

Varick Town Board  
November 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 John Saeli, Kathy Russo and Richard Peterson, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Bookkeeper, Angela Test, representatives from Town of Fayette, Supervisor Cindy Lorenzetti, Councilman, Jeff Trout and the water department, Bill Trout, and reporter Anita Glover. Also present was Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fox. Absent: Councilman Todd Horton

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to open the public hearing on the 2016 Preliminary Budget; General Fund, Highway Fund, Special Districts budgets and the following fire protection units; Varick/Romulus, Varick, and Varick/Fayette at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Saeli complimented the administration for developing 2016 budgets that resulted in no tax increase to the tax payers.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to close the public hearing on the 2016 Preliminary Budget; General Fund, Highway Fund, Special Districts budgets and the following fire protection units; Varick/Romulus, Varick, and Varick/Fayette at 7:10 p.m.

**Petitioners to Address The Board:** Town of Fayette Supervisor Cindy Lorenzetti questioned how Willy's Water was being billed through Water District No. 3. She expressed concern that Fayette Water District No. 5 was paying for water loss that was actually sold to Willy's Water. Mr. Hayssen stated that he has attempted numerous times to explain this to Mrs. Lorenzetti and again in a letter to her and the Fayette board the end of September. Mrs. Karlsen explained that the meter designated for Willy's Water usage is being read and water usage billed on a monthly basis to Willy's Water. Mrs. Karlsen further explained that in order to keep better track of water being used by consumers, the town's bookkeeper will report to Alissa at the Village of Waterloo on a quarterly basis the amount of water purchased by Willy's Water. This practice was just recently put into place for the Town of Fayette's benefit. Mrs. Karlsen pointed out that the County has informed her that the Town of Fayette has not been paying for water loss, and is only paying for water billed to their consumers, as is the Town of Varick, so their concern that they have been overpaying their share of water loss is a mute point. Mr. Hayssen reported that he has been trying to work with Roy Gates and Aimee at the county regarding the information provided on the bills and it was suggested that the Romulus, Fayette and Varick hold a meeting with the county to consider any suggestions presented by all parties involved. Willy's Water usage will be paid to the county once an agreed upon billing system is established.

Bill Trout reported that he compared the water usage from October of 2014 with October 2015 usage and there was about an 18,000 gallon increase, which was reflected in the number of gallons used by Willy's Water. He also reported that the Town of Fayette still has to flush their dead ends and reported that this water is metered. Mrs. Karlsen reported that due to the increase in water usage in Water District No. 3, the district has not had to flush any lines this summer and

chlorine levels have been acceptable. It was requested of Fayette that they, like the Town of Varick, report the number of gallons of water being flushed to the Village of Waterloo for bookkeeping purposes as well.

**Highway:** Mr. Hayssen reported that work has commenced by the State DOT on the James Property along Route 89 pertaining to the flooding of their property.

Mr. Hayssen reported that he received a phone call from Dawn Eno who lives on East Lake Road requesting the pavement be repaired at the corner of Yale Farm Road and East Lake Road where a water leak had occurred earlier in the spring. Mrs. Karlson reported that Superintendent Richard McCullough was aware of her concern and was working with the county to get this repaired.

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

Mrs. Testa reported that a CD for the highway department will not come due until the beginning of December and requested permission to have Seneca Lake Water District loan the Highway Department \$50,000, rather than close out the Highway CD early in order to pay the bills submitted.

A motion by Robert Hayssen, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve a loan from Seneca Lake Water District to Highway in the amount of \$50,000 to be paid back by December 31, 2015.

**Water District No. 1:** No report.

**Seneca Lake Water District:** No report.

**Water District No. 3:** Bill Trout reported that the Town of Fayette has the equipment to GPS the water lines in Varick Water District No. 3 and Fayette Water District No. 5 and Jim Bromka is willing to complete this work and have his son put the information on a map.

Mr. Hayssen stated that a record of drawings needs to be completed for both towns and wanted to know the status from MRB to do this work. Mrs. Lorenzetti reported that MRB requires further information from the as-builts that should have been completed by Butch Carroll, as clerk of the works. Mrs. Lorenzetti stated that if MRB has to recreate the as-builts, there will be an added fee. Mr. Hayssen reported that he had the county make him copies of what Butch Carroll had completed and has it in his possession. He suggested that Mrs. Lorenzetti go to the county and request this information again, as it has to be there somewhere, and in the mean time he will see if he can locate the copies he has.

**Water District No. 4:** Mr. Hayssen was able to get the ISO approval for Water District 4 and supplied a copy of the hydrant flow data sheet completed by to the board. It was noted that once ISO completes their filing, residents along the water line should contact their insurance agents to

seek possible reduction in homeowner insurance costs. It was noted that this information could be posted on the town's web page.

**Varick Sewer District No. 2:** Mr. Saeli reported that he received pricing from Dan Ryan, Siewert Equipment, for the purchase of 18 grinder pumps in 2016 in the amount of \$1,681 each. Mr. Ryan email confirms that the warranty can be extended to 24 months from installation or 36 months from shipment, whichever occurs first. Mr. Ryan stated in this email that good record keeping must be completed on the town's part as to the date and address of the pump core installment and report it to Siewert. This can be done through email, otherwise there is no way for Siewert to keep track of the extended warranty.

Siewert Equipment submitted a proposal to change incoming voltage 230, single phase to a three phase out to the 15 hp motor in the amount of \$4,440.00. This pump is currently not operational at this time. They also provided a one time Planned Service Proposal in the amount of \$3,636. Mr. Saeli questioned why we would need to have Siewert do the maintenance, as it was his understanding that Yaws provides the maintenance. Mr. Hayssen did not have an opportunity to discuss this pricing with Yaws, but will do so and asked the board to approve the work contingent on Mr. Hayssen's approval once he is able to clarify the specifics pertaining to the proposal.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to direct Supervisor Hayssen to contact Yaws to gather further information regarding the repair and maintenance proposals submitted by Siewert and authorize Mr. Hayssen to have the work done if the proposals are acceptable.

**Dog Control Officer:** Bryan McCann, through an email, reported that he was bitten in the hand by a dog that was located in the area of Hillside and the telephone company. The Health Department has been notified and they will do a 10 day hold on the dog to make sure she is not sick. Mr. McCann does not require any shots at this time and will notify the board if any further action is required.

**Code Enforcement:** Mr. Hayssen reported that he is working with Wendy Marsh regarding the subdivision issue reported by Mr. Riegel at the October board meeting. She will be attending the December meeting.

**Town Clerk's Report:** A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's Report: Supervisor: \$315, NYS Ag & Markets: \$23, Total Disbursements: \$338.00.

**2016 Budget:** A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and to move the 2016 Preliminary Budget of the Town of Varick and Preliminary Budget of the Special District Fund Budgets to the final 2016 budgets and to adopt the Fire Protection Units.

Discussion: Mr. Hayssen is not in favor of the reduction of the 3% raises down to 1.5% and will not support the budget with this reduction as he feels it is disrespectful to the employees.

Mr. Saeli noticed that the budget line to fund the purchase of the 18 grinder pumps in 2016 for Varick Sewer District No. 2 had not been increased to reflect the added cost.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by John Saeli and so carried to approve the purchase of 18 grinder pumps for Varick Sewer District No. 2 at a cost of approximately \$1,700 per pump and to increase the expenditure line accordingly.

Call the Vote:

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and to move the 2016 Preliminary Budget of the Town of Varick and Preliminary Budget of the Special District Fund Budgets to the final 2016 budgets and to adopt the Fire Protection Units.

Robert Hayssen:	No
John Saeli:	Yes
Kathy Russo:	Yes
Richard Peterson:	Yes
Absent:	Todd Horton
So Carried	

**Personnel:** Mrs. Russo reported that she anticipated Michelle Andrews, director of the Summer Recreation Program to be in attendance to provide a presentation on this year's program, but she was unable to attend.

**Minutes:** A motion by John Saeli seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of October 6 and October 22, 2015.

**Abstract:** A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract No. 11, General, Vouchers A0015-196 to A0015-203 in the amount of \$2,887.64, Highway, Vouchers DA015-77 to DA15-82 in the amount of \$19,972.25, Varick Water District No. 1, Vouchers VW115-017 in the amount of \$17.00, Seneca Lake Water District, Vouchers SWS15-046 to SWS15-047 in the amount of \$61.03, Varick Water District No. 3, VW315-020 in the amount of \$17.00, Varick Water District No. 4, VW415-029 in the amount of \$17.00, Varick Sewer District No. 1, VS115-032 in the amount of \$148.50, Varick Sewer District No. 2, SSS15-045 to SSS15-047 in the amount of \$6,695.00.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve payment of Water District No. 4 Capital project invoices as follows:

Tim Buhl	Invoice No. VWD-1503	\$ 980.05
	Invoice No. VWD-1504	\$1,213.73
Blair Supply	Invoice 1208113	\$ 512.70
	Invoice 1208113-1	\$ 37.50

Mrs. Karlsen reported that she will be submitting prior board approved expenses and wish list items in order to get this capital project closed by December 31, 2015.

**Planning Board:** Mr. Hayssen received an email with an attached letter pertaining to the steps that should be followed regarding permitting of sub-divisions written by the Planning Board to be sent to the County Clerk under a cover letter from the Town Board authenticating the board's support.

A motion by Robert Hayssen, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried to forward the letter written by the Planning Board pertaining to the county filing of sub-divisions in the town of Varick and to forward this letter to the county with the Town Board's support.

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

The town clerk reported that she received an acknowledgement letter from Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb regarding the board's resolutions pertaining to the U.S. Senate Bill S-1879 and the Lago Resort & Casino. She also reported that she had received emails acknowledging receipt of the resolutions being sent to other dignitaries as well.

The board received a letter from the Romulus Elementary Playground Committee, Donna Newcomb, asking for support of the elementary school playground fundraising campaign. The board noted that the town cannot make a donation, but the board members can on their own behalf.

Robert McCann, president of the Romulus School Board, emailed a recently passed resolution by the RCS board encouraging the County to share sales tax revenue from gaming revenue. The board reviewed the resolution, but no action was taken at this time.

Thomas Fox of Seneca Security Service advised the board in writing that effective December 31, 2015 they will no longer be able to provide court security service for the town court as he will be a member of the Varick Town Board beginning January 1, 2016 and felt it might be a conflict of interest. Further research will need to be done to find a replacement for this service.

The Town of Fayette notified the board that they will be holding a public hearing on their local law number 4 for the purpose of overriding the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C.

Mr. Hayssen reported that he will be touring the depot property on Thursday, November 5 at 2:00 and invited those who were interested to attend. There will also be a meeting held by the Town of Romulus Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Romulus Fire Department pertaining to the depot property and a public meeting held by the IDA at the Romulus Fire Department on Saturday morning.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Donna Karslen, Town Clerk