

June 3, 2014

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, John Saeli, Kathy Russo, and Richard Peterson, Bookkeeper, Angela Testa, Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Attorney for the Town Steve Ricci representative, Joe Midiri, and Fredrick Conley.

**Petitioners To Address The Board:** Mr. Conley reviewed with the board concerns regarding construction work completed along his property for the installation of the water line for Water District No. 4. He reported that the survey pins were disturbed along his property lines and stone along a culvert pipe adjacent to Route 89 had been removed and dirt left. He did note that the contractor is aware of his concerns regarding the stone and will be replacing it. He also presented pictures of the installation of the main and after reviewing the specifications to be followed by the contractor, felt that the contractor was not following them. Supervisor Hayssen responded to his concerns pertaining to the installation of the main, reviewing the acceptable product that was used and how it was installed. Mr. Conley acknowledged that the pictures he presented were the first stages of the installation, and he was not present when they covered the line. Supervisor Hayssen reported that restoration work has not completed and items of concern could be addressed then.

Mr. Conley questioned the status of the project and if rules and regulations were prepared for distribution. Supervisor Hayssen reported that the main line is in the ground and the application and rules and regulations are in the draft stage. It was explained to Mr. Conley that residents are receiving prices from some contractors who are providing incorrect information to them. A letter will be sent to residents along the line providing an application and the rules and regulations once connections can begin. Mr. Hayssen also explained to Mr. Conley that the contractor still owns the line and hasn't turned it over to the town as of this date and there are still some outstanding items to be completed prior to the use of the hydrants.

Mr. Conley questioned who the board had hired to complete inspections of the homeowner's water connections. Currently Ben Karlsen and Bill Kolbeck are employed to do water inspections. The board authorized Supervisor Hayssen at the May meeting to seek interest for performing inspections from James Johnson. Mr. Conley expressed concern on the job performance James Johnson would provide if hired and provided records from the Town of Fayette that he felt substantiated his concerns and expressed interest in applying for the inspector's position. Mr. Hayssen will review the paperwork further Mr. Conley presented and if interested, Mr. Conley can submit an application for water inspector.

**Highway:** Mr. McCulloch reported that a hot mix will be used on Russell Street to patch the road where the county water department had completed some repair work. Seneca County will also be paving Seneca Street. Risers for the sewer caps along this road will

be installed and costs split between the Town of Romulus and Varick Sewer District No. 1. He also reported that the truck will be in late June or early July and will go to Tenneco for additional equipment installed. The town should have it by September/October.

Mr. McCulloch reported that the 1986 International did not pass inspection due to a split in the frame between tandems approximately 8 to 9 inches long. Mr. McCulloch recommended retiring the truck and sending it to auction when the new truck is delivered. Mr. Saeli suggested that a quote be sought to repair the split and suggested that it be repaired if the cost is less than \$1,000.

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Mr. Colton submitted a written report for the month of May. Mr. Midiri did not have any information regarding the updated zoning forms, so this was tabled until July.

**Varick Sewer District No. 1:** Nothing to report.

**Varick Sewer District No. 2:** Nothing to report.

**Varick Water District No. 1:** Nothing to report.

**Seneca Lake Water District:** Mr. Hayssen reported that he hasn't been able to get D. E. Tarolli to provide a quote to replace the bolts. Mr. Conley expressed interest in submitting a proposal. At this time there is no specs written to complete this job. Mr. Hayssen again felt that an experienced contractor who can complete the job timely should be considered for this job. Mr. Saeli reminded the board that the cost of having an engineer complete a spec sheet was expensive. It was also felt that an experienced contractor should be able to provide a quote without a spec sheet. It was also noted that the job would most likely need to be paid at the prevailing rate, and not the amount the board had set.

No further correspondence from the Mormons pertaining to the installation of a meter at the road has been received.

**Varick Water District No.3:** A motion by Peter McDonald seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried to enter into executive session to discuss outstanding business regarding Varick Water District No. 3 and Fayette Water District No. 5 at 7:25 p.m.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to come out of executive session at 8:45 p.m.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve the Fayette-Varick Agreement regarding Fayette Water District No. 5 and Varick Water District No. 3 and to have Peter McDonald and Don Mayberry complete the exchange of checks and inventory items.

A copy of this agreement will be filed with these minutes.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to pay the Town of Fayette \$8,188.31 for Water District No. 3's share of Stu Brown Associates' billing for initial work done on the small cities grant.

**Water District No. 4:** Tim Buhl needs to supply copies of the inspection reports. The master meter still needs to be installed and final water testing completed.

**General Water Topics:** A discussion regarding increasing the water maintainer's hourly pay rate was tabled to the July meeting.

**Town Clerk's Report:** A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's report: Supervisor: \$235, NYS Ag & Markets: \$6 and Total Disbursements: \$241.

**Bookkeeper's Report:** A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the bookkeeper's report.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve to amend the 2014 Budget line items as follows:

1. Add an expense line to VW4 Fund VW4.9730.600-BAN Principal
2. Add an expense line to VW4 Fund VW4.9730.700 BAN Interest
3. Move \$14,000 from VW4.9710.600 Bond Principal to VW4.9730.600 BAN Principal
4. Move \$40,750 from VW4.9710.700 Bond Interest to VW4.9730.700 BAN Interest.

**Personnel:** Kathy Russo reported that Michelle is working with the school and has received applications. Summer Recreation program is scheduled to begin July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Assessor:** The Assessment Board of Review has requested that court not be held when they hold their annual hearings.

**Zoning Board:** The Zoning Board has revised the town's zoning code and requested the town board to schedule a public hearing on the revisions and SEQR application. The paperwork has to be approved by Seneca County Zoning Board prior to the town holding their public hearing.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to hold a public hearing on the proposed changes to the Zoning Code and review of the SEQR application on July 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes:** A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 14, 2014.

**Abstract:** A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract No. 6, General Fund, Vouchers A0014-90 to A0014-95 in the amount of \$4,728.89, Highway, Vouchers DAO14-31 to DAO14-34 in the amount of \$1,408.69, VS114-018 in the amount of \$148.50, Varick Sewer District No. 2 Vouchers SSS14-13 to SSS14-15 in the amount of \$507.38, Varick Water District No. 1, Vouchers VW114-007 in the amount of \$15, Seneca Lake Water District, Vouchers SWS14-25 to SWS14-27 in the amount of \$4,775.62.

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

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe		\$3,800.00
Municipal Solutions	Invoice 4764	\$2,055.40
	Invoice 4765	\$ 726.92

**New Business, Old Business and Correspondence:**

Supervisor Hayssen reported that Senator Nozzolio has \$50,000 of grant funds that is available to be applied for. He suggested the following projects items:

1. Water line up Yale Farm Road
2. Capital reserve fund
3. Install air release valve to address Larry Colton's problem. The cost would need to be split according to percentage with the Town of Fayette.
4. Put towards road in the depot
5. Build a water department storage building

He also thought to repair Mr. Jones drainage problem on Route 89, however, Chris Covert, from the state is repairing this currently.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to apply for the \$50,000 grant funds.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Peter McDonald and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna Karlsen  
Varick Town Clerk