

January 6, 2015

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 Todd Horton, John Saeli, Kathy Russo, and Richard Peterson, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Bookkeeper, Angel Testa, Attorney for the Town, Steve Ricci, and Code Enforcement Officer, Larry Colton. Also present was reporter, Aneta Glover. Absent: Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch.

Petitioners To Address The Board: None

Highway: Mr. Hayssen reported that Excellus BlueCross BlueShield increased the monthly health insurance premium to \$162.18. Currently the town's portion of the premium is set at an annual amount of \$7,500 a year. The bookkeeper reported that the board budgeted an annual amount to be expended for health insurance of \$10,000 for 2015, which would cover this year's increase in premium. Mr. Peterson suggested that the town pay a percentage of the health benefits. It was determined that for budgeting purposes, a flat amount be paid annually towards this benefit and to review this amount annually at budget time.

A motion by Robert Hayssen, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to increase the monthly amount to be paid towards Kris Karlsen's health insurance benefit by \$162.18, resulting in the Town of Varick's portion of the 2015 monthly premium to be \$787.18.

Mr. Saeli reported that the highway has received the new Western Star truck with plow equipment installed.

Supervisor's Report: Angela Testa reported that the following interest was earned on CD's: General: \$786.73, Highway: \$929.23 and Seneca Lake Water District: \$907.80

Mr. Hayssen questioned the balance reported for Seneca Lake Water District. The bookkeeper reported that \$50,000 was just reinvested into a CD for Seneca Lake Water which still requires the supervisor's signature to complete this transaction and will be included in February's report.

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

Varick Water District No. 1: No new business.

Seneca Lake Water District: Supervisor Hayssen requested Attorney Steve Ricci to consult with audit & control regarding the services we obtain from the Village of Waterloo for Seneca Lake Water District and seek a recommendation from them to insure a check and balance system is in place.

Mr. Saeli reported that the Varick Fire Department may be storing one of their fire trucks in the Seneca Lake Water District building, per their original agreement at the time the building was purchased from the Fire Department, and will notify the town if they need the space in the building.

It was reported that there are a total of 54 hydrants in this district, some of which have had the bolts replaced already.

Varick Water District No. 3: Steve Ricci reported that he sent an email to Zach of Hancock Estabrook for an update regarding the punch list items, but did not get a response as of this meeting.

Supervisor Hayssen reported that the County may be interested in purchasing the corner horns that were not needed for this water project. He will follow-up on this matter.

Varick Water District No. 4: Mrs. Russo reported that she contacted the Village of Waterloo to obtain a quote for completing the reading of the meters, billing and payment collection for this district. The village needs to know approximately how many customers they would be servicing at this time and will bring this information to their village board for approval and will then submit a quote for services.

Todd Horton reported that he met with Tom Poormon from the Town of Fayette and Mr. Burton from Global Water Specialties to reprogram the master meter so it read bi-directional. A password was not programmed in at this time and they did not test to see if the bi-directional meter was reading bi-directionally.

Annie Bachman questioned her unit charge on her tax bill and Mr. Hayssen will confirm that there are three curb stops, which would result in the property receiving three unit charges.

Mr. Hayssen reported that Orrick provided a timeline and document list and the necessary paperwork to move forward with the town obtaining the additional grant funds amounting to \$136,000. The first action required by the board is to hold a public hearing on the increased cost of improvements.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to hold a public hearing in the matter of a Proposed Increase (Pursuant to Section 209-h of the Town Law) in the Maximum Amount Authorized to be Expended in Connection with the Establishment of a Water District in the Town of Varick, Seneca County, New York, Known as Water District No. 4 in said Town on February 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Varick Town Hall, 4782 Route 96, Romulus New York.

Roll Call:

Robert Hayssen:	Yes
Todd Horton:	Yes
John Saeli:	Yes
Kathy Russo:	Yes

Richard Peterson: Yes

So Carried Unanimously

A complete copy of this order will be attached to the adopted minutes of January 6, 2015.

Varick Sewer District No. 1: No new business.

Varick Sewer District No. 2: The pumps are still not working properly and Marty Brewer and a company from Ithaca are working with Yaws to get them repaired.

Code Enforcement Officer: Larry Colton would like the board to assess a fee to those who do not obtain a building permit prior to beginning construction. It was noted that some individuals may not know this is required, but there are contractors who are aware of the necessity and are still not obtaining one. Todd Horton stated that this change would need to be presented through the Planning Board and he will contact Linda Mastellar to add to their board's agenda.

Mr. Colton reported that the Mennonite School is in full operation and they obtained a special use permit from the County. He submitted his December 2014 zoning code report along with his annual report. Mr. Colton stated that the \$1,718.112 on the report represents the total construction amounts submitted on the zoning permits, and does not represent the 2014 town taxable income as indicated on his report.

Town Clerk's Report: A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Todd Horton and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's report: Supervisor: \$120.00, NYS Ag & Markets: \$10.00, Total Disbursements: \$130.00.

Personnel: No new business.

Assessor: No new business

Zoning Board: No new business.

Minutes: A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve December 31, 2014 minutes.

Abstract: A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract No. 1, General, Vouchers A0015-001 to A0015-007 in the amount of \$10,778.74, Highway, Vouchers DA015-001 to DA015-004 in the amount of \$197,473.36, Water District No. 1, Voucher VW115-001 to VW115-002 in the amount of \$137.00, Seneca Lake Water District, Voucher SWS15-001 to SWS15-002 in the amount of \$69,177.49, Varick Water District No. 3, Vouchers VW315-001 in the amount of \$15.00, VW415-001 to VW415-002 in the amount of \$71.79, Varick Sewer District No. 1, VS115-001 in the amount of \$62.00, Varick Sewer District No. 2, SSS15-001 in the amount of \$210.89

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

Robert Hayssen	\$248.00
NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation:	\$100.00

Tim Buhl submitted invoice number VWD-1406 in the amount of \$2,960.63 for engineering services that includes work completed for the additional grant funds that were applied for. The town attorney recommended that this payment be held until a review of Tim Buhl's budget can be completed, Rural Development submitted approvals are received and the steps be completed as stated in Orrick's timeline and document letter.

Old Business, New Business & Correspondence:

Supervisor Hayssen reported that he received the contract information to obtain the \$50,000 in grant funds for capital improvements.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Todd Horton and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Karlsen
Varick Town Clerk