

June 5, 2018

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 Tom Fox, Ben Freier, and Richard Peterson, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Bookkeeper, Angela Testa, Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch, Planning Board Members, Thomas Bjorkman and Frankie Long, Attorney for the Town, Joe Midiri and Ryan Stebbins, and Insurance Agent, Molly Headley. Also present were Richard L. McCulloch and Todd Ingalls.

**Petitioners to Address the Board:** Molly Headley informed the board that NYMIR will be offering programs regarding workplace violence prevention, sexual harassment prevention and distracted driver awareness on June 6, 2018. There will be two sessions held at the Seneca Falls Recreation Department. She reported that the sexual harassment and workplace violence are programs that are being mandated by the state for all employees. She was unsure if elected officials were required to meet the state requirements as well and will follow up on this and report back to Supervisor Hayssen. She is hoping NYMIR will hold another session in the fall.

Todd Ingalls questioned the board again if there was anything the town could do pertaining to “zombie properties” and specifically mentioned the house next to his at 5119 Route 96. The board informed him again that the Zoning Officer reviewed the property and there is no zoning ordinance that applies to “zombie properties”. The only issue that could be sited was the lack of a railing around the swimming pool. The board directed him again to the county. Joe Midiri will look into who currently owns the deed on that property and reported that the Real Property Action & Proceedings Law Article No. 19A which could apply to this situation. The Jennings property and a property located on Kings Corner’s Road are also “zombie properties” that were discussed.

**Planning Board:** Thomas Bjorkman presented proposed language revisions to the Zoning Code, a copy of which will be filed with the meeting minutes. Suggested changes included tightening up ambiguous “trash” language. Discussion was also held regarding natural gas well verbiage, docks & mooring, and a vacation rental ordinance. Mr. Midiri did not believe the town had the authority to regulate docks and moorings until after legislation is acted upon permitting the town to do so. Mr. Midiri will contact Ms. Frank at Senator Helming’s office regarding this matter. Attorney Stephen Ricci informed Mr. Midiri that a full SEQR needed to be completed which Mr. Midiri will provide at the July meeting.

Mr. Bjorkman discussed briefly short-term vacation rental properties and listed issues such as occupancy, sewer systems, noise and parking. The Planning Board is looking at regulating these properties through a permit process which they feel might address more effectively these issues rather than through zoning. A copy of the planning regulations by the City of South Lake Tahoe as referenced by Mr. Bollech in his correspondence presented to the board at the May meeting was provided to the Planning Board for their immediate reference. Mr. Midiri will also provide the Planning Board with a copy of the Town of Fayette’s regulations.

**Highway:** Superintendent Richard McCulloch reported that trash day went well and that over approximately 30 years the town had accumulated 311 old tires and was able to dispose of them

through Clayridge Tires at \$2 each. Mr. McCulloch will be resurfacing Yale Farm Road east of McGrane Road to Secor Road with a hot-mix.

**Judge:** Ben Freier will contact Judge Hogue and request that he attend the July meeting.

**Water Operator Report:** Ben Karlsen submitted a written water maintainer report which will be filed with these minutes.

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

**Seneca Lake Water District:** The board approved for a letter to be sent with this district's second quarter water billing informing users of the water rate increase that will be effective with the beginning of the third quarter.

**Water District No. 3:** A leak detection was performed by Cindy Stephen. A water leak was found to a Fayette resident's service line and repaired. Ben Freire expressed concern that there might be another leak at Tyler Nicholson's house in Fayette, which would be the responsibility of Fayette.

**Water District No. 4:** Nothing to report.

**Sewer Maintainer Report:** Mr. Hayssen asked Mr. Kolbeck to attend this meeting, but he had a prior commitment.

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

**Varick Sewer District No. 2:** No report.

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

**Town Clerk's Report:** A motion by Ben Freier, seconded by Tom Fox and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's Report: Supervisor: \$380, NYS Ag & Markets: \$38, Total Disbursements: \$418.00.

**Assessor:** Mr. Hayssen reported that Earl Martin is grieving his assessment for the property he purchased on the Seneca Army Depot.

**Zoning Officer Report:** Tim Dorn submitted a written report for the period of January 10, 2018 to April 18, 2018.

**Minutes:** A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Ben Freier and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of May 1, 2018.

**Abstract:** A motion by Ben Freier, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract 6, General, Vouchers A0018-087 to A0018-098 in the amount of \$2,285.03,

Highway, Vouchers DA018-036 to DA18-043 in the amount of \$4,354.40, Varick Water District No. 1, Vouchers VW118-015 to VW118-016 in the amount of \$143.84, Seneca Lake Water District, SWS18-030 to SWS18-035 in the amount of \$27,195.03, Varick Water District No. 3, VW318-008 to VW318-010 in the amount of \$283.62, Varick Water District No. 4, VW418-018 to VW418-022 in the amount of \$1,950.12, Varick Sewer District No. 1, VS118-020 to VS118-021 in the amount of \$227.52, Varick Sewer District No. 2, SSS18-010 to SSS18-011 in the amount of \$26,927.50.

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

**Proposed Route 89 Sewer:** Hunt Engineers have completed the map, plan and report for the board's review. Mr. Hayssen will see if they are available to attend the July meeting to review this with the board. He reported that there is a NYS Consolidated Funding application (CFA) that can be applied for this project as the Towns of Fayette and Town of Romulus are included in this proposed project.

Mr. Fox would like to see at the least, the front of the Town Hall painted. It was suggested that this be postponed until the new addition is completed which should be done by next spring at the latest. Mr. Hayssen will get the status on the DASNY grant for this project.

A motion by Ben Freier, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to change the July 2018 regular meeting of the Varick Town Board from Tuesday, July 3 to Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Ben Freier and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna Karlsen  
Varick Town Clerk