

July 5, 2017

The regular meeting of the Varick Town Board was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Richard Peterson at 7:00 p.m. Present at this meeting were Council Members Todd Horton, Tom Fox, and Kathy Russo, Town Clerk Donna Karlsen, Code Enforcement Officer Tim Dorn, and Attorney for the Town Joe Midiri. Supervisor Robert Hayssen, who had a committee meeting prior to the start of the town board meeting, arrived shortly after the town board meeting had begun. Absent: Bookkeeper, Angela Testa and Highway Superintendent Richard McCulloch.

Petitioners to Address the Board: None.

Highway: Nothing to report.

Bookkeeper: A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to accept the bookkeepers report.

Code Enforcement Officer: A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to appoint Tim Dorn as Code Enforcement Officer retroactive to June 30, 2017 to fulfill Richard McCulloch's term to expire December 31, 2017.

Discussion was held regarding the portable dock installed by Kepner which does not meet the town's set back requirements. Tim Dorn presented a Legal Notice Stop Work form that can be used in the future, but would not apply to this instance as the dock has already been put into the water. Although Joe Midiri's firm was involved in the purchase of this property and the subdivision, he reported that there was no conflict of interest regarding the installation of the dock and will respond to the concerns presented on the town's behalf. Joe Midiri reported that an application must be made to the State for approval and then approved by the Core of Engineers in order to install a dock. Hepner's do not have these approvals and all further conflicts pertaining to this issue can be referred to the town attorney.

The board reviewed a similar circumstance regarding the Mastellar dock. The Mastellars received approval from both neighbors and the Zoning Board of Appeals to replace the existing dock, using the same foot print. They have also submitted the necessary paper work to the Department of the Army Corps of Engineers and received their approval.

Varick Water District No. 1: Nothing to report.

Seneca Lake Water District: The new meter the county purchased to replace the "Jack Holley" meter has been received, but hasn't been installed as it was discovered the valves can't be turned off and the back-flow preventer was not working. Supervisor Hayssen is working with the county on this as well as working to get a new meter in place on Kennedy Road. He spoke to the State Police regarding charging the county for theft of services as the County is aware the district's master meter isn't working properly and still have not paid the first and second quarter billings.

Varick Water District No. 3: A new master meter has been ordered for this district and should be delivered shortly.

Varick Water District No. 4: Nothing to report.

Personnel: Mrs. Russo reported the Romulus/Varick Summer Recreations Program has begun today, July 5, 2017.

Assessor: The assessor supplied a written report for March through June 2017 which will be filed in the minute book with this month's meeting minutes.

Town Clerk's Report: A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's Report.

Minutes: A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of June 6, 2017.

Abstract: A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract 7, General, Vouchers A0017-091 to A0017-103 in the amount of \$3,194.74, Highway, DA017-040 to DA017-045 in the amount of \$3,563.10, Varick Water District No. 1, VW117-009 to VW117-10 in the amount of \$1,625, Seneca Lake Water District, SWS17-033 to SWS17-034 in the amount of \$3,165, Varick Water District No. 3, Vouchers VW317-010 to VW317-011 in the amount of \$1,025, Varick Water District No. 4, Vouchers VW417-019 to VW417-020 in the amount of \$2,025, Varick Sewer District No. 1, VS117-026 in the amount of \$400.00, Varick Sewer District No. 2, SSS17-020 to SSS17-021 in the amount of \$2,089.24.

New Business, Old Business, Correspondence: Judge David Ettman has submitted his letter of resignation as Town Judge to pursue another employment opportunity. Supervisor Hayssen has spoken to Jeff Hogue, who is an attorney that lives in the Town of Varick, who has indicated that he would be interested in this position. The board inquired what schooling would be required and if the board can appoint a replacement until elections. Further information will be gathered and addressed at the August meeting. Discussion was also held regarding the sharing of court services with the Town of Fayette with further information to be provided.

A motion by Tom Fox, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 7:55.

A motion by Todd Horton seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to come out of executive session at 8:10 p.m.

A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna Karlsen, Varick Town Clerk