

April 4, 2023

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 Richard McCulloch and Eric Riegel, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Bookkeeper, Angela Testa, Attorney for the Town, Frank Fisher, Planning Board member, Cindy Lont, Seneca County Planning Board Sr. Planner, Harriet Haynes. Also in attendance was Jim Velie. Absent: Councilmen Tom Fox and Richard Peterson.

Privilege of the Floor: Harriet Haynes presented a copy of the proposed Agricultural District No. 8 zoning map to the Town of Varick board for their review. This map was revised from the original map presented to the Varick Planning board based on their recommendations from that meeting. She stated that there are a total of three agricultural districts in Seneca County. She reviewed the regulations and time frame that changes to the districts can be made. The Ag & Enhancement Board will be meeting in May for a presentation to the board of Supervisors and anticipates a public hearing on all the districts will be held in April.

Abstract: A motion by Richard McCulloch, seconded by Eric Rigel and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract No. 4 Voucher 478 to Voucher 512 in the amount of \$137,581.04.

Highway: Nothing to report.

Judge: Mr. Riegel reported that he was to meet with the judge to review their books the night of the March snowstorm, which was cancelled due to the closure of county roads. This meeting has been rescheduled for April 11th at 5:00 p.m.

Supervisor: A motion by Richard McCulloch, seconded by Eric Riegel and so carried unanimously to approve the Supervisor's February 2023 report.

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

Water Operator's Report: March 2023

- 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
- Data logged water usage in each district
- Answered questions dealing with each water district and sewer system
- Called in Dig Tickets for upcoming projects
- Maintenance town truck
- Ordered parts as needed for upcoming jobs
- Located and talked with contractor about new water/sewer service
- Restored town shop driveway
- Restored meter vault driveway
- Read water meters
- Changed grinder pumps as needed

- Turned water services on
- Sewer meeting for new connection for Varick sewer #1
- Talked with County/Village of Waterloo/Romulus about meter reading dates
- Checked on potential water leak
- Started working on NYSWQR
- Machined and thread rod for shutoffs

Town Clerk's Report: A motion by Eric Riegel, seconded by Richard McCulloch and so carried unanimously to approve the March 2023 Town Clerk's Report: Supervisor; \$700, NYS AG & Markets; \$5, Total Disbursements: \$705.

Minutes: A motion by Richard McCulloch, seconded by Eric Riegel and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of March 7, 2023.

Summer Recreation Program: Mr. McCulloch reported that he received an application for director of the summer recreation program, but the individual did not meet the requirements set by Seneca County Personnel for the director position. He reported that he will be sending a letter to the local schools' Superintendents advertising the position. He will also notify Town of Romulus Supervisor, David Hayes of the vacancy and look for recommendations from the Town of Romulus.

Planning Board: Cindy Lont reported that 56 STR permits were approved. The Planning Board met with Tim Dorn and is currently working on the process to address complaints and future owner occupied/owner supervised permit submittals. She will provide Supervisor Hayssen a list of approved permits to review with the county.

Board of Assessment Review: A motion by Eric Riegel, seconded by Richard McCulloch and so carried unanimously to re-appoint Eileen M. Percevault to the Assessment Board of Review for a term to expire September 30, 2023.

New Business, Old Business, Correspondence: Gov. Kathy Hochul is working on stabilizing and strengthening the Volunteer Fire Services in New York State. On December 9, 2022, she signed legislation that creates an opt-in for all local governments to provide a 10% property tax exemption to volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers. Supervisor Hayssen will speak to the County Attorney to inquire if the county has passed this at the county level and present his findings at the May meeting. The board will further consider this exemption at that time.

A motion by Eric Riegel, seconded by Richard McCulloch and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Donna Karlsen, Varick Town Clerk