

October 3, 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 Council Members Tom Fox, Kathy Russo, Richard Peterson, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Bookkeeper, Angela Testa, Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch, Ovid Gazette reporter, Aneta Glover, Tod and Lisa Ingalls and Ben Frier.

**Petitioners to Address the Board:** Lisa and Todd Ingalls expressed their dissatisfaction with the condition of the home located next door to them at 5129 State Route 96. The property has been vacant for some time and is believed to be in foreclosure and owned by a bank currently. It was unclear if there is any town code to address “ghost properties” in the town code. Supervisor Hayssen will discuss this with the zoning officer, Tim Dorn. Joe Midiri indicated that there is Real Property & Proceedings law that allows municipalities to attain possession of such properties, however, it is a long and drawn out process. Supervisor Hayssen did not feel the town would want the responsibility or costs associated with obtaining “ghost properties”.

**Abstract:** A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Fox and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract 10, General Fund, Vouchers A0017-139 to A0017-146 in the amount of \$433.49, Highway, Vouchers DAO17-062 to DAO17-69 in the amount of \$4,241.16, Varick Water District 1, Voucher VW117-017 in the amount of \$25, Seneca Lake Water District, Vouchers SWS17-049 to SWS17-053 in the amount of \$81,332.27, Varick Water District No. 3, Voucher VW317-018, Varick Water District No. 4, Voucher VW417-035 in the amount of \$25, Varick Sewer District No. 2, Vouchers SSS17-031 and SSS17-032 in the amount of \$18,589.74.

The payment to the Village of Waterloo for third quarter water billing will be held until Supervisor Hayssen receives a copy of the billing to Seneca County Water District No. 1. He will notify the bookkeeper when the payment can be sent.

**Highway:** Richard McCulloch presented further information to the board pertaining to the New Holland Excavator. He reported that although the county is willing to provide equipment, the man power is very limited and unpredictable. Mr. Fox researched joint purchases of equipment with the surrounding towns. Romulus had no interest in joint purchasing and it was noted that joint projects can be troublesome. Mr. McCulloch was unable to give a specific amount of usage this piece of equipment would have, but did note that he has residents of the town that have been waiting all summer for ditches to be cleaned, drive ways to be installed and other miscellaneous work to be done and he doesn't have the equipment to do it. He stated that he is looking at the requests from the residents and what needs to be done now and in the future and feels it is a piece of equipment that would benefit this town. He also reviewed the highway spending and reported that he has left budgetary funds every year that is recorded in the highway fund balance amounting to approximately \$370,000 in the highway fund balance. Mr. Peterson was not in favor of purchasing this equipment citing the availability of hiring out the equipment and operator to do the work. He also felt this might lead to hiring another employee as well. Mr. McCulloch reminded the board that they had and were still in the processes of looking at hiring a full-time water operator who could also work with the highway department as needed and pointed out this equipment would be an asset to the water districts as well. Tom Fox and Bob Hayssen also noted that the town does not own a trailer to transport this equipment with and it was suggested that if approved, the town

should also purchase a trailer for transport. Employees are currently using their personal trailers as needed.

A motion by Tom Fox, Seconded by Robert Hayssen and so carried to purchase a New Holland Excavator at a cost of \$70,571 and trailer for transport.

Roll Call:

Robert Hayssen        Yes

Richard Fox            Yes

Kathy Russo            Yes

Richard Peterson      No

Absent: Todd Horton

So Carried.

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

**Zoning Officer:** A discussion was held as to what the difference is between a zoning officer and a code enforcement officer. According to Joe Midiri, any code issues should be addressed to the Seneca County Codes department and the Varick Zoning Code Officer only addresses concerns pertaining directly to the town's zoning code.

**Varick Water District No. 1:** Nothing to report.

**Seneca Lake Water District:** Nothing to report.

**Varick Water District No. 3:** The new meter was installed and a bill was submitted for payment for just the meter itself from F. W. Webb Company in the amount of \$6,208.55 to be split 50/50 with Fayette 5 water district which was agreed upon previously. The bill for installation has not been received as of this meeting date.

**Varick Water District No. 4:** It was reported that a hydrant was hit and will be repaired once the repair parts have been received.

**Varick Sewer District No. 1:** A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Tom Fox and so carried unanimously to enter into an Agreement for Services for the Benefit of Varick Water District No. 1 and Varick Sewer District No. 1 with the Village of Waterloo for a term of three years.

**Varick Sewer District No. 2:** Mr. Hayssen reported that there are enough 2017 budgeted funds to purchase 10 grinder pumps this year and he will budget for 15 pumps to be paid from the 2018 budget for next year.

**Town Clerk's Report:** A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Tom Fox and so carried unanimously to approve the town clerk's report: Supervisor: \$145, NYS Ag & Markets: \$17, total Disbursements: \$162.00.

**Minutes:** A motion by Tom Fox, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of September 5th and September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Court:** Mrs. Karlsen is working on completing the J-Cap grant application and a motion by the board needs to be completed committing the funds necessary to complete the “Varick Town Hall Renovation” project which can be worded similarly to what was approved when applying for the DASNY grant.

A motion by Tom Fox, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve unappropriated funds from the General Fund to finance the “Varick Town Hall Renovation” project in excess over grant funds received.

It was noted that currently the Zoning Board Chairman, Jeff Houge is running for Town of Varick Judge and it was questions if he can continue his duties as Chairman on the Zoning board. Joe Midiri will look into this matter.

**2018 Tentative Budget:** The board reviewed the tentative budget and found it to fair and in order. It was noted that the date for the board meeting in November will need to be moved to November 8<sup>th</sup> due to election day.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to move the Tentative budgets to the 2018 Preliminary Budgets and hold a public hearing on these budgets on Wednesday November 8, 2017 with the regular meeting of the Varick Town Board to be held immediately following.

**Old Business, New Business, Correspondence:** Supervisor Hayssen reported that a meeting will be held Thursday, October 5, at 11:00 a.m. at the county office building with Barton and Loguidice pertaining to Seneca County Sewer Districts 1 and 2. He has recommended using Municipal Solutions for the financial part of this project.

Attorney Midiri introduced a resolution to allow the Town of Varick to regulate docks and moorings to be submitted to Pamela Helming’s office.

### **RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF VARICK, NEW YORK TO REGULATE DOCKS AND MOORINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Varick, located at the Varick Town Hall, 4782 State Route 96, Romulus New York 14541, desires to regulate docks and moorings in the Town of Varick; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution is being prepared in order to submit a request to the Honorable Senator Pamela Helming, State Senator of the 54<sup>th</sup> District of New York State with a District Office located at 119 Fall Street, Seneca Falls, New York 13148, to introduce legislation to allow the Town of Varick to regulate docks and moorings in Varick, New York; and

**WHEREAS;** upon the successful legislation from Senator Helming, the town of Varick will submit proposed language for the regulation of docks and moorings so all interest parties may inspect the proposed plans at the Varick Town Hall, Romulus, New York.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Varick Town Board of the County of Seneca, State of New York, hereby submits this Resolutions entitled” A Resolution to Allow the town of Varick, New York, to Regulate Docks and Moorings: to Senator Pamela Helming for the purpose of introducing said proposed legislation.

Motion by: Kathy Russo

Seconded by: Tom Fox

So Carried Unanimously

Roll Call:

Robert Hayssen: Yes

Thomas Fox: Yes

Kathy Russo: Yes

Richard Peterson: Yes

Absent: Todd Horton

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna Karlsen  
Varick Town Clerk