

Varick Town Board  
Minutes  
March 4, 2008

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 John Saeli, Kathy Russo and Richard Peterson, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Attorney for the Town, John Sipos, Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch, and Planning Board Chairman, Bob Kayser. Also present were Finger Lakes Times reporter, Paulette Likoudis, Lisa Sadlik and Dorothy Hill.

**Privilege of the floor:** Lisa Sadlik presented to the board her letter of interest and resumé in application for the Planning Board vacancy. Mr. Hayssen also stated that Todd Horton who lives on Route 89 also submitted a letter of interest for this vacancy.

Mr. Hayssen informed Ms. Sadlik that he was going to table this appointed until April in hopes to have a full board in attendance as Mrs. Russo hadn't arrived to the meeting at this point and Mr. Case was absent.

**Varick Sewer District No. 2:** Mr. Hayssen reported that he spoke to Dan Duddleston from Yaws who informed him that back in November or December 2007 the board approved the purchase of 3 pig tails at \$120 each, 1 motor for the main pump station at \$771, and 1 spare board for the panel at \$162. These items will be ordered by Yaws.

Mr. Hayssen also reported that Yaws, when repairing pumps, have left some wires that need to be buried, which is not part of their agreement with the town. He noted that nobody is contracted to do this as well as maintain the generator and repair the pumps. Although Damon Nicholson is currently taking care of these issues, Mr. Hayssen indicated that he should be contracted to oversee both the water and sewer districts. Yaws should also be tagging the pumps that require repair and then contacting Damon. Yaws is currently charging the district \$300 for each call out and noted that they incorrectly billed the town at \$75 per hour last year.

**Proposed Route 89 Water:** Mr. Hayssen, Mr. Peterson and Jason McCormick toured the proposed Route 89 Water District. Mr. Hayssen also met with Terry Deuel from N. Y State Environmental Facilities Corporation with regards to the Route 89 project. Mr. Sipos spoke with Dave Miller from USDA who indicated there is funding available for this project as well. The board reviewed the history of this project and it was decided to have Mr. Hayssen try to set up a meeting with the principals and get the project moving forward again. The Town of Romulus will need to be contacted to make sure they are still interested in pursuing this water project with the Town of Varick.

**Fayette/Varick Water Districts:** Mr. Hayssen, Mr. Peterson and Jason McCormick also toured the proposed Fayette/Varick Water District. Mr. Hayssen reported that we have applied for one more grant for this project and hope to receive it.

**Seneca Lake Water District:** Mr. Hayssen reported that a hydrant is disabled at Abbott Drive and Damon Nicholson will be repairing it.

Mr. Hayssen will also look in to getting a report from the Village of Waterloo comparing what is being billed for water and actual usage.

**Highway:** The Town of Romulus asked the Town of Varick to pass a resolution posting a 10-ton weight limit sign, with the exception of local delivery on Townline Road.

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Romulus Highway has requested authorization from the Town of Romulus Town Board to install 10-ton weight limit, with the exception for local delivery, signs on Swick Road, Vineyard Road, and Townline Road and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Varick has been contacted with reference to the request for a sign on Townline Road, which is in the towns of Romulus and Varick and be it

**RESOLVED,** contingent upon receiving an approved resolution from the Town of Varick for the posting of Townline Road, the Romulus Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to obtain signs for the purpose of posting this area and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Romulus Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to obtain signs for Swick Road and Vineyard Road for the purpose of posting this area.

Motion: Kathy Russo  
Seconded: Richard Peterson  
So Carried Unanimously

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to authorize Mr. McCulloch to enter the 2003 Ford F250 pickup truck into the Palmyra auction.

The 2008 F250 pickup to replace this has been ordered.

**Assessor:** A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried to approve the written assessors report. A copy will be filed with these minutes.

Mr. Hayssen received the New York State Office of Real Property Services Residential Assessment Ratio For Administrative and Small Claims Assessment Review Proceedings

on the 2008 Assessment Roll as reported pursuant to Section 574 of the Real Property Tax Law at 96.09.

**Town Clerk's Report:** A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Robert Hayssen and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's Report. Revenue to Supervisor: \$153.54, County Treasurer, \$27.02, State Ag & Markets, \$12.00, DEC, \$9.44, Total Disbursements, \$202.00.

**Supervisor's Report:** Mr. Hayssen received a letter from Time Warner indicating a slight raise in rates. He also received information concerning a canal conference if anyone was interested in attending.

The town received the following Payments In Lieu of Tax Agreement:

Harris Beach	\$300.00
NYSEG	\$424.55
Finger Lakes Technologies	\$306.65

The City of Geneva will be holding a meeting concerning the Ethanol Project Wednesday, March 5 which Mr. Hayssen will be attending. He reported that he had attended the previous meeting held by the City with regards to this issue and spoke in support of the project.

**Bookkeeping:** Bonadio is still working on the 2006 audit and the bill he submitted was for work done on 2006, not 2007 as stated.

**Personnel:** Mr. Hayssen reported that Mr. Kaufman was not interested in being the Summer Recreation Program Director for 2008. Mrs. Russo reported that the rates to advertise the Summer Recreation director's position in the Reveille Between the Lakes would be \$30 and to advertise three days in the Finger Lakes Times to include Sunday paper and the Shopper would be \$160.65. Mrs. Russo suggested requesting the advertising cost be paid by the Town of Romulus. After review of the budget and how it is established, this was decided against. After much discussion, it was decided to advertise the position with flyers to be placed in the local school districts and word of mouth. Mrs. Russo stated that the applicants will need to obtain job applications from Seneca County who will review them once received. Further discussion took place with regards to seeking donations for the program. It was noted that if this were to be done, all moneys were to be run through the town's bookkeeping and would be distributed with board approval.

Mrs. Russo reviewed the steps needed to complete the preparation for the Summer Recreation program and would like the program to be reestablished. Mr. Saeli would like to review the number of students who attended last year. Mrs. Russo has those figures and will provide them.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Robert Hayssen and so carried to support efforts to seek additional funding through donations for the Romulus/Varick Summer Recreation Program.

Roll Call:

Robert Hayssen - Yes

John Saeli Yes

Richard Peterson No

Kathy Russo Yes

So Carried

**Docks & Moorings:** Lisa Sadlik reported that this committee didn't meet recently due to poor weather. They are in the process of developing a spread sheet and determining what information they want to collect. This group will be communicating with the public and taking photos and collecting data.

**Planning Board:** Bob Kayser expressed the importance of communication between their board and the Town Board concerning the revised Zoning Codes. They are interested in any concerns or suggestions that are expressed. They have asked Mr. Persing to attend their meetings and stated that Mr. Persing is doing a good job and has referred two building permit requests to the Zoning Board of Appeals. He also reported that the Planning Board meetings have been changed to every other month until further notification.

Mr. Kayser reported that a productive meeting was held with three DEC representative and the Director of the IDA. They reviewed proposed projects within the depot and DEC will provide ground proofing for those who wish to attend in the Spring. The Sessler proposal is still tabled.

Mr. Hayssen noted that at the request of Mr. Peterson, Susan Ottenweller will resubmit her name for consideration for the vacancy on the Planning Board. By tabling the appointment, it will allow the board time to review Susan Ottenweller's, Lisa Sadlik's and Todd Horton's letters of interest.

Mr. Sipos reported that while attending the Association of Town's Conference in New York he learned of a program that can be used by the Code Enforcement Officer, but felt there was no need to look at this until the position becomes permanent. It was noted that the County Code Enforcement is in the process of being separated from the Health Department.

**Minutes:** A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of February 6, 2008.

Mr. Saeli questioned whether the minutes should reflect that the highway spent a day dropping off bid proposals to dealerships for bid submittal. It was explained that Mr. McCulloch wanted this reported so there would be no question that an effort was made to seek bids for the pickup truck.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Robert Hayssen and so carried to approve the minutes of February 15, 2008.

Roll Call:

Richard Peterson	Yes
Robert Hayssen	Yes
Kathy Russo	Yes
John Saeli	Abstained

So Carried

Mr. Saeli abstained as he was absent for the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried to approve Abstract No. 3, General, Vouchers A0008-28 to A0008-34 in the amount of \$2,947.35, Seneca Lake Water District, Vouchers SWS08011 to SWS08-17 in the amount of \$25,327.80, Highway, Vouchers DAO08-010 to DAO08-019 in the amount of \$5,502.30, Varick Sewer District No. 2, Vouchers SSS08-005 to SSS08-006 in the amount of \$2,086.92.

### **New Business, Old Business, and Correspondence:**

Fayette-Varick Fire District submitted their fiscal year end dated 2007.

Mr. Hayssen has done a test run on the sidewalk petitions that Town of Romulus requested we get. He has asked for more information from Angel at the Town of Romulus before he proceeds.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Karlsen  
Town Clerk