

April 4, 2017

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 Councilmen Todd Horton, Tom Fox and Richard Peterson, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Bookkeeper, Angela Testa, Attorney for the Town, Joe Midiri, and Ovid Gazette reporter, Anita Glover. Absent: Councilwoman Kathy Russo and Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch.

Petitioners of the Board: None.

Highway: Nothing to report.

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

Angela Testa reported that she received the CHIPS funds in from 2016 in the amount of \$48,229.38 which was less than the 2015 amount.

Code Enforcement: The listing agent for Eric Riegel's property that is for sale was provided a copy of the Varick Zoning regulations that pertain to the installation of a dock and hoist. According to the regulations these structures would not meet set back requirements and an application to the Zoning Board of Appeals would be required. It was reported that the Code Enforcement Officer was not aware of the sub-division issue pertaining to this property that Attorney Wendy Marsh was hired by the town to review. Supervisor Hayssen has a call into her for direction on this matter.

Varick Water District 1: A break in the main line occurred in the town of Romulus district in front of Romulus Central School on March 30th.

Seneca Lake Water District: Mr. Hayssen reported that he and Tom Fox met with the Village of Waterloo regarding the billing for Seneca County Water District No. 1 water usage. It was agreed that the Village would not send the county bill out until further review of the water usage can be completed. Mr. Hayssen spoke to John Sheppard at the county and informed him that the County water bill is about \$91,000 in arrears. All parties concerned are reviewing options to replace the master meter and it was suggested that the "Jack Holly" meter be replaced. Further discussion and negotiation will continue until this issue can be resolved.

Varick Water District No. 3: Mr. Hayssen again reported that the master meter for this district was replaced by the county. Since the meter was replaced Varick Water 3 and Fayette 5 are showing a 30% water loss in 4th quarter of last year and 40% water loss in the first quarter of 2017. It is believed the new meter is not operating correctly. Jim Bromka will work with the manufacturer to check the programming of the meter. Mr. Hayssen noted that Fayette Water District paid the loss factor, which was incorrectly figured by the county at a lesser percentage rate to them. This will need to be corrected in the second quarter billing. It was noted that the Town of Varick did not pay any water loss, as it is felt the new meter is not providing an accurate water read. It was also noted that the board passed a resolution agreeing to split the water loss amount

50/50 with the Town of Fayette beginning the first quarter of 2017 contingent that the Town of Fayette would pass a resolution in agreement with this. Donna Karlsen spoke to the Town of Fayette's Town Clerk and emailed their bookkeeper to find out what they had paid on their 1st quarter water bill from Seneca County and was informed that the Fayette board did not pass a motion agreeing to the 50/50 split as of that date.

Varick Water District No. 4: It was reported that the pressure in this line briefly decreased during a fire at a home in Varick when multiple fire departments were drawing from the hydrants. Mr. Hayssen spoke to Fire Coordinator Jeff Case who told him that Seneca Falls was informed of the fire and the necessity for the increase of water pressure to meet the additional draw of water. Rick Conley, a member of the Fayette fire department has expressed concern with the lack of water pressure, which required some of the fire trucks to fill from a hydrant in Romulus. Jeff Case indicated that although the pressure did lower, at no time did the fire departments run out of water and if handled appropriately by the departments, could have pulled from the lake if such a case had arisen. Mr. Hayssen will discuss the system they have in place with Seneca Falls, but also suggested that if Mr. Conley has any further concerns regarding this matter, he should contact the Town of Fayette as they are the water supplier to this district.

Abstract: A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Todd Horton and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract No. 4, General Vouchers A0017-48 to A0017-058 in the amount of \$2,035.71, Highway, Vouchers DA017-018 to DA017-023 in the amount of \$3,210.49, Seneca Lake Water, Vouchers SWS17-015 to SWS17-16 in the amount of \$744.71, Varick Water District No. 4, VW417-010 in the amount of \$724.74, Varick Sewer District No. 1, VS117-012 to VS1-17-13 in the amount of \$179.90, Varick Sewer District No. 2, \$1,473.12.

Clerk's Report: A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Tom Fox and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's report: Supervisor: \$100, NYS Ag & Markets: \$5, Total Disbursements: \$105.

Minutes: A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried to approve the minutes of March 7, 2017. Supervisor Hayssen abstained as he wasn't present at that meeting.

Dog Control: Mr. McCann provided his quarterly dog report which the board reviewed. Mr. Peterson commended Mr. McCann on his job performance in helping him catch a stray dog that was on his property. Mr. Peterson reported that the dog has a new home and is doing very well.

New Business, Old Business, Correspondence:

Mr. Hayssen would like to increase the contract percentage with Time Warner (Charter Communication) from 3% to 5% and Attorney Midiri will contact Charter Communication regarding this matter.

A motion by Todd Horton, seconded Tom Fox and so carried unanimously to accept Emily Testa's resignation as cleaning person and to hire Angela Testa at \$12 an hour as the cleaning person.

Margaret Mitchel submitted a letter to the board requesting that her penalty amount of \$77.38 be refunded to her from her 2017 Town and County tax bill. She stated that her payment of January

14th must have been lost in the mail as it was never received by the tax collector. She included a stop payment receipt on the original check and a copy of her payment of March 23, 2017 which she delivered in person after a reminder statement was received by her the beginning of March. She noted that she has never paid late in all the years she has been a resident of Varick.

A motion by Tom Fox, seconded by Todd Horton and so carried unanimously to waive the \$77.38 penalty assessed to Margaret and Lawrence Mitchell's 2017 tax bill for parcel number 06-3-27.

Mr. Fox would like to either have department heads attend the monthly board meeting or provide a written report. It was noted that the code enforcement officer and dog control officer provide written reports and the planning board was trying to have someone in attendance monthly. Further discussion was held and it was decided that the board would like to continue to receive reports from the code enforcement officer and dog control officer and if possible would like to receive a report from the planning board and zoning board. It was also noted that the board can attend those board's meetings to obtain information as well.

A motion by Tom Fox, seconded by Todd Horton and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Karlsen
Varick Town Clerk