

July 5, 2016

The regular meeting of the Varick Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Robert Hayssen at 7:00 p.m. Present at the meeting were Council Members, Todd Horton, Tom Fox, Kathy Russo and Richard Peterson. Also present were Town Clerk Donna Karlsen, Highway Superintendent Richard McCulloch, Attorney for the Town Joe Midiri, Planning Board Chair Linda Mastellar, South Seneca Ambulance, Jason Henderson, Reporter for the Ovid Gazette Aneta Glover. Absent: Bookkeeper Angela Testa.

**Petitioners to Address the Board:** Jason Henderson reported that he is currently the Vice President for South Seneca Ambulance. He reported that the ambulance is financially stable, but the budget is always lacking due to low volume of calls and they will be holding a budget workshop in a few weeks. He also reported that they have been providing assistance to North Seneca Ambulance due to shortage in North Seneca's ALS staffing.

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

**Highway:** Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch reported the department put a handicapped road sign on Dilts Road as requested by the Long family. He also reported that they will be resurfacing Ogden Road, Dilts Road and Kuney Road this year. Mr. McCulloch reported that there are no written specifications for pipes being installed to fill in a ditch line. He will make recommendations based on situational guidelines and by common water issues. He also reported that no permit is required to fill a ditch in. The owner of the property will be responsible to pay to dig back up the pipe if it fails.

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

**Seneca Lake Water District:** The Village of Waterloo repaired a weep at the corner of Yale Farm Road and East Lake Road. There was no water leak in this location. It was reported that there was a leak between the curb stop and meter pit at 4881 East Lake Road which was repaired.

**Varick Water District No. 3:** Mr. Hayssen reported that Willy's Water is pulling water from the hydrant and was informed his new water rate will be \$9.00/1000 gallons of water beginning with the second quarter billing.

**Varick Water District No. 4:** Mr. Hayssen will call Engineer Tim Buhl, to get the town's record of drawings for this district. The drawings will need to be submitted to Dig Safely. Mr. Hayssen is still reviewing water consumption versus what Fayette is billing us for water in this district.

Mr. Fox was unsure if the Town of Fayette agreed to form a liaison committee to work with the town of Varick. He will follow up on this.

Mr. Hayssen reported that he does not feel the new water line at 5493 Route 89 was installed properly and would like a letter sent to the owners notifying them, once he has had an opportunity to speak with Ben Karlsen, water maintainer.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Tom Fox and so carried unanimously to send a letter to the property owners of 5493 Route 89 (property once owned by Calvin Brainard) informing them of any infractions to regulations pertaining to the installation of their water line.

**Varick Sewer District No. 1:** No report.

**Varick Sewer District No. 2:** Mrs. Karlsen reported that Bill Kolbeck, Sewer Maintainer, reported that the grinder pumps that were purchased the beginning of the year have all been installed. He has 19 pumps to be repaired, and requested he be permitted to purchase 6 more pumps for inventory.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to purchase 6 grinder pumps at a cost of \$1,740.

**Planning Board:** Mrs. Mastellar reported that any sub-divisions for the recently purchased depot property should be coming before the Planning Board. The Planning Board is also looking at Sonja Wirth's request for sub-division and noted that according to the current regulations, a sub-division is not permitted with just a permitted right-of-way. Different examples of various farm properties in the town were discussed and it was determined that sub-division regulations may need to be reviewed and updated in order to represent the property owners' best interests. Mrs. Mastellar noted that the Planning Board will seek examples from other towns to base any proposed recommended changes.

Vacation rentals were discussed and the board requested that the Planning Board look at developing a definition and classification defining these rentals in the Town of Varick Zoning Code by addressing ordinances such as noise, parking and lighting in a reasonably restrictive manor. Mrs. Mastellar will again seek input from other towns' codes, adapt them to meet Varick's needs and present them to the town board for review.

**Abstract:** A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Tom Fox and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract No. 7, General, Vouchers A0016-109 to A0016-115 in the amount of \$5,072.22, Highway, Vouchers DA016-045 to DA016-52 in the amount of \$871.52, Varick Water District No. 1, Voucher VW116-010 in the amount of \$25, Seneca Lake Water District, Voucher No. SWS16-05 to SWS16-027 in the amount of \$110,173.84, Varick Water District No. 3, VW316-014 to VW316-015 in the amount of \$242.25, Varick Water District No. 4, VW416-020 to VW416-021 in the amount of \$1,162,01, Varick Sewer District No. 1, Voucher VS116-020 in the amount of \$148.50, Varick Sewer District No. 2, SSS16-014 to SSS16-016 in the amount of \$1,795.79.

**Town Clerk's Report:** A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Tom Fox and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's report; Supervisor: \$310, NYS Ag & markets: \$25, State health Department: \$45, Total Disbursement: \$380.00

**Dog Control:** A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve the Dog Control Officer's Report for April 1 to June 30, 2016.

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Code Enforcement Officer Rick McCulloch submitted his building permit report for the month of June 2016.

**Personnel:** Summer Recreation began July 5, 2016 and Mrs. Russo was unsure of attendance as of this date.

**Assessor:** No report.

**Minutes:** A motion by Richard Peterson seconded by Tom Fox and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of June 7, 2016.

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

Seneca County IDA returned \$250 of the \$500 application fee bid. \$125 of this fee needs to be refunded to Seneca White Deer organization.

Appointment to the Assessment Board of Appeals board was tabled for further review.

Mr. Hayssen reported that he received a copy of the SEQR report from the Town of Romulus pertaining to NYS Route 89 Water District in the Town of Romulus.

A motion by Kathy Russo seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Karlsen  
Varick Town Clerk