

December 15, 2008

Mr. Hayssen opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. by stating the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss the establishment of Varick Water District No. 3. Present at this meeting were council members John Saeli, Richard Peterson and Kathy Russo, Town Attorney, John Sipos, Project Attorney, Steve Ricci, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, and Fayette Councilman, Donald Mayberry. Also present were Jim Bromka, Barry Somerville, and Mike Sigrist. Absent: Councilman Jeff Case.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to call the Public Hearing on the establishment of Varick Water District No. 3 to order.

Mr. Hayssen and Mr. Sipos reviewed with the board the revised district map, which extends the district 1,900 feet easterly along Townline Road encompassing 5 parcels therein. Mr. Sipos explained that if the board finds that this extension is in the best interest of the residents, another public hearing will need to be held establishing the Varick Water District No. 3 with revised boundaries. This public hearing can be held at the board's regular monthly meeting January 6, 2009 at 7:30.

Mr. Ricci noted that the project does need to progress so the application for the Small City Grant funds in the amount of \$600,000 can be applied for by September 30, 2009.

Mr. Peterson expressed concern over the additional cost being incurred as the result of the extension of the district within the Town of Fayette along property that isn't developed at this point. Mrs. Russo suggested that the waterline may encourage further development in this area. It was noted that this portion of the waterline is the determination of the Town of Fayette as it lies within their district.

Mr. Peterson also expressed concern over the portion of this line that extends to his property and the unit cost that may be assessed. Mr. Hayssen stated that he has already contacted the engineer and the line will be run only to the corner of Mr. Peterson's parcel at Ogden Road where he will be only assessed one unit charge.

Both townships recognize that this project may need to be done in phases based on the funding that is available and may need to be bid accordingly.

Concern by the board was expressed with regards to the cost of the project and the estimated \$722 annual fee to homeowners as determined by the Seneca County Engineering Department. It was noted that the district boundaries have been extended in both Fayette and Varick with no additional cost to the districts. Neither Engineer Jason McCormick nor Fayette Councilman Jeff Trout were in attendance to answer questions pertaining to this district formation. It was noted that according to the Order there will be a hook-up fee to the typical property of \$50 to \$100 to a one or two family home.

It was noted that paperwork needs to be submitted to the State Comptroller in order to get their approval on the annual fee to the homeowners as the amount has exceeded the State

Comptroller's threshold. It was also noted that another negative declaration needs to be completed.

Mr. Sipos informed the board the following steps would need to be taken if the board decides to extend the district boundaries.

It was reported that funding from the project will come for a Small City Grant, Rural Development Grant and Loan. It was noted that the Shared Service Grant which Fayette applied for was denied and some further funding is still needed which Fayette is working on.

Mr. Ricci noted that the project needs an engineer in place who has the time and availability to answer questions and concerns that may arise with the project.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried to close the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

The special meeting of the Varick Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Hayssen at 7:35 p.m.

It was the determination of the Varick Town Board that it is in the best interest of the people to extend the district boundaries in Varick Water District No. 3, 1,900 feet easterly along Townline Road, and encompassing the parcels therein and to hold a public hearing.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously that the Town Board of the Town of Varick Seneca County, New York on the 15th day of December, 2008, duly adopted the Order published herewith calling a Public Hearing on the Proposed Varick Water District No. 3. The revised boundaries will include the following parcels not previously included in the original map, plan and report for Varick Water District No. 3: extending District Boundaries nineteen hundred feet (1,900 ft) easterly along Townline Road, and encompassing the parcels therein and said public hearing will be held January 6, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Varick Town Hall.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to name the Town of Fayette as lead agent pursuant to SEQR regulations.

Mr. Hayssen informed the board that there would be an informational meeting held at the town hall with Tim Buhl, Municipal Consultants and perhaps Mr. Kaiser from the Town of Romulus Tuesday, December 16 at 10:00 to discuss the Route 89 water project. He also stated that the Town of Fayette will be holding an informational meeting on the Fayette/Varick water project Wednesday, December 17 at 5:10.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Donna Karlsen, Varick Town Clerk