

February 3, 2015

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 Todd Horton, John Saeli, Kathy Russo and Richard Peterson, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Bookkeeper, Angela Testa, Attorney for the Town, Steve Ricci, and reporter, Aneta Glover. Absent: Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried to open the public hearing regarding Water District No. 4 in the Town of Varick on the question of an increase in the cost of the establishment of the Water District No. 4 in the Town in the amount of \$136,000.

The \$136,000 increase in project costs will be paid from grant proceeds resulting in no increase cost to the residents of Water District No. 4.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to close the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Highway: No report

Supervisor's Report: Angela Testa provided a copy of the revised December 31, 2014 Supervisor's Report which accurately reflects the CD amounts. She also submitted the January 2014 Report. It was noted that Seneca County is still behind one quarter in their payment for water usage.

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

Varick Sewer District No. 1: No report.

Varick Sewer District No. 2: Supervisor Hayssen reported that Sheesley's Sewer Service out of Elmira Heights supposedly repaired the leak on the discharge pipe in the sewage lift station, however Yaws discovered the next day that it was leaking again. The pump is pumping the sewage out of the tank, but because the discharge pipe is still leaking, the sewage in the line is flowing into the tank resulting in the pump running almost non-stop. This has resulted in high electrical bills. Sheesley's provided a quote in the amount of \$4,507 to remove the existing 6 inch discharge pipe in the sewage pump pit and replumbing a new discharge pipe in the pump pit. Supervisor Hayssen spoke to Dan Duddlestone who is to get a price from Brewers to complete this repair and he will follow-up with Mr. Duddlestone on this matter.

Seneca Lake Water District: Bob Kayser and Tim Doran have agreed to help install new meters and transponders in this district. This work is tentatively scheduled to begin after April 1.

Water District No. 3: Supervisor Hayssen directed the town clerk to forward the bills to be added to the revised Form E for this district.

A discussion was held regarding the Sensus meters with a touch transponder for billing purposes originally purchased for this project. The Sensus meters were still used, however they had to be adapted to use the Orion transponders which corresponds with the town's other water districts for billing purposes. As the Town of Varick has standardized this equipment, it was requested that new meters installed in this district could be Badger meters.

A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to approve the use of the town's standardized Badger meters and Orion Transponders for installation and replacement of meters in Varick Water District No. 3.

Varick Water District No. 4: Supervisor Hayssen reported that the master meter is not working correctly. Todd Horton is working with the Town of Fayette to resolve this issue. Supervisor Hayssen requested that Todd Horton include Tim Buhl in these discussions as the district does not want to jeopardize the warrantee on this meter. A bill from Global Water Specialists was submitted for reprogramming the master meter to read bi-directional in the amount of \$350. The meter is not reading correctly, but it wasn't felt that it was due to anything they did, and the bill needs to be paid for services rendered. It was also noted that a window will be added so that the meter can be read without undoing the padlock.

An agreement for services for the benefit of Varick Water District No. 4 was submitted by the Village of Waterloo which details the services to be rendered for two years in the amount of \$1,000 annually. This agreement pertains to billing services for this district. It was noted that letter E in this agreement states that the Village of Waterloo is to provide Varick a monthly Water Bacteriological Report and complete the Annual Water Quality Report. Steve Ricci has addressed this issue which pertains to all the Varick water districts with the Village of Waterloo's attorney and it is agreed that the Village is to provide this service, but they are only providing Bac T. tests for Seneca Lake Water District. Until this can be resolved, Ben Karlsen is completing this testing. The Village of Waterloo will still be responsible for providing the Annual Water Quality Report for all districts.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to direct Supervisor Hayssen to sign the Agreement for Services for the Benefit of Varick Water District No. 4 and forward to the Village for their final approval and signatures.

Billing information will be submitted to Alissa at the Village so that first quarter billing can be sent out in April. A discussion was also held regarding billing of the operation and maintenance fee and water usage for the last quarter of 2014. It was determined that a bill would be generated for just the operation and maintenance fee of \$40 to those who were connected by December 15, 2014. Water usage for the fourth quarter of 2014 and first quarter of 2015 will be billed by the Village of Waterloo in April.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to issue a bill for the operation and maintenance fee of \$40 for the fourth quarter of 2014 to those who were connected to Varick Water District No. 4 by December 15, 2014.

Mr. Ricci reported according to Douglas Goodfriend, the next step to be taken to increase the cost of the Water 4 capital project is to adopt a Public Interest Order. Mr. Goodfriend did not provide the official wording of this order in time for this board meeting, but with the assistance of the Town Attorney the following motion was made:

A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to adopt a Public Interest Order determining that it is in the best public interest to authorize the increase in the amount to be expended for the improvements to Varick Water District No. 4 and no undo hardship will be incurred by its residents. Said Order is subject to a Permissive Referendum.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Kathy Russo to have the Town of Varick board go on record opposing the Crestwood Project.

Discussion: Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Russo reviewed concerns they had with this project. Mr. Saeli briefly reviewed the presentation Crestwood made to the board addressing some of these concerns. Mr. Horton did not feel he was familiar enough with this project to support this motion and requested that this be tabled until next month.

A motion by Robert Hayssen, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to table the motion for the board to go on record opposing the Crestwood Project until the March meeting, which will allow the board members to continue their research into this matter.

Code Enforcement Officer: No report.

Town Clerk: A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Todd Horton and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's Report: Supervisor: \$130, NYS Ag & Markets, \$6.00, Total Disbursements: \$136.00.

Personnel: Mrs. Russo reported that she will apply for grant funds available through the Seneca County Youth Bureau for the 2015 Summer Recreation Program.

Assessor: It was reported that the assessor has requested that Farm Contracts on farm property that is rented be submitted this year as these records were lost in the 2014 fire.

Zoning Board: Todd Horton reported that Chairman Linda Mastellar is on task and the goal is to have a public hearing on cluster zoning and the depot property in the spring. Further discussion will be held regarding Zoning Officer Larry Colton's request for a fee to be assessed to those who don't obtain building permits.

Minutes: A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of January 6, 2015.

Abstract: A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract No.2, General, Vouchers A0015-016 to A0015-27 in the amount of \$13,625.28, Highway, Vouchers DA015-008 to DA015-016 in the amount of \$2,533.42, Seneca Lake Water District, SWS15-007 to SWS15-08 in the amount of \$1,486.27, Fayette Volunteer Fire Department, Voucher SFF15-0001 in the amount of \$72,122.00, Romulus Volunteer Fire Department, Voucher SFR15-001 in the amount of \$55,290.00, Varick Volunteer Fire Department, Voucher SFV15-001 in the amount of \$79,097.00, Varick Sewer District No. 1, Voucher VS115-005 to VS115-006 in the amount of \$72.56, Varick Sewer District No. 2, Voucher SSS15-004 in the amount of \$400.00.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve payment of the following invoices for Varick Water District No. 4 Capital Project:

Global Water Specialists	\$ 350.00
Reveille/Between the Lakes	\$ 261.44
Municipal Solutions	\$4,030.35

Old Business, New Business and Correspondence:

Supervisor Hayssen requested a price from Joe Rizzo to complete bolt repair for Seneca Lake Water District, but he hasn't gotten back to him.

Supervisor Hayssen, at the direction of the board signed the South Seneca Ambulance contract. This contract amount will be paid out in quarterly payments.

It was reported that the Cayuga Nation sent out invitations for their Cultural Awareness Workshop: Understand the Cayuga Conflict for government and community officials to be held February 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Waterloo.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Karlsen
Varick Town Clerk