

December 28, 2017

The year-end meeting was called to order by Supervisor Robert Hayssen at 10:10 a.m. Present at this meeting were Councilmen Todd Horton, Tom Fox and Richard Peterson, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen and Bookkeeper, Angela Testa.

A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Tom Fox and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract 13, General Vouchers A0017-187 to A00117-205 in the amount of \$3,323.17, Highway, Vouchers DA017-091 to DA027-100 in the amount of \$2,671.43, Varick Water District No. 1, Voucher VW117-021 in the amount of \$50, Seneca Lake Water District, Voucher SWS17-063 to SWS17-065 in the amount of \$668.75, Varick Water District No. 3, VW317-024 to VW317-025 in the amount of \$176.11, Varick Water District No. 4, VW417-044 to VW417-047 in the amount of \$1,758.29, Varick Sewer District No. 1, VS117-043 in the amount of \$360, Varick Sewer District No. 2, SSS17-038 in the amount of \$800.00.

Varick Water District No. 3: Mrs. Karlsen informed the board that she received a phone call from the town of Fayette's clerk who apologized for the misunderstanding pertaining to the SKATA system. She stated that the Town of Fayette has not purchased this system for Fayette Water District 5, but will consider doing so if Varick Water District No. 3 would be willing to split the cost. Mr. Hayssen stated that Jim Bromka should do a presentation on this system and this system should be considered for Seneca Lake Water District if it will enable the town to monitor the meters.

Seneca Lake Water District: Mr. Hayssen reported that he and Wendy Marsh are still working with John Sheppard to resolve the outstanding water bill for Seneca County Water District No. 1. He reported that the county has sent two revised spreadsheets with two different proposed dollar amounts they feel they owe. After reviewing the latest spreadsheet, Wendy found errors in the number of gallons of water used and in the dollar amount per gallon. She was going to email her revised spread sheet back to John Sheppard for payment in the amount of \$107,647.60. The board reviewed the loss in revenue and balance in Seneca Lake Water District's account and it was recommended by Mr. Hayssen the board consider raising the water rates to Commercial/Government-Out of District Users by twenty cents (.20) per thousand gallons of water to help recover the loss in revenue if the county does not pay their outstanding bill. This would result in a rate of \$3.53 per thousand gallons of water, which falls within the 25% maximum increase in cost as stipulated in the contract with the Village of Waterloo. The board discussed the ramifications to the Varick water districts that purchase water from Seneca County Water District No. 1, and the possible increase in their water rates. The board will look at alternative billing options and rates to the Varick districts affected if this were to happen. It was recognized that if financially the county did not pay their outstanding bill, steps would need to be taken to recover the lost revenue. The board agreed that if the county pays their bill within 30 days they would not raise the water rate and proposed the following motion:

A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Thomas Fox and so carried unanimously to raise the water rate to commercial/government-out of district users twenty cents (.20) per thousand gallons of water or \$3.53 per thousand gallons effective January 1, 2018. This motion will be rescinded if

Seneca County Water District No. 1 remits payment in full in the amount of \$107,647.60 to the Town of Varick by Monday, January 29, 2017.

New Business, Old Business, Correspondence: Mr. Foxx suggested the town look into a ROBO caller or establishing an email data base for town notifications. He will research systems and provide this information to the board for their consideration.

Mr. Hayssen reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended Anne Bachman as Chairperson of the board and Susan Ottenweller to fill the vacant seat.

A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried to re-appoint Anne Bachman to the Zoning Board of Appeals and name her chairperson and to appoint Susan Ottenweller to the vacant seat on this board with both terms to expire December 31, 2022.
Supervisor Robert Hayssen: abstained from the vote.

Mr. Horton was thanked for his service and dedication as councilman on the board and well wishes were expressed in his future endeavors.

A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna Karlsen
Varick Town Clerk