

February 4, 2014

The regular meeting of the Varick Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Robert Hayssen. Present at this meeting were Council Members, John Saeli, Kathy Russo, and Robert Bauman, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch, Bookkeeper, Angela Testa, and Reporter, Aneta Glover. Absent: Councilman Peter McDonald and Attorney for the Town, Steve Ricci.

Highway: Mr. McCulloch presented to the board a proposal from Tracey Road Equipment, Inc. for a Western Star 4700SF dump truck in the amount of \$108,964 and a proposal from Tenco Industries, Inc. for the installation of required equipment to be installed on this truck in the amount of \$80,725. These proposals are state bid pricing and were received from Seneca County Highway Department, who is purchasing this truck and equipment this year. Mr. McCulloch reported that the town and county purchased identical dump trucks 14 years ago and explained that there are advantages to mirroring the county purchase and the knowledge the county mechanics bring by owning the same truck. The state bid prices are good for a couple months still with an approximate delivery date of at least 5 months out from date of order. He did state that if the board were to consider purchasing the truck this year, he would like to receive delivery of it prior to the next snow season. The board reviewed the Highway fund balance and recognized that there would be no benefit in waiting till next year to purchase this truck.

A motion by Robert Bauman, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to purchase a 2015 Western Star 4700SF dump truck per Tracey Road Equipment Inc. proposal in the amount of \$108,964.00 and to accept Tenco Industries, Inc. proposal for installation of specified equipment as stated in their proposal for this truck in the amount of \$80,725.00.

Mr. McCulloch intends on replacing the 1987 International dump truck and feels that the town should get more than \$10,000 for it. It was suggested that the town look at internet bidding with the option to accept bids or sending it to Palmyra to auction.

County Road 135: Mr. McCulloch questioned Mr. Hayssen as to the status of taking over County Road 135 through the depot as this was discussed at the January board meeting and he is in favor of the town doing so. It was reported that the Romulus highway superintendent, Jim Williamson, is not interested in taking possession of this road, however the Romulus town board might be willing to consider this option. Mr. Hayssen reported that the funds that were originally set aside for the 414 bypass are no longer available so the option of transferring these funds to this road does not exist.. Mr. Hayssen recommended to the board that the town send a letter of intent to the IDA to open discussions regarding the Town of Varick take over of this road dependent on the Town of Romulus offering a similar letter of intent.

Mr. McCulloch did indicate that refurbishing this road would consume a lot of the highway time, however the county has indicated that they would be willing to assist even though the county does not want ownership of it.

Mr. Hayssen proposed a resolution to be presented to the IDA along with a copy to be sent to the Town of Romulus to mirror if interested. With some revisions the following resolution was made:

WHEREAS, the Town of Varick would like to offer a letter of intent to the Seneca County IDA regarding their interest in assuming the ownership of the old County Road 135 that runs through the Seneca Army Depot, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Varick would want enough land to connect the road to Route 96A and Route 96;

BE IT RESOLVED, The Town of Varick would like to assume ownership of a to be determined amount of land north of the old County Road 135 along the length of the road, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this would be dependent on the Town of Romulus offering a similar letter of intent.

Motion: John Saeli
Seconded: Kathy Russo
So carried unanimously

Code Enforcement Officer: No report

Varick Sewer District No. 2: John Saeli reported that 4 new pumps were purchased and received.

Mr. Hayssen reported that he was doing a job on East Lake Road and discovered the location of a sewer line that was not marked correctly on the original sewer map.

Mr. Hayssen is in the process of reviewing the original unit charges being assessed by the county for processing sewage to make sure they are fair and accurate to the town as well as to the county.

Varick Sewer No. 1. No report.

Varick Water District No. 1: No Report.

Seneca Lake Water District: Mr. Hayssen reported that Jim Bromka notified him of higher than normal usage of water and felt there was a leak somewhere along the line. There have been at least three freezing breaks discovered in residents' homes, all of which has been metered water loss. The higher than normal flow of water has decreased,

however, the master meter is still showing some higher than normal water usage. The Village thinks they have narrowed the water loss to the north end of the line and will have a leak detection done on the line to see if it can be found.

Varick Water District No. 3: The County has a leach field overflowing on Townline Road, behind the Ettman residence that they will be addressing and had our water line marked for digging purposes. This work has not begun as the weather has not permitted it.

Mr. Hayssen has received the finalized punch list from MRB and a recommendation for settlement is being put together to be presented to the County.

Mr. Hayssen reviewed the history of the additional 12” pipe that the Town of Fayette had installed along Town Line Road at a cost of approximately \$50,000 to the project. He also spoke of the alternate plan for the installation of the water line along Dilts Road and State Route 96 to the Varick Town hall.

Varick Water District No. 4: Tim Buhl submitted a revised contract for services that John Helgren from Resource Associates has supposedly approved, but needs to be signed by the town supervisor if approved by the board and sent to John Helgren for his final review and signature.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Robert Bauman and so carried unanimously to direct Supervisor Robert Hayssen to sign the revised contract submitted by Engineer Tim Buhl.

Municipal Solutions also submitted a new Form E reflecting Tim Buhl’s revised engineering contract and fees. The project has received billing from the engineer and at the direction of both Rural Development and Municipal Solutions withheld payment until awaited documents had been received from Mr. Buhl by both entities. According to Mr. Buhl this information has been submitted and he is asking for payment as he has outstanding bills that he needs to pay which apply to this project. He submitted an Engineering Invoice Breakout for the board’s review. Mr. Hayssen suggested that we look at his billing and pay approximately \$5,000 towards his outstanding bills contingent on Rural Development approval.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Robert Bauman and so carried unanimously to approve payment of Tim Buhl in the approximate amount of \$5,000 contingent on Rural Development approval.

Mr. Hayssen reported that Tim Buhl submitted a Contractor’s Application for Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$510,780.87. Mr. Hayssen reviewed some of the costs and after discussions with the inspector and engineer, Mr. Buhl revised the Contractor’s Application for Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$504,312.62.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Robert Bauman and so carried unanimously to approve payment of Contractor's Application for Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$504,312.62.

Town Clerk's Report: A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Robert Bauman and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's Report. Supervisor: \$215, NYS Ag and Markets: \$13, Total Disbursements: \$228.00

Supervisor's Report: A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Robert Bauman and so carried unanimously to approve the Supervisor's Report.

The bookkeeper will bill the Town of Fayette for Seneca Lake Water's Principal and Interest payments collected on Town of Fayette 2014 Town and County tax bills.

Personnel: Mrs. Russo reported that she signed off for the grant funds received from the Seneca County Youth Bureau.

She reported that the land behind the Methodist Church on Ernsberger Road is a mess and the Code Enforcement Officer will follow up on this.

Assessor: No Report

Minutes: John Saeli reported that he was unable to open the minutes emailed to him. Kathy Russo asked questions in regards to information provided in the minutes pertaining to the depot property.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Robert Bauman and so carried to approve the minutes of January 7, 2014. Abstained: John Saeli

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Robert Bauman and so carried unanimously to approve the three year billing contracts with the Village of Waterloo that pertain to services provided to Varick Water District No. 1, Seneca Lake Water District and Varick Water District No. 3.

Abstract: John Saeli pulled Griffith Energy voucher A0014-32 in the amount of \$3,198.70 for further review with Griffith Energy.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Robert Bauman and so carried unanimously to approve Vouchers A0014-20 to A0014-31 and A0014-33 and A0014-034 in the amount of \$4,037.46, Highway, Vouchers DA014-004 to DA014-12 in the amount of \$2,129.97, Seneca Lake Water District, Vouchers SWS14-004 and SWS14-005 in the amount of \$87,249.41, Varick Water District No. 3, Vouchers VW314-001 to VW314-002 in the amount of \$219.22, Varick Sewer District No. 1, Vouchers VS114-003 in the amount of \$20.33.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Robert Bauman and so carried unanimously to approve the following bills for Varick Water District No. 4 Capital Project:.

Wilson Press	78928	\$ 135.00
Municipal Solutions	4450	\$ 828.55
	4449	\$ 189.42
Timothy Buhl, PE (Contingent on RD Approval)	VWD-1303	\$3,393.93
	VWD-1304	\$1,981.78

A motion by Robert Bauman seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Karlsen
Town Clerk