

Town of Varick
Minutes of the Town Board Meeting
August 4, 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, Angela Testa and Attorney for the Town, Steve Ricci. Also present were Larry Colton and Richard Olsen.

Petitioners To Address The Board: Larry Colton reported that he is circulating a petition requesting that the Seneca County IDA and the Seneca County Board of Supervisors give its citizens first choice in the subdivision and sale of parcels within the Former Seneca Army Depot located in Romulus and Varick. Included in this petition is the reopening and restoring of the road inside the Army Depot that connects Route 96 to Route 96A. The petition further states that selling parcels to area citizens as opposed to corporate entities will provide the county, towns, and the schools a substantial tax base and it is believed that reopening the road will provide for reduced traffic patterns and quick access for emergency vehicles. Those who have signed the petition are demanding that when the parcels are available for purchase the interested buyers whose names appear on the petition be given preference in the purchasing process. Mr. Colton will also be addressing the County Supervisors on August 11 and the IDA on September 3.

A brief discussion was held regarding where the road would come out onto State Route 96A. It was reported that the state would need to review and approve this location.

Richard Olsen questioned whether restoration will continue on his property located at 5404 Route 89. He noted that he is unable to maintain the property in question due to the grade of the land. He would like to see stone put down. Supervisor Hayssen stated that it is on the punch list to be reviewed, and the contractor's have pictures of its pre-existing condition prior to the installation of the water line. Mr. Olsen would like the opportunity to meet with the contractor to discuss this issue.

Highway: No report.

Supervisor's Report: The board reviewed the 2012 and 2013 Financial Statements and the Internal Control related matters identified in the audits for Water District No. 3 and Seneca Lake Water District. Mrs. Testa reported that these statements were reviewed with her and many of the items identified in the internal control report have been addressed.

A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the 2012 and 2013 audits for Water District No. 3 and Seneca Lake Water District.

Code Enforcement Officer: Mr. Colton reported that the 911 system will be installing an antenna to provide better service.

Planning Board: The planning board and zoning board will continue to work together to update the zoning code's wording. A public hearing is scheduled for September 1, 2015 for Local Law No. 1 of 2015 updating the zoning code and subdivision regulations.

Water District No. 1: The County water billing still being reviewed for the first quarter. Until the billing issues are resolved, it was suggested that the amount to be paid should be based on the district's consumer usage.

Seneca Lake Water District: John Saeli questioned whether there was still interest in extending a water line up Yale Farm Road and what would the benefits be to the residents. It was noted that we did receive a proposal from Municipal Solutions for financial services and an income study needs to be completed. It was also noted that a pump station would need to be installed.

Varick Water District No. 3: The district received a check in the amount of \$5,275.97 which was being held in escrow by Attorney Steve Ricci that represents the town's portion of the legal settlement. It was agreed by the Town of Fayette and this board to continue to hold the balance of the settlement or \$7,500 in escrow for payment to complete the "record of drawing" for Varick Water District No. 3 and Fayette Water District No. 5. John Saeli agreed to contact Town of Fayette Supervisor Cindy Lorrenzetti to have them proceed to get quotes to complete these drawing and present them to both town boards for review and selection.

Mrs. Testa reported that now that she has received the settlement check, she will have the funds to pay the outstanding invoices that have already been approved by the board to MRB, Municipal Solutions and Hancock & Estabrook totaling \$1,867.92.

Supervisor Hayssen received a letter from the Town of Fayette inquiring as to how the quantity of water, the cost of water and the revenue from the water sold to Willy's Water has been apportioned and reported. Mr. Hayssen stated that he spoke to Supervisor Lorenzetti and explained that the water purchased from Water District No. 3 is being billed to Willy's Water. Revenue from this water sold is being deposited in Water District No. 3 and should not be apportioned. Although Seneca County reports a water loss amount on their bills, it is not accurate as the master meter is not being read on the same day as the resident's meters, which results in an inaccurate water loss amount. Therefore, the towns have been paying the county for the water used based on water consumption billed to the users in each district. Supervisor Hayssen is still reviewing the water usage numbers to determine an accurate water loss figure. It was suggested that a letter explaining this be sent to the town of Fayette.

Water District No. 4: Supervisor Hayssen reported that final payment will be held to the DeTorelli until all items on the punch list have been addressed and the board is satisfied with the work completed. The DOT punch list items will be completed first. He also reported that he is still waiting for a copy of the punch list from Engineer Tim Buhl and he will provide a copy of this to the board once he receives it. No payment Tim Buhl will be issued until the required change orders are completed and requested work be submitted to the town.

Varick Sewer District No. 1: Mr. Hayssen was not sure of the status on possible rate changes for the county water and sewer districts. Mr. Hayssen reported that Mary Anne Kowalski last day employee for the county was July 31, 2015 and at this time there has been no replacement appointed. Mr. Hayssen reported that Tom Garlick is now overseeing the county water and sewer districts maintenance.

Varick Sewer District No. 2: No report.

Summer Recreation: Summer Recreation will be concluding on Thursday, August 13th. The Lunch program offered will be ending this day as well.

Town Clerk's Report: A motion by Richard Person, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's report: Supervisor, \$225, NYS Ag & Markets: \$10 and Total Disbursements: \$235.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of July 7, 2015.

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

Abstract: A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Todd Horton and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract No. 8, General, Vouchers A0015-121 to A0015-126 in the amount of \$244.58, Highway, DA015-053 to DA015-060 in the amount of \$3,174.13, Varick Water 1, VW115-011 in the amount of \$17, Seneca Lake Water District, Vouchers SWS15-035 to SWS15-037 in the amount of \$577.60, Varick Water District No. 3, Voucher VW315-013 in the amount of \$34, Varick Water District No. 4, Voucher VW415-017 to VW415-18 in the amount of \$1,703.44, Varick Sewer District No. 1, VS115-020 to VS115-021 in the amount of \$258.75, and Seneca Lake Sewer District, SSS15-035 to SSS15-036 in the amount of \$6,295.00.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Todd Horton and so carried unanimously to approve payment for Varick Water District No. 3 Capital bills:

Hancock & Estabrook	\$348.09
Municipal Solutions	\$617.50

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Todd Horton and so carried unanimously to approve payment for Varick Water District No. 4 Capital bill:

Municipal Solutions	\$2,042.80
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New Business, Old Business and Correspondence: Mrs. Russo presented a note she received from Cheryl Mandigo inquiring if she could purchase water from the Town of Varick and draw it from a hydrant as Willy's Water is doing. They are a large farmer and use large quantities of water for their fields. They are currently purchasing their water from the Town of Romulus.

The board reviewed their stipulation for the sale of water in this case and determined that only certified water haulers could draw from the hydrants at this time and have to provide their own meters.

A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Karlsen, Varick Town Clerk