

Town of Varick
Minutes of the Town Board Meeting
December 2, 2014

The regular meeting of the Varick Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Robert Hayssen at 7:05 p.m. Present at this meeting were Council Members Todd Horton, John Saeli, Kathy Russo and Richard Peterson, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Bookkeeper, Angel Testa, Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch and Attorney for the Town, Steve Ricci. Also present were Sharleen and Dwight Wilson, Erica Wilson, Daniel Butler, and James Brown.

Petitioners to Address the Board: Steve Ricci and the town board reviewed the town zoning code with Sharleen Wilson in regards to the issue of neighbor's animals being a nuisance and causing damage while roaming freely on her daughter's property on Deal Road. This issue was discussed at both the October and November board meetings. Mr. Ricci recommended judicial intervention through small claims court as the current town zoning would not address their concerns. It was also suggested they contact Ontario County Humane Society for direction as Seneca County does not have a Humane Society.

Highway: Mr. McCulloch reported that the truck is at Tenco for installation of added equipment and hopes to have it by February. He stated that currently the town does not have a back up truck for plowing but the county has offered to assist if necessary until the new truck comes in.

Mr. McCulloch explained that piggy-backing on county bids for equipment can be done and often produces better pricing. This can be done with any county or town as long as it is stipulated in the bid specifications when submitted. He will continue to research this option for replacement of the tractor mower and pick-up.

The installation of the new boiler has been completed and is up and running.

Supervisor's Report: Angela Testa reported that she received notification from the Town of Romulus regarding an increase in service fees pertaining to the debt service for Varick Sewer District No. 1 in the amount of \$265. This bill would be split according to percentages with the Town of Romulus and the district's share of this bill is \$119.25.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to reimburse the Town of Romulus for service fees from Varick Sewer District No. 1 in the amount of \$119.25.

Mrs. Testa reported that the loan from General to Water District No. 3 was included in that 2015 budget debt service figure .

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Todd Horton and so carried unanimously to approve the Supervisor's report.

Water District No. 1: No new business.

Seneca Lake Water District: Mr. Hayssen reported that he would contact Ben Karlsen, Water Operator, for a name of a contractor who might be interested in replacing the bolts.

The proposed extension of the water line up Yale Farm Road has been tabled at this time as an income study will need to be conducted and it has been suggested that the town look into a Community Development Block Grant.

Varick Water District No. 3: The issues regarding the movement of the hydrants have still not been resolved and are still waiting for Chris Covert to sign off on this project. Syracuse Constructors still need to satisfy DOT prior to receiving any further payments.

Varick Water District No. 4: Mr. Hayssen reported he received a price from Blair Supply for the Badger Orion hand held reader for billing purposes in the amount of \$8,995. Mr. Hayssen suggested Tim Doran might be interested in doing the billing. Mr. McCulloch indicated that the highway department would be willing to read the meters if necessary. Mrs. Russo will contact the Village of Waterloo to see if they would be interested in doing the billing for this district and obtain an amount from them for this service.

Varick Sewer District No. 1: No new business.

Varick Sewer District No. 2: To date no bill has been submitted for repair of the pump station from Yaws. It was reported that the electric bill is back in alignment, however. Mr. Hayssen will follow up with Yaws.

Mr. Saeli reported that the board budgeted the purchase of up to 12 replacement pumps and he had received a firm quote of \$1,681.

Clerk's Report: A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's Report: Supervisor: \$195, NYS Ag & Markets; \$7, Total Disbursements; \$202.

Personnel: Mrs. Russo reported she researched robot calling systems and had contacted Seneca Falls and Waterloo and found out that they had received grant funds for this systems they have. She reported that Seneca County does not have reverse calling through their 911 system. She suggested that a data base could be established using the assistance from high school students.

She reported that the summer recreation director had surgery on her foot, and hasn't made it to the Town of Romulus to make her report. Mr. Hayssen reported that he would like to look at the number of students attending the summer recreation program from the Town of Varick. Mrs. Russo stated that she hoped Mr. Hayssen isn't questioning his support of the program as the result of her not voting in favor the 2015 budget. Mr. Hayssen stated that he just wants to review the numbers.

Assessor: Mr. Hayssen reported that he worked with Anne Morgan for several hours reviewing the unit assessments for Varick Water District No. 4 and picked up approximately 15 more units.

Planning Board: Mr. Horton reported he informed the Planning Board that Richard Olsen was interested in becoming a board member and filling the current vacancy. The Planning Board is recommending Mr. Olsen for this position. Mr. Saeli expressed concern that although he claims his lake house as his permanent resident, he only lives there during the summer. Mrs. Russo reported that she was unable to find anyone interested in serving on this board and Mr. Horton reported that Mr. Wiant is interested, but currently the meeting night conflicts with other responsibilities he has.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Todd Horton and so carried unanimously to appoint Richard Olson to the Planning Board to fulfill Todd Horton's term of office.

Mr. Horton also reported that Linda Mastellar is now the chairwoman of that board.

Minutes: A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Todd Horton and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of November 5, 2014.

The board will hold an end of year meeting to pay any outstanding bills and to address any business that may come before the board on December 31, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Hayssen appointed Richard Peterson as his deputy Supervisor to replace Peter McDonald.

A motion by Robert Hayssen, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss a criminal investigation and asked that the Town Clerk and Town Attorney attend.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:00 p.m.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to work with Blair Supply to reset the master meter for Varick Water District No. 4 so that it will again read bi-directional water flow and to include Tom Poormon from the Town of Fayette.

Mrs. Russo stated that she has spoken to several people in water district No. 4 who are very happy with the municipal water. She reported that Mr. Bjorkman indicated that he still has bubbles in his line and it was suggested that the line be flushed at the closest hydrant.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Donna Karlsen Varick Town Clerk