

September 2, 2014

The regular meeting of the Varick Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Hayssen at 7:00 p.m. Present at this meeting were council members Peter McDonald, John Saeli, Kathy Russo and Richard Peterson, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch, Bookkeeper, Angela Testa, Dog Control Officer, Bryan McCann, Water District No. 4 water line inspector, Bob Kayser and Attorney for the Town, Joe Midiri. Also present were Town of Fayette Supervisor, Cindy Lorenzetti and Finger Lakes Technologies Attorney Marc Romanowski.

Petitioners to Address the Board: Marc Romanowski from Harter Secrest & Emery LLP submitted a letter to the Planning Board on behalf of FLTG regarding the Zoning Code and proposed revisions currently under consideration. He did attend the town's planning board meeting and informed them that FLTG may be looking at leasing out bunkers for technology services and wanted to be sure that intended use permitted was clearly stated in the zoning. He noted that ambiguity in a site plan causes a site to be less desirable and that definitions are key. He will be attending additional meetings with the planning board and Barbara from Stuart Brown and reported discussions have gone very well.

It was reported that the public hearing on revisions will not be for a couple months and the army will not be leaving until the year 2016 or so. It was reported that approximately 90% will be turned over to the IDA, not the entire property and Tom Bataglia and Steve Absalom is still overseeing the property.

Highway: Mr. McCulloch reported 1 1/10 mile of Hahnel Road will be paved with cold mix with the help from the county and surrounding towns. Mr. McCulloch reported that the board should consider budgeting for replacement of the mower tractor and superintendent's pickup truck. Mr. Saeli suggested using some of the grant funds due from the state to purchase the mower tractor, but further discussion was held and it was felt these funds would be better spent on infrastructures, such as waterlines.

Mr. McCulloch reported that the dump truck should be received by the town within the next month.

Mr. Hayssen reported that after the heavy rains in August water pushed gabion stone from along Town Line Road into a homeowner's lawn. Mr. McCulloch will look into this.

Dog Control Officer Report: Bryan McCann presented his written report and reviewed in depth the calls he has had regarding dogs lodged at 5111 East Lake Road. Mr. Saeli also reported that Tom Guard contacted him in regards to these dogs. Mr. McCann reported that he has issued the property owner at least 5 tickets since 2013 for dogs running at large and the problem has not been resolved. He questioned the board about limiting the number of dogs in the zoning regulations, but was not in favor of implementing that. He has contacted surrounding towns and the Department of

Agriculture & Markets for their suggestions as to further actions that can be taken. The town currently is following all procedures suggested by those entities. The board recommended that Mr. McCann continue with following the implemented procedures, keeping a paper trail of actions and the board will look into this matter further.

Code Enforcement: No written report submitted.

Water District No. 3: Town of Fayette Supervisor, Cindy Lorenzetti discussed the partial payment of settlement which represents Part 1 to Syracuse Constructors in the total amount of \$26,832.19 of which Water District 3 would owe \$11,325.27. It was agreed by the board and Supervisor Lorenzetti that a check should be mailed to Hancock & Estabrook to be held until the town attorney reviews the status on the 3 easements that are needed in order for the hydrants to be moved according to the settlement agreement. As part of this agreement, a check for \$4,390.66 should be issued from the capital project funds to the county for the outstanding water bill balance due from this district.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve checks written in the amounts of \$4,390.66 made payable to Seneca County Water District No. 1 and sent to the county and \$11,325.27 made payable to Syracuse Constructors and sent to Hancock and Estabrook for distribution.

Varick Water District No. 1: No report.

Seneca Lake Water District: A discussion was held regarding replacement of bolts and the town attorney will look into prevailing wage rate guidelines and Mr. Hayssen will consult with Pat Nicoletta regarding getting quotes for replacing the bolts.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried to approve the Water Supply Support Service Agreement with the Village of Waterloo for Seneca Lake Water District.

The Village of Waterloo will be taking over the maintenance of the water districts, which belong to Seneca County, and met with Water Maintainer, Ben Karlsen and Sewer Maintainer Bill Kolbeck to review the location of water and sewer lines owned by the Town of Varick districts.

Varick Water District No. 3: A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the Water Supply Support Service Agreement with the Village of Waterloo for Water District No. 3.

Water District No. 4: Bob Kayser reported that he has inspected 8 to 9 new connections and that he, Ben Karlsen and Tim Dorn are working well together.

A map of the district will need to be submitted to Dig Safely for UFPO markings.

The board reviewed the cost of water and operation and maintenance fees being assessed in all of the existing Varick water districts and determined the following rates would be charged for Water District No. 4:

The current cost per 1,000 gallons of water is \$3.10 from the Town of Fayette. The board figured a minimum of \$1.00 per 1000 gallons to cover flushing costs and considered the amount being charged by other districts and the number of connections currently and decided on a \$4.50 per 1,000 gallon cost to the consumer. A minimum fee of \$36 per quarter will be assessed for water usage (minimum of 8,000 gallons X \$4.50 = \$36). An operation and maintenance fee of \$40 per quarter will also be assessed. This will result in a minimum quarterly fee of \$76.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to set the water rate at \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons, with a minimum fee of \$36 and a quarterly operation and maintenance fee of \$40.

The board determined that if water is shut off by the beginning of a quarter through the end of that quarter, no minimum fee will be charged for water usage for that quarter. At this time no charge will be assessed for water turn-ons or turn-offs. Operation and maintenance fees will be assessed whether the water is on or off.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Peter McDonald to send a post card to the homeowners informing them:

1. Water rate and operation fees that will be assessed.
2. Requesting that the homeowners submit in writing to the town clerk concerns regarding construction to be reviewed by the engineer and contractor prior to completion of the project for the “punch list”.

Mr. Hayssen recommended that the Rules and Regulations be updated to reflect when using copper piping, clean fill dirt can be used in place of sand. He also recommended that tracer tape be placed 1’ to 2’ feet below the surface of the ground.

Varick Sewer District No. 1: The two generators are currently being stored in the barn at the town hall and Bill Kolbeck will need to exercise them regularly.

Varick Sewer District No. 2: The board reviewed the cost of repairing pumps from K & S and discussed the town look into making repairs in-house. John Saeli will contact Hudson’s regarding replacement pumps manufactured by Gould Pumps.

Water & Sewer District General Information: Mr. Hayssen is researching whether the services provided by Jim Bromka prior to his resignation will still be provided under the Village of Waterloo agreements. It was noted that water will also need to be tested in Water District No. 4.

It was recommended that the board pass a resolution standardizing the meter pits and corresponding reading technology used by the town’s districts for funding purposes.

Resolution of Standardization of Meter Pits & Corresponding Reading Technology

WHEREAS, the Town of Varick, Seneca County, New York presently owns Badger Meters and corresponding reading technology, that are used interchangeably between Town of Varick water districts, and

WHEREAS, to purchase a different make of meters and corresponding reading technology would be inefficient and uneconomical since an alternate brand would have to be purchased that would not be interchangeable with the ones already on hand, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to purchase additional meters and corresponding reading technology, of the same make as the ones presently owned by the Town of Varick,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the board of the Town of Varick in a regular session duly convened as follows:

1. For reasons of efficiency and economy and pursuant to the authority conferred by subdivision 5 section 103 of the General Municipal Law, it is determined by the board that there is a need for standardization in the purchase of meters for use by town's municipal water districts and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board be and hereby is authorized to contract for the purchase of additional meters manufactured by Badger and corresponding reading technology, as needed, pursuant to the Procurement Policy previously adopted by the Town of Varick.

Motions: Peter McDonald
Seconded: Kathy Russo
So carried unanimously

Resolution Authorizing Purchase of previously Standardized Equipment

WHEREAS, for reasons of efficiency and economy and pursuant to the authority conferred by subdivision 5 section 103 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, the Board of the Town of Varick prior hereto determined that there was a need for standardization in the purchase of meters for town's municipal water districts, and standardized the meters and corresponding reading technology manufactured by Badger, and;

WHEREAS, the water department needed meters and their corresponding reading technology, and

WHEREAS, Blair Supply Corporation, by letter dated August 6, 2014 (a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part thereof), has notified the Town of Varick that the meter and its corresponding reading technology is available at a price of \$50 and

\$129 respectively, and that it is the sole franchise dealer for the Town of Varick service area,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that authorized personnel be hereby directed to contract for the purchase of additional meters and their corresponding reading technology from Blair Supply Corporation, local district franchisee of Badger, at a quoted price in accordance with the attached proposal, all without advertising for sealed bids as authorized by State Comptroller Opinion 67-558 in situations where items can be purchased from only once source.

Motion: John Saeli
Seconded: Richard Peterson
So carried unanimously

Clerk's Report: A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's Report: Supervisor; \$440, NYS Ag & Markets; \$45, State Health Department; \$45, Total Disbursements; \$530.

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

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve to borrow \$883 from Seneca Lake Water District for the purchase of start-up equipment for Water District No. 4.

Personnel: Mrs. Russo reported that she felt the hiring for the additional Water Inspectors for Water District No. 4 went smoothly and she contacted the applicants with the board's decision.

Assessor: No report.

Zoning Board: No public hearing date has been set, as further revisions to the zoning to the depot property is still being reviewed.

Abstract: A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract No. 9, General Vouchers A0014-136 in the amount of \$552.70, Highway, Vouchers DAO14-51 to DAO14-59 in the amount of \$3,729.65, Varick Water District No. 1, VW114-010 to VW114-11 in the amount of \$815. Seneca Lake Water District, SWS14-036 to SWS14-40 in the amount of \$6,569.54, Varick Water District No. 3, VW314-021 to VW314-023 in the amount of \$1,276.92, Varick Water District No. 4, VW414-008 in the amount of \$883, Varick Sewer District No. 1, VS114-030 to VS114-32 in the amount of \$502.08, Varick Sewer District No. 2, SSS14-021 to SSS14-25 in the amount of \$14,504.05.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to pay the following bills from the Varick Water District No. 4 capital project:

John Sipos, Project Attorney/Contract		\$8,500.00
Timothy Buhl	VWD-1405	\$5,976.61
Roloson Electric	1025	\$ 220.00

New Business, Old Business and Correspondence: It was reported that the motion appointing Richard Peterson to fill the vacancy of Robert Bauman's term was incorrect and that according to election guidelines, he could only be appointed to the end of 2014 as there is a general election this year.

Mary Ann Kowalski would like the board to pass a resolution supporting the discontinuation of fluoride in the water supplied by the county. The board thought they may have already passed such a motion and this will be researched for the next board meeting.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Karlsen
Varick Town Clerk