complimented Water Maintainer, Ben Karlsen on the work that he did in getting their system up and running. Mr. Hayssen stated that he was there when the Village of Waterloo repaired the water line and did not feel the sediment they experience in their line was from the water main break, but most likely was existing sediment in their line that had been loosened. They also complained that when the Town of Fayette flushes the hydrants it lowers their water pressure and would like the Town of Fayette made aware of this issue.

Highway: Mr. McCulloch reported that their phone is out of service currently and needs to be serviced. Insulation was installed above barn ceiling by John Keel, and Mr. McCulloch complimented him on the work that was done.

Building: A discussion was held regarding the clogged kitchen sink and the color and smell of the water. It was decided that the quality of water was the result of old pipes with residue left in them. Mr. McCulloch will contact a plumber to look at replumbing or flushing the pipes and working on the clogged piping to the sink.

The heat cost was discussed and John Saeli reported that Griffith will be putting a lock on the fuel tank. Mr. McCulloch reported that Kris Karlsen checks the fuel level of the tank on a weekly basis and finds the level to be consistent with no drastic fuel loss and does not feel it is being tampered with. Mr. McCulloch will look over the ceiling in the conference area to see what insulation, if any, is there. A discussion was held regarding radiant heat to heat the trucks and fixing the concrete floor by the overhead doors in the barn.

Varick Sewer District No. 1: Nothing

Varick Sewer District No. 2: Mr. Saeli reported that the heat in the fire house had to be turned back on because of the sewer pumps stored there and the water remaining in the base of them was freezing with no heat in the building.

Varick Water District No. 1: Concern was expressed over the loss of water in this district, but Mr. Hayssen felt that the figures may not be accurate depending on when the master meters were read and the meters in the homes were done. He will contact Butch Carroll about the figures. He also reported that when the leak detection service was

performed, there were no leaks found. It was reported that there were two frozen and cracked meters that needed to be replaced in this district due to improper care and the homeowners will be billed for the replacements.

Seneca Lake Water District: Nothing

Water District No. 3: The board reviewed the water main break on Route 336 and how the line was improperly installed by Syracuse Constructors.

A discussion was held if an O/M charge should remain on properties that once had a structure on it, but has since been torn down and the lot is now vacant.

A motion by Robert Bauman, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried to waive the operation and maintenance fee on properties that once had a structure on it, but the structure was torn down and the lot is now vacant.

Mr. Hayssen reported that Larry Colton reconnected only his heating system back into his well water supply and the district will no longer need to address the air release valve for him. MRB did investigate this issue and will be submitting their bill for the work that was completed.

Varick Water District No. 4: Paperwork is still moving forward slowly. Mr. Hayssen will contact John Helgren at RD to see what needs to be completed.

Town Clerk' Report: A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Robert Bauman and so carried unanimously to approve the town clerk's report: Total to Supervisor: \$205.00, NYS Ag & Markets: \$7.00, Total Disbursements: \$212.00

Supervisor's Report: Mr. Hayssen reported that Angela Testa was hired as Assistant Bookkeeper and started work the last week of November, 2012. She agreed to work the first two months at an annual fee of \$8,000, the next two months at an annual fee of \$10,000 and her full annual income of \$12,275 for the remaining year. Once Angela is reaches her full annual income the board can determine Carol's pay for the remaining year for consulting purposes. Carol indicated that Angela will require some assistance in completing 2013 AUD report and preparing the 2014 budget.

Bookkeepers Report: A motion by Robert Bauman, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve the bookkeeper's written corrected report of December 31, 2012 and January 31, 2013

Personnel: Mrs. Russo contacted Deloris Dinsmore who indicated that she would be willing be the Town of Varick's historian.

Mr. Sipos did research on the appointment of the town historian and stated that the town historian does have to live within the town and is appointed by the Town Supervisor under the Education Law.

Mr. Hayssen appointed Deloris Dinsmore to the vacant Town Historian position to a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

Mrs. Russo did contact Brian McCann and asked for a DCO quarterly report. She didn't receive a report in time to be presented at this meeting.

Assessor: No report.

Summer Recreation program: A discussion was held regarding background checks on the employees' of this program. Mrs. Russo reported that all applications are submitted and approved by Seneca County Personnel office. Mr. Hayssen will make sure that the county is completing background checks on the applicants.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Mr. Hayssen reported that Todd Horton indicated to him that the zoning board is moving ahead on writing regulations addressing PUDs and when they are closer to completion will address the town board.

South Seneca Ambulance: It was reported that most of the South Seneca Ambulance board has been replaced as this would enhance their credibility in light of the recent financial findings. It was reported that they would like to receive half of their budgeted funds in January, however the board still does not have the promised written agreement from them. It was also noted that they did retain the bookkeeping services of Angel Lawrence.

Minutes: A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Robert Bauman and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of January 2, 2013.

Mr. Saeli questioned Mr. Hayssen's statement last month regarding the Seneca Lake Water district purchasing the bolts for the hydrants and hopes that this is still on the table to negotiate whether the district purchases them or the contractor doing the job does.

Abstract: A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract No. 2, General, Vouchers A0013-13 to A0013-30 in the amount of \$36,347.53, Highway, Vouchers Dao13-003 to DAO13-007 in the amount of \$5,735.86, Varick Water District No. 1, Vouchers VW113-002 to VW113-003 in the amount of \$4,826.77, Seneca Lake Water District, Vouchers SWS13-006 to SWS13-009 in the amount of \$26,179.12, Varick Water District No. 3, Vouchers VW313-001 to VW313-002 in the amount of \$1,643.81, Varick Sewer District No. 1, Vouchers VS113-002 to VS113-005 in the amount of \$5,232.39, and Varick Sewer District No. 2, Voucher SSS13-003 in the amount of \$5,670, Fayette Fire Department, Voucher SFF130-001 in the amount of \$72,122, Romulus Fire Department, SFR13-001 in the amount of \$54,206, Varick Fire Department, Voucher SFV13-001 in the amount of \$79,097.

New Business, Old Business and Correspondence:

Mr. Sipos provided a sample resolution on standardization of parts and a resolution authorizing purchase of previously standardized equipment for Mr. Hayssen to prepare and present to the board when completed.

A discussion was held regarding Hillside and the number of fire calls and the break-ins at the Kountry Store. It was noted that a fence was installed as requested last year, but it does not keep the residents of Hillside in. It was also noted that Varick Fire Department averages at least one to two calls a week for fire alarms that have been set off in their facility. It was reported that Hillside is looking at creating their own fire district and security system within the complex to address some of the concerns expressed.

A motion by Kathy Russo and Robert Bauman and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Karlsen
Varick Town Clerk