

# Varick Town Board

August 3, 2010

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, Peter McDonald, Kathy Russo and Richard Peterson, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Town Attorney, John Sipos, Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch, and Bookkeeper, Carol Sipos. Also present were Miles Persing, Joe Sapio and Rob Bowman.

**Residents to Address the Board:** Miles Persing expressed his concern over the placement of his curb stop and indicated that it wasn't located where the contractor and he had placed the stake. The curb stop is currently under his mailbox and he would like it moved back into his yard behind the telephone pole about 10'. Both Mr. Hayssen and Mr. Persing contacted Jason McCormick regarding this issue and Mr. Persing stated the contractors did come and put more stone over the curb stop at its present location, but he would still like to see it moved. Mr. Hayssen thought this issue had been resolved, but will contact Jason McCormick again.

Mr. McCulloch noted that he wished that they had drilled under the town roads rather than open cutting them as they will become an expense to the town as these open cuts continue to settle. Mr. Hayssen will check with the contractor to see what type of base he is putting in these open cuts.

Joe Sapio, a Town of Fayette resident, would like to have water service to his home located on MacDougal Road and the water line is approximately 1,250' or five houses away from him. Mr. Hayssen indicated that that decision would up to the Town of Fayette and he should attend their next board meeting with a signed petition of those who wish to have the water and make his request.

**Highway:** Mr. McCulloch reported that he will be putting a shim coat and then stone and oiling Kings Corner Road from the gully to the church. The cost is to approximate \$65,000 to \$70,000.

Mr. McCulloch asked for the board member's input regarding Seneca County applying for a Federal Grant to purchase equipment and provide services countywide that townships are currently seeking and paying for from outside entities. Mr. Hayssen also reminded the board that they had been willing to look at a County wide maintenance building to be shared by municipalities and school systems. Mr. McCulloch also indicated that we may need to agree to an intermunicipal agreement among the towns in order to share services, which they have been doing for many years without an agreement.

Mr. Peterson indicated that based on his observation, it is never cheaper for the town to have county run services. Mr. Saeli reminded the board that free Federal money is gone. Mrs. Russo, stated that she has always been interested in consolidation, but has learned a lot of unfavorable aspects of this tonight. Mr. McDonald indicated that you can't depend on Federal funding.

It was the consensus of the board to hold of on entering into a Shared Municipal Agreement and keep doing it the way it has been done in the past as this seems to be working.

The board also indicated that they are no longer interested in supporting a shared Municipal maintenance building.

**Varick Sewer District No. 1:** Mrs. Sipos reported that she has a bill for Varick Sewer District No. 1 from Seneca County, but is unable to pay it because the funds have not been settled with the Town of Romulus. She presented a resolution moving money from General Fund to Varick Sewer District No. 1 to pay this bill until we can settle with the Town of Romulus.

WHEREAS, the Town of Varick Sewer District #1, has incurred bills that need to be paid, and

Whereas, there are funds that are being held by the Town of Romulus that are due to this fund, and

WHEREAS, the Varick General Fund has funds that can be loaned to the Varick Sewer District #1, and

WHEREAS, once the district has been formed and we receive funding, this money will be paid back to the Varick General Fund with interest at the rate of 1.5% annually, and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Varick General Fund loan to Varick Sewer District #1 the amount of \$5,000.00

Motion: John Saeli  
Seconded: Richard Peterson  
So Carried Unanimously

Mrs. Sipos is awaiting a revised bill from the county indicating the sewage treatment cost to be broken up as follows: 44.7% Town of Varick and 55.3% County.

Carol reviewed the operation and maintenance costs with the board and will continue to work with Peg at the Village of Waterloo, to get these rates in her computer system for billing purposes.

Mr. Hayssen reminded the board that according to a motion made, water rates to the hamlet of Romulus, town of Varick residents will be reduced 50 cents per thousand gallons of water. We will discuss this again at a later date once we get billing up and running with the Village of Waterloo.

**Varick Sewer District No. 2:** Mr. Hayssen presented to the board a copy of a letter received by Wendy Marsh at Hancock & Eastbrook Attorney at Law from Frank Fisher, Seneca County Attorney, indicating that the County is willing to engage in discussion of the issues related to the ownership of the waterline, charges for use of the Varick Sewer line by customers of the County District. However, it must be understood that all of these conversations must be held with the understanding that Varick will bring their sewer district charges up to date and asked Ms. Marsh to advise them of the board's position regarding this matter.

Mr. Hayssen reported that according to the Sewer Use Law the town should appoint a Sewer and Water Superintendent and suggested Tim Buell.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Peter McDonald and so carried unanimously to appoint Tim Buell as Water and Sewer Superintendent with a term expiration at the discretion of the board.

Mr. Hayssen also presented a draft letter prepared by Ms. Marsh to be sent to Seneca County Sewer District No. 2, Frank Fisher by Tim Buell regarding violation of Varick Sewer District No. 2 Sewer Use law.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to authorized Tim Buell to send Seneca County Sewer District No. 2 a letter of notification of Violation of the Varick Sewer District No. 2 Use Law.

Mr. Hayssen suggested sending an updated bill to include charges for 2010 to date to Seneca County Sewer District No. 2.

**Seneca Lake Water District:** Further research will be done regarding an established job description for water maintainer.

**Varick Water District No. 1:** Mr. McDonald estimates that the Town of Romulus owes this district approximately \$10,000. He has negotiated with the Town of Romulus for them to purchase for this district approximately 20 new meters and 40 reading devices and pay for labor to install devices. In return, we will give them the old meters we pull out.

Mr. Hayssen reported that Butch did read the meters and will give the readings to Alyssa at the county who will then give them to Peggy for billing purposes.

**Varick Water District No. 3:** It was suggested that a joint meeting needs to be held with the Town of Fayette to establish rules and regulations for homeowner connections and to hire an inspector.

A written report was given by Gordon Carroll, inspector for this project, and will be filed with these minutes.

**Varick Water District No. 4:**

WHEREAS, the Town of Varick is in the process of forming a water district, namely Varick Water District #4, and

WHEREAS, there are bills that have been incurred in the process of the preparation work that need to be paid, and

WHEREAS, the Varick General Fund has funds that can be loaned to the Varick Water District #4, and

WHEREAS, once the district has been formed and we receive funding, this money will be paid back to the Varick General Fund with interest at the rate of 1.5% annually, and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Varick General Fund loan to Varick Water District #4 the amount of \$10,000.00.

Motion: Peter McDonald  
Seconded: Kathy Russo  
So Carried Unanimously

Mr. Hayssen reported that he will have Tim Buell continue with the two small items that need to be completed in case funding becomes available.

**Town Clerk's Report:** A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's Report: Revenue to Supervisor: \$351.35, County Treasurer: \$138.65, State Ag & Markets: \$75.00, and State Health Dept. \$45.00, Total Dispersed: \$610.00.

Mrs. Karlsen reported that she has been doing numerous new dog licenses since the Dog Warden sent his letter pertaining to a dog census being done.

**Personnel:** Mrs. Russo checked with Seneca County Youth Bureau who informed her that all towns and villages have summer recreation programs. Mrs. Sipos asked that Mrs. Russo check with the Youth Bureau regarding salaries.

**Assessor's Report:** Mrs. Morgan submitted a written Assessor's Report which will be attached to these minutes. Mr. Hayssen also reported that our equalization rate and status for 2010 is 84%

**Minutes:** A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Peter McDonald and so carried unanimously to accept the minutes of July 6, 2010.

**Supervisor's Report:** A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to approve the written Supervisor's Report.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract No. 8, Highway, Vouchers DA01-055 to DA010-057 in the amount of \$1,789.82, Seneca Lake Water District, Vouchers SWS10-039 to SWS10-045 in the amount of \$70,312.43, General, Vouchers A0010-215 to A0010-222 in the amount of \$1,754.89, Varick Sewer District No. 2, Vouchers SSS10-16 to SSS10-18 in the amount of \$61,085.44

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve payment of the following bills for Varick Water District No. 3:

Municipal Solutions:	\$ 3,023.56
Syracuse Constructors, Pay Application 3	\$213,022.41
Syracuse Constructors, Pay Application 2	\$ 81,951.45

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

Mr. Saeli reported that he attends Upstate Citizens for Equality meetings which provide a lot of information and invited the board members to attend. The meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Canoga Fire Department.

Mr. Saeli also provided an article from the Democrat and Chronicle regarding interest rates on CD's for Mrs. Sipos and Mr. Hayssen to review.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to regretfully accept Arthur Sherman's resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The board will look for a replacement and present names at the next board meeting for this position.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to appoint Sally Kenyan to the Seneca County Planning Board as the town of Varick's representative.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Karlsen  
Varick Town Clerk