

March 9, 2020

The regular meeting of the Varick Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Hayssen at 7:00 p.m. Present at this meeting were Councilmen Richard McCulloch and Eric Rigel, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Bookkeeper, Angel Testa, Highway Superintendent, Ben Freier and Attorney for the Town, Frank Fisher. Absent: Councilmen Tom Fox and Richard Peterson.

Petitioners to Address the Board: None.

Abstract: A motion by Eric Riegel, seconded by Richard McCulloch and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract No. 2, General Vouchers A0020-038 to A0020-046 in the amount of \$6,827, Highway, Vouchers DA020-017 to DA020-32 in the amount of \$16,298.21, Varick Water District No. 1, Vouchers VW120-003 to VW120-006 in the amount of \$7,690.27, Seneca Lake Water District, Vouchers SWS20-014 to SWS20-020 in the amount of \$43,090.80, Varick Water District No. 3, VW320-005 to VW320-007 in the amount of \$225.40, Varick Water District No. 4, VW420-006 to VW420-007 in the amount of \$50, Varick Sewer District No. 1, Vouchers VS120-006 in the amount of \$183.60, Varick Sewer District No. 2, SSS20-004 to SSS20-006 in the amount of \$1,742.54.

Highway: Mr. Freier reported the loader is up and running and the Western Star's turbo appears to be working at this time. He further reported that he has the 2015 Ford at NR Boyce and they have reported that two computer systems as well as the heat needs to be repaired an approximate cost of \$2,400 to \$3,000. The board gave him verbal approval to have the necessary repairs completed. Mr. Freier also reported that the snow plow mechanism isn't working, but he will look at this once he gets the truck back from Boyce's.

He also reported that there is a leak in the barn roof and the floor drain in the shop isn't working. He will look into these issues.

Judge: Mr. Riegel reported that he will be meeting with Judge Hogue and Andrew Herkovic to review the court records for 2019 on Wednesday, March 11th.

Supervisor's Report: A motion by Eric Riegel, seconded by Richard McCulloch and so carried unanimously to approve the Supervisor's Report.

Code Enforcement Officer: Nothing to report.

Water Maintainer's Report: February 2020

- Marked out Dig Safety's
- Got weekly meter reads
- Did weekly water tests for each district
- Took Bac T samples in all 4 districts
- Filled out and submitted monthly water report to health department
- Searched for higher water usage in Varick 4 for potential leaks
- Maintained fire hydrants in Varick 4
- Cleaned shop

- Enter into spread sheet water usage figures for each district
- Fixed sewer leak at firehouse on East Lake Rd
- Helped customers with questions or concerns in each water district
- Scheduled appointment for Meter on Rt 89 Fayette/Varick line
- Leak detection on curb stops and fire hydrants on Rt 89
- Ordered parts to fulfill inventory and for upcoming projects
- Attended water works conference
- Reviewed water usage
- Water reading for Romulus Water on Rt 89
- Made a list of projects for spring/summer

Varick Water District No. 1: Nothing further to report

Seneca Lake Water District: The Village of Waterloo held their annual water meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020. At this meeting the Village discussed the Water Plant and the Improvement Capital project of \$8.6 million, including the Granular-Activated Carbon System (\$2.5 million) that is scheduled to begin in the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. Based on the YTD operating budget for Fiscal year 2019-2020 the village will be raising the water rate to \$3.33/1,000 gallons of water. The new rate will be effective in the July, 2020 billing cycle (June, 2020 usage). They also projected water rates, subject to the caveats explained at the meeting for the next four years as follows:

- 1) 2021-2022: \$3.47
- 2) 2022-2023: \$3.53
- 3) 2023-2024: \$3.78
- 4) 2024-2025: \$3.87

The Varick Town Board at their January 7, 2020 board meeting agreed to lower the water rate for this district to \$3.68 per thousand gallons, which was 17.5% above the current cost of \$3.13. Based on the increase in water rate from the Village of Waterloo, the board will keep the water rate at its current rate of \$3.92 which will reflect a 17.5% increase from the new rate of \$3.33 and rescind the January resolution.

A motion by Richard McCulloch, seconded by Eric Riegel and so carried unanimously to rescind the resolution made at the January 7, 2020 town board meeting reducing the water rate to 17.5% above the current cost of \$3.13 per thousand gallons of water or \$3.68 per thousand gallons for Seneca Lake Water District.

The village is asking the board to review the purchase of water contract the Village of Waterloo submitted for approval. Supervisor Hayssen acknowledged there were items in this proposed agreement he was not comfortable with and will review this with the town attorney.

Varick Water District No. 3: A motion by Richard McCulloch, seconded by Eric Riegel and so carried unanimously to authorize the Water Operator, Ben Karlsen to dispose of excess meter inventory parts.

Varick Water District No. 4: Mr. Karlsen has been working on maintenance on this line and researching water usage and billing to the Town of Romulus. He has scheduled a review of meter calibration of the master meter.

Sewer: Mr. Fisher reported he has completed a proposed Sewer Use Law to replace the existing laws for Varick Sewer Districts 1 and 2. This proposed law has been required by DEC to be at least as restrictive as the newly implemented Sewer Use Law by Seneca County Sewer Districts and approved by Seneca County before the DEC will remove the moratorium placed on outside districts for approval of future connections. He will submit this proposed Sewer Use Law to the County's attorney, David Ettman for approval prior to presenting it to the Varick board for further action.

Varick Sewer District No. 1: Nothing to report.

Varick Sewer District No. 2: Nothing to report

Town Clerk's Report: A motion by Eric Riegel, seconded by Richard McCulloch and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's Report: Supervisor: \$65, NYS Ag & Markets: \$8, Total Disbursements:\$73.

Minutes: A motion by Eric Riegel, seconded by Richard McCulloch and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of February 4, 2020

Personnel: Nothing to report.

Assessor: Nothing to report.

Zoning Board: Mr. Hayssen provided the zoning board a copy of the map, plan and report for the proposed sewer district along Route 89.

A motion by Eric Riegel, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to adjourn the board meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna Karlsen
Varick Town Clerk