

January 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 Kathy Russo, John Saeli, Peter McDonald and Richard Peterson, Town Attorney, John Sipos, Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch, and Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen. Also present were Jim Bromka, Robert Bowman and Dave Stonesifer.

Privilege of Floor: Mr. Hayssen reported that he spoke to Barb McCall regarding the proposed South Seneca Ambulance contract and what it covers. Ms. McCall indicated to Mr. Hayssen that she will obtain further information regarding coverage and billing issues and will report at the February meeting.

Highway: Mr. McCulloch reported that he was contacted by Chris Covert regarding the intersection at 336 and 96. The state is looking at putting a four way stop light there. Currently this intersection has five roads that intersect at that location, State Route 336, State Route 96 and a spur owned by the Town which was originally part of the old State Route 96. The State would like to see the Town abandon the spur which was originally part of Route 96, turning it into a cul-de-sac or a hammerhead. It was indicated that in order to abandon a road it has to be done by law and there has to be no maintenance done on it for 10 consecutive years for it to be officially closed. If residents complain the town has to continue to maintain the road. When questioned, Mr. Sipos and Mr. McCulloch felt the State should be responsible for any changes to this road and the costs related to the changes.

Varick Sewer District No. 2: Yaws did not submit a revised contract for 2010. Therefore the 2009 contract will roll over and be followed for 2010.

Seneca Lake Water District: Mr. Kolbeck's name will be given to Seneca County Highway Department in order for him to be allowed to purchase fuel for the water truck.

Census: Mrs. Russo was given further information to respond to regarding the Census.

Varick Water & Sewer Districts No. 1: Mr. Hayssen reported that Angel Lawrence is no longer employed by the Town of Romulus and that Mary Farnsworth is currently fulfilling her duties with respect to these districts. The Town of Romulus will bill the last quarter billing for these two districts and that Seneca County would be willing to read and send out future billings for these districts.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to hire Seneca County to do the water and sewer reading, billing and maintenance for Varick Water District No. 1 and Varick Sewer District No. 1 on an hourly basis to be negotiated.

Varick Water District No. 3: The engineer, Jason McCormick produced a new map which still needs revisions. Mr. Hayssen reported that Mr. McCodrmick will be meeting with NYS DOT on the plans Thursday, January 7 and seeking their approval..

An email was received from Deborah Ditzell, Nelson Lerch's sister who owns Lerch's Trailer Park on Route 336, regarding the public water plans and how the town plans to assess unit charges.

Mr. Peterson felt the park should receive one unit charge to cover the entire park. Mr. McDonald indicated that in his experience trailer parks are charged per pad and is unaware of anyone assessing charges as Mr. Peterson is suggesting. It was decided that how unit charges are to be assessed will need to be agreed upon between the Towns of Fayette and Varick.

Varick Water District No. 4: Lawson Surveying is in the process of generating manuscripts resulting from the survey work they have done. It was also reported that NYS DOT is aware of District No. 4 and is looking forward to receiving the necessary documentation from Tim Buhl.

Mr. Sipos reviewed what BANS were and how they worked. Mary Chappell, Municipal Solutions, will be reviewing upcoming bills and will get a dollar amount we will need to borrow. Mr. Hayssen will get interest rate quotes from the banks.

Assessor: No report.

Clerk: A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's Report: Town Supervisor: \$69.73, County Treasurer: \$15.27, State Ag. & Markets: \$3.00. Total Disbursements: \$88.00

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of December 1, and December 30, 2009.

Supervisors Report: A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the written Supervisor's Report.

Appointments:

Mr. Hayssen appointed John Saeli and Kathy Russo to the auditing committee with Richard Peterson and Peter McDonald as alternates to this committee.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to appoint Paul Conroy as Code Enforcement Officer for a term of two years.

Mrs. Russo would like to see Mr. Conroy give a monthly report on newly issued building permits.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Peter McDonald and so carried unanimously to appoint John Vincent as Dog Control Officer for a term of two years.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to appoint Charmion Dinsmore as Town Historian for a term of two years.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to appoint John Sipos as Town Attorney for a term of two years.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried to designate Five Star Bank and Community Bank as the town's official depository for 2010.

Supervisor Hayssen made the following committee appointments:

Kathy Russo: Personnel, Census, Summer Recreation, Varick Water District No. 4

John Saeli: Seneca Lake Water, Varick Sewer District No. 2

Peter McDonald: Varick Water District No. 1 and Varick Sewer District No. 1

Richard Peterson: Varick Water District No. 3, Highway

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to adopt the Town of Varick By-Laws as they exists currently which are:

1. Robert's Rules of Order
2. All checks are to have two signatures: Combination of either Supervisor's, Deputy Supervisor's, or Town Clerk's signatures.
3. Monthly payroll is to be distributed by the Thursday of the last full week of the month.

New Business, Old Business and Correspondence:

Mr. McDonald will look into purchasing a plaque for Frank Case and Jeff Case honoring their years of service.

Mr. Saeli suggested sending a letter to the county opposing the raises which will be discussed at the Seneca County scheduled public hearing, January 12, 2010.

By law, in order to raise the Sheriff and County Manager salaries, a public hearing has to be held. It was noted that the proposed raises for these two individual positions where cost of living raises at 3%, which were approved for others at the county level. Further discussion was held resulting in the following resolution:

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried for the Town of Varick Board to go on record opposing the proposed raises to be discussed at the public hearing to be held January 12, 2010.

Roll Call:

Robert Hayssen Abstain

Peter McDonald Abstain

John Saeli Yea

Richard Peterson Yea

Kathy Russo Yea

So Carried: Yea 3 Abstain 2

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract No. 1, General, Vouchers A00-10-001 to A00-10-010 in the amount of \$18,347.01, Highway, Voucher DAO-10-001 to DAO-10-003 in the amount of \$6,604.03, Varick Sewer District No. 2, Voucher SSS-10-001 to SSS-10-003 in the amount of \$1,451.70, and Seneca Lake Water District No. 2, Vouchers SWS -10-001 to SWS-10-002 in the amount of \$19,654.57.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Peter McDonald and so carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna Karlsen
Varick Town Clerk