

January 2, 2018

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 Councilmen Ben Freier, Tom Fox, Eric Riegel, and Richard Peterson, Attorney for the Town, Joe Midiri, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, and Bookkeeper, Angela Testa. Also present was Michelle Herman. Absent: Highway Superintendent: Richard McCulloch

**Oath of Office:** Oaths of office were taken by newly elected Councilmen Ben Freier and Eric Riegel.

**Privilege of the Floor:** Michelle Herman reported that she has small bubbles in her water when she first turns on the tap, but it clears quickly. (Water 4 district) Mr. Hayssen stated that it is mostly likely due to the main line being totally drained of water due to the water break in Fayette. These should subside with continued use.

**Abstract:** A motion by Tom Fox, seconded by Eric Riegel and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract No. 1, General, Vouchers A0018-001 to A0018-008 in the amount of \$29,010.12, Highway, DA018-001 to DA018-004 in the amount of \$4,076.76, Varick Water District No. 1, Voucher VW118-001 in the amount of \$259,51, Seneca Lake Water District, Voucher SWS18-001 in the amount of \$810.16, Varick Water District No. 3, Voucher VW318-001 in the amount of \$265.87, Varick Water District No. 4, Voucher VW418-001 in the amount of \$328.05, Varick Sewer District No. 1, Voucher VS118-001 in the amount of \$161.26, Varick Sewer District No. 2, SSS18-001 in the amount of \$784.64.

**Highway:** Nothing to report

**Varick Water District No. 1:** Nothing to report

**Seneca Lake Water:** Nothing to report.

**Varick Water District No. 3:** Mr. Hayssen is concerned about some of the hydrants freezing due to poor placement and installation. He reminded the board that this is just one of the items that was poorly engineered, put on the punch list to be repaired and never completed by the contractor.

**Varick Water District No. 4:** Nothing to report.

**Varick Sewer No. 1:** Nothing to report.

**Varick Sewer No. 2:** Mr. Hayssen reported that Bill Kolbeck replaced a frozen grinder pump at property located 5638 East lake Road which was the result of a falling tree on the grinder pump cap which crushed it. The homeowner never reported this to the town and will be responsible for the cost of parts and repair.

**Assessor:** Nothing to report.

**Town Clerk Report:** A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Eric Riegel and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's Report: Supervisor: \$150, NYS Ag & Markets: \$18, Total Disbursements: \$168.

**Bookkeeper Report:** A motion by Tom Fox, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the bookkeeper's report.

A motion by Tom Fox, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Amendment to the General Fund, SLF & SLR, Resolution No. 1.

A motion by Tom Fox, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Amendment to the Town of Varick Highway Fund, Resolution No. 2.

A motion by Tom Fox, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Amendment to the Town of Varick Seneca Lake Water, Resolution No. 3.

A motion by Tom Fox, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Amendment to the Town of Varick Water District No. 3, Resolution No.4.

A motion by Tom Fox, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Amendment to the Town of Varick Water District No. 4, Resolution No. 5.

A motion by Tom Fox, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Amendment to the Town of Varick Sewer District No. 1, Resolution No. 6.

A motion by Tom Fox, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Amendment to the Town of Varick Sewer District 2, Resolution No. 7.

**Minutes:** A motion by Tom Fox, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of December 5 and December 28, 2017.

**Appointments:**

Mr. Hayssen appointed Tom Fox and Richard Peterson to the Auditing committee and Ben Freier and Eric Riegel as alternate auditing committee for a term of 1 year.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Eric Riegel and so carried unanimously to appoint Tim Dorn as Code Enforcement Officer for a term to expire December 31, 2019.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Ben Freier and so carried unanimously to appoint Bryan McCann as dog Control officer for a term to expire December 31, 2019.

A motion by Eric Riegel, seconded by Ben Freier and so carried unanimously to appoint Donna Karlsen as Records Manager for a term to expire December 31, 2019.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Eric Riegel and so carried unanimously to appoint Frederick Beary to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire December 31, 2022.

A motion by Ben Freier, seconded by Tom Fox and so carried unanimously to appoint Barry Somerville, Hershey Sensenig and Frankie Long to the Planning Board for a term to expire December 31, 2022.

The appointment to the Assessment Board of Review was tabled until Mr. Hayssen can consult with Anne Morgan, the assessor.

Legal designated banks for the Town of Varick are: Community Bank, Lyons Bank and Five Star. Legal newspaper: Reveille Between the Lakes.

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

Mr. Peterson discussed the possibility of eliminating the elected highway superintendent position and creating a Public Works Department under a hired director. If the board were to consider this option, it would need to go up for a referendum. Mr. Peterson recognized Mr. Hayssen's knowledge of the water and sewer systems and the time he spends addressing issues. It was noted that discussions have taken place regarding hiring Ben Karlsen as a full time Water Operator and should be considered again with the addition of multiple water districts and state requirements. The board will request that Ben Karlsen attend the February meeting for his input.

Mr. Riegel inquired as to the status of the town's request for a legislative bill allowing the town to regulate docks and moorings within its township. Mr. Midiri indicated that Pam Helming's office has introduced this bill and he has been working with Kristian Frank and will get a copy of this bill for the town's record.

A motion by Eric Riegel, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted:  
Donna Karlsen  
Varick Town Clerk