

Varick Town Board
October 5, 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 and Kathy Russo, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen and Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch. Also present were Village of Waterloo, Jim Bromka.

Privilege of the Floor: No one.

Highway: Mr. McCulloch reported that Kings Corners Road resurfacing was completed and the dumpsters needed for Fall Clean Up have been arranged for. He requested permission from the board to scrap the iron which consists of an old sander, a front plow and other miscellaneous items that are currently in the weeds to the scrap yard. It was noted that the front plow doesn't fit any other equipment without much modification and is in poor condition.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to have Mr. McCulloch take the iron to the scrap yard.

Mr. McCullough also reported that the town has done all they can do regarding the flooding on the James Property. It is State of New York DOT responsibility to rectify this problem and they are aware of it, but have not addressed it as they said they would.

Mr. Hayssen said there was an issue with flooding on Route 89, near the intersection of Fayette/Varick Townline Road as well which is tied into the problems that the James property experiences.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to request the State of New York Department of Transportation, as soon as possible, to resolve the flooding on Route 89 and Fayette/Varick Townline Road.

Water District No. 1: Mr. Bromka submitted an approved contract for Mr. Hayssen's signature for the Village to read the meters and do the billing which Mr. Hayssen signed and returned a copy to Mr. Bromka.

Mr. Hayssen reported that the new transponders hadn't been installed on the meters and readings will be done manually for this quarter. The Village of Waterloo will send out bills. It was also noted that the water loss in this district has not yet been resolved and Mr. Kaiser has left a message with the Romulus and Varick Fire Chiefs regarding the fire department's use of unmetered water. Butch will also get bids from companies to do leak detection tests.

The board approved payment to Seneca County in the amount of \$7,079.35 that was held for payment at the September meeting until further research into the loss of water was done.

Seneca County will also be purchasing a master meter that will read low flow.

Seneca Lake Water District: Mr. Bromka reviewed the list of hydrants that were reported to have problems and asked the board to direct the Village to assess the problems and repair as necessary.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to direct the Village of Waterloo initiate repairs according to list provided.

Mr. Bromka also reviewed the metering system for the high and low water flows and reported that the valve is failing. The water being used currently is being estimated and billed accordingly. The cost to purchase the necessary Mag meter and to install is approximately \$8,500.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to direct the Village of Waterloo to purchase on behalf of Seneca Lake Water District the needed Mag meter and install the necessary metering system at a cost not to exceed \$8,500.

Mr. Bromka will try to negotiate the cost of this meter.

Varick Water District No. 3: A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to adopt the Fayette No. 5/Varick No. 3 Rules and Regulations and General Instructions.

Mr. Hayssen reported that as of this meeting the Fayette bookkeeper does not want to be responsible to complete the necessary bookkeeping for these districts. Mrs. Sipos has agreed to do the necessary bookkeeping and Mr. Hayssen reviewed the extra work that would be generated for the supervisor, town clerk and bookkeeper. He suggested the following amounts be budgeted for these added responsibilities in these respective districts: Supervisor: \$500, Town Clerk: \$500 and Bookkeeper: \$500. He also is working on getting a contract with the Village of Waterloo to read the meters and do the billing. It was noted that a budget still needs to be formulated for this district, but isn't able to be completed until a cost of water is set.

It is still unclear what meters were purchased for this district and it is unclear as to the specification on the meter pits.

The Brown family on Yale Farm Road is very interested in connecting and would be able to do so at their expense and be considered an outside user.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried to approve Syracuse Constructors pay estimate 5 contingent on approval of work by Rural Development and Butch Carroll.

Further work on the line has been stalled until payment to Syracuse Constructors is made and budgeting has been refigured to include any change orders required to complete the project.

It was decided that a letter will be sent to the residents informing them when they can begin connecting.

Varick Water District No. 4: A motion by Robert Hayssen, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to approve payment to Tim Buhl in the amount of \$2,232.85.

Varick Sewer District No. 1: Mrs. Karlsen verified with the assessor the lowering of unit charges for this district for the tax roll which resulted from the removal of trailers from the trailer park, reduction of the number of apartments in an apartment building and a house being renovated to a one family home.

Varick Sewer District No. 2: It was reported that the County/ASPEN will be connecting Coronals Drive to the sewer system. It was suggested that a sewer permit be filled out by them and that they follow the Sewer Use Ordinance.

Wendy Marsh would like to meet with the board but Mr. Hayssen suggested we hold off on this until he has a chance to talk further with County Officials.

Jason McCormick would like to set the county rate for sewer treatment at \$30.

The Notice of Violation to Seneca County has been put on hold until Mr. Hayssen as a chance to talk to County officials.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's Report: Supervisor: \$413.75, County Treasurer: \$37.60, State Agriculture and Markets: \$12.00, State Health Department: \$22.50, DEC: \$409.15, Total Disbursed: \$895.00

Mrs. Karlsen reported that Ag and Markets provided suggestions for the towns to adopt in their dog licensing law and Mr. Sipos would review the proposed law written by the town board once they had it completed. After discussion regarding this law, it was decided to have Mrs. Karlsen draft the proposed law for the board and attorney's review for the November meeting.

Supervisor's Report: A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to approve the Supervisor's written report.

Mr. Hayssen will clarify the loan of \$60,000 in the Seneca Lake Water District.

Personnel: Mrs. Russo clarified that she instructed Michelle, director of the summer rec. program, to submit her mileage based on what the board approved. She will also have the breakdown of students from each township who participated in the rec. program.

Planning Board: The board reviewed the proposed changes to the Zoning Code and Subdivision Regulations. Mrs. Russo noted that the definition of landfill was not very specific. She spoke to Ag. & Markets and was given the definition of Liquid Waist Lagoons which is different than a landfill.

It was noted that the town has received no response from Scepter or DEC to the letter that was sent to them regarding the monofill. A discussion was held as to whether the board should

address this and it was decided to table any further correspondence regarding this matter at this time.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Robert Hayssen and so carried unanimously to send the Zoning Code and Subdivision revisions to the Seneca County Planning Board for their approval.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to appoint Frederick Beary to fulfill Art Sherman's term of office on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

It was also reported that Bob Taylor will be resigning from the board December 31, 2010 at the end of his term.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Robert Hayssen and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of September 7, 2010.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to approve the Assessor's written report.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried to approve Abstract No. 10, Highway, Vouchers DAO10-068 to DAO10-072 in the amount of \$2,374.66, Seneca Lake Water District, Vouchers SWS10-057 to SWS10-061 in the amount of \$32,062.54, Varick Water District No. 1, Voucher VW110005 in the amount of \$8,105.00, General, Vouchers A0010-238 to A0010-249 in the amount of \$3,792.36, Varick Sewer District No. 2, Voucher SSS10-026 in the amount of \$1,865.11.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve payment to Municipal Solutions in the amount of \$1,000.60 for Water District No. 3.

2011 Budget: The board received the 2011 Tentative Budget to review and Mr. Hayssen reviewed the requested personal service increases which were not included in the tentative budget figures but could be discussed further at the budget workshop.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to hold a budget workshop on October 13th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Varick Town Hall and to address any other business that may come before the board.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to reschedule the regular meeting of the Varick Town Board due to elections for November 3, 2011.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by John Saeli and so carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Donna Karlsen
Varick Town Clerk