

June 7, 2016

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, Tom Fox, Kathy Russo and Richard Peterson, attorney for the town, Stephen Ricci, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Bookkeeper, Angela Testa, Code Enforcement Officer, Richard L. McCulloch, Planning Board member, Richard Olsen and Ovid Gazette reporter, Aneta Glover. Also present were Helen Long, Brianna Long and Andrew Herkovic. Absent was Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch.

Petitioners to Address the Board: Brianna Long requested a handicapped sign be placed at both ends of Dilts Road. She stated there used to be a “children at play” signs up, but wasn’t sure if they still exist on both ends of this road. The board will follow up her request with Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch and have him contact her.

Abstract: A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract No. 5, General, Vouchers A0016-093 to A0016-102 in the amount of \$20,468.21, Highway, Vouchers DA016-039 to DA016-44 in the amount of \$4,458.28, Varick Water District No. 1, Voucher VW116-009 in the amount of \$25, Seneca Lake Water District Vouchers SWS16-019 to SWS16-023 in the amount of \$3,800.64, Varick Water District No. 3, VW316-011 to VW316-013 in the amount of \$1,262.50, Varick Water District No. 4, VW416-016 to VW416-018 in the amount of \$1,599.32, Varick Sewer District No. 2, SSS16-013 in the amount of \$2,000.00

Highway: No Report.

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

Code Enforcement: Mr. McCulloch submitted his Building Permit Report for the month of May. He reported that the issue regarding a light on the McNeely property was addressed and Mr. McNeely did replace the light and it is now in compliance with the Varick code. He did state that Mr. McNeely’s neighbor, Mr. Zeitler is still not happy, but the light does meet code.

The board was informed there are some subdivision issues that are being addressed by the Planning Board and Zoning Board and modifications to the Sub-Division Regulations may be in order. These boards will address their concerns once further review can be done.

Varick Sewer 1: No report.

Varick Sewer 2: No report.

Varick Water District No. 1: Letters were sent to the consumers of this district informing them of the water rate increase that took effect the beginning of the second quarter or April 1, 2016.

Seneca Lake Water District No. 2: It was reported that the Ford F150 was sold at auction for \$5,001. Mrs. Karlsen reminded the board that the purchaser of this truck was responsible to pay the commission to GovDeals as well as all taxes due. She did report that prior to the new owner taking the truck a new fuel pump had to be installed.

Mr. Hayssen reported that Robert Kayser will be resigning from the water department as inspector, but has agreed to continue installation of replacement meters until the time of his resignation. The board will send him a thank you note for his service.

Mr. Hayssen received from the Village of Waterloo the billing renewal Agreement for Service for the Benefit of Seneca Lake Water District and Varick Sewer District No. 2. The term of this agreement is two years and is all under one agreement for both sewer and water districts.

A motion by Tom Fox, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to direct Supervisor Robert Hayssen to sign the Agreement for Service for the Benefit of Seneca Lake Water District and Varick Sewer District No. 2 with the Village of Waterloo.

Water District No. 3: Mr. Hayssen reported that Willy's water account is currently paid in full and he notified him that his new water rate will be \$9/1000 gallons.

Mr. Fox reported he contacted Fayette Supervisor Cindy Lorenzetti, and set up a meeting to include Todd Horton and Fayette Councilman Jeff Trout and Engineer Jason McComick last month to review the letter the board received pertaining to metered sales to Willy's Water. It is still the Town of Fayette's belief that Varick Water District No. 3 owes approximately \$1,975.20 to them for unaccountable water that was sold to Willy's Water, they state they paid for. Mrs. Karlsen will meet with Mr. Horton and Mr. Fox to provide them the payment records made by Varick Water District No. 3 to Seneca County Water District No. 1 for metered water sold to Willy's Water.

Stephen Ricci reminded the board that he is still holding money in an account from the legal settlement with the county for this district. These funds are to be used for creating a map of drawing which the Town of Fayette stated they would get completed, but has not as of this date, made any progress on getting this done. Mr. Fox and Mr. Horton would like to help resolve the tension between the two towns, and suggested creating a liaison committee, with two representatives from each town to resolve outstanding issues. Mr. Fox, Mr. Horton and Mr. Peterson referred to grant funding availability, and would like to promote a good working relationship between the surrounding towns.

A motion by Tom Fox, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to create a liaison committee and named Tom Fox and Todd Horton to this committee, to work with the Town of Fayette's liaison committee if one is formed by them.

Mr. Peterson commended Mr. Fox and Mr. Horton on their efforts, but would have liked them to have brought this meeting to the board for approval prior to their meeting with Fayette. As was stated the board had motioned in their meeting of April 5th that no action pertaining to that letter was to be taken by this board and if any inquiries were made, they were to be directed to the town's attorney. Mr. Horton agreed with Mr. Peterson and stated that Mr. Fox, at the last minute informed him of the meeting and asked him to attend with him. Mr. Horton indicated the Mr. Fox was trying to act in his best interest in responding to this letter, and to resolve this issue between the two towns.

Mr. Hayssen received from the Village of Waterloo the billing renewal Agreement for Service for the Benefit of Varick Water District No. 3. The term of this agreement is two years.

A motion by Tom Fox, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to direct Supervisor Robert Hayssen to sign the Agreement for Service for the Benefit of Varick Water District No. 3 with the Village of Waterloo.

Varick Water District No. 4: Mr. Hayssen reported that a comparison will be made against the Fayette water billing and consumer billing once it is completed the end of this month. He reported it is difficult to keep track of the master meter due to the continual electric outages and the necessity to reset the master meter. He has requested a key from the Town of Fayette for this meter, but has yet to receive one. He also reported Tim Dorn had investigated a possible water leak, but does not feel there was one.

It was reported that the Town of Romulus is still progressing with their Route 89 water project which ultimately will purchase water from Varick Water District No. 4.

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: \$195, NYS Ag & Markets: \$10, Total Disbursements: \$205.

Personnel: Mrs. Russo reported that the Summer Recreation Program is moving along and will begin July 5, 2016 at Romulus Central School.

Assessor: Nothing to report.

Zoning Board: No report.

Planning Board: Richard Olsen made reference to outstanding subdivision issues to Stephen Ricci and will have Chairwoman Linda Mastellar follow up with him on this matter. He made reference to some subdivisions that were completed without approval from the Planning Board and it was felt that although they are after the fact, Mr. Ricci indicated they should be brought into compliance as it will affect these properties in the future.

Minutes: A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of May 7, 2016.

Old Business, New Business and Correspondence: Mr. Hayssen reported that he was to meet again with the IDA regarding the town's purchase of the depot property, but in an email from them, they felt the town's application was complete and they had all the information they needed.

The board received a letter of interest for the open position on the Zoning Board of Appeals from Andrew Herkovic who was recommended for this position by Jeff Hogue, chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to appoint Andrew Herkovic to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expiring December 31, 2020.

The board also received a letter of resignation from Joanne Squires from the Assessment Board of Appeals. Her husband, Bill Squires wrote a letter of interest to be appointed to this board. He is currently serving on the Planning Board. The board will table this appointment in order to confer with the Town Assessor.

A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Karlsen
Varick Town Clerk