

February 2, 2010

The regular meeting of the Varick Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Robert Hayssen at 7:00 p.m. Present were Council Members, Kathy Russo, John Saeli, Peter McDonald, and Richard Peterson, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Town Attorney, John Sipos, Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch, Sewer Maintainer, Bill Kolbeck and Bookkeeper, Carol Sipos. Also present was Robert Bowman.

**Petitioners:** None.

**Highway:** Mr. McCulloch reported that he received a vehicle purchase proposal from VanBortel Ford off of the state bid for a 2010 4X4 regular cab F350 8' box pickup truck with snow plow package in the amount of \$25,179.90. This price includes the additional options of an 8' Western Ultra Mount Plow, Rubber Deflector, Strobe Beacon and Back up alarm.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Robert Hayssen and so carried unanimously to approve the purchase of the 2010 4X4 regular cab F350 in the amount of \$25,179.90 and to amend the budget accordingly.

The board discussed turning over equipment on a yearly basis as a way of saving the town money and keeping the equipment up to date. Mr. Peterson reported that he has found that by purchasing equipment off of state bid, maintaining it in good condition with low mileage for a year and then taking it to the Palmyra auction for sale, the price the equipment is sold for at auction is generally higher or equal to what the municipalities are purchasing it for off of state bid.

Mr. McCulloch agreed with Mr. Peterson, but indicated that this has to become a routine practice in order for the town to receive the cost saving benefit and hasn't been possible to date with the changing of the board members who may not agree with such a practice. He reported that the truck he received the proposal on is in stock and ready to be picked up, but the current truck he is using will be driven until the Palmyra auction to save mileage on the new truck.

The board reviewed the budget figures and noted that the budget may need to be amended until the funds are received from the sale of the current Ford truck.

**Varick Sewer District No.2:** Bill Kolbeck reported that there are 8 pumps at K & S for repair, with one pump available as a replacement if necessary. Mr. Kolbeck is to check to see how many new complete pump units are left. Mr. Saeli reported that the cost of a new pump from K & S is \$2,339.29. He also contacted Siewert who provides the pumps for resale to K & S and Siewert originally stated they didn't want to bid against K & S. After further discussion Siewert indicated the price quoted by K & S is list price and Siewert could save the district approximately \$234 if purchased through them. Mr. Saeli

questioned whether the district would want to purchase them from Siewert, as K & S is doing all of the repairs on the pumps currently.

Mr. Kolbeck is keeping track of the pump numbers being sent for repair along with the dates and location address of where they are being pulled from. The board reviewed the policy regarding homeowner's responsibility for repair of the pumps and how it can be monitored. It was decided to question K & S to see if they can determine what caused the malfunction in the pumps they are repairing.

Mr. Saeli faxed a copy of a paid bill to Yaws for a repaired pump that is now at K & S for similar repairs. Mr. Saeli felt that the district should repair the pumps that are over at K & S depending on the cost and hold off purchasing any new pumps at this time. The board agreed to continue having K & S contact Mr. Saeli with repair quotes and have Mr. Saeli use his judgment as to what repairs should be done.

Mr. Kolbeck will see that the generator belonging to this district receives annual maintenance.

**Varick Sewer District No. 1:** Mr. Hayssen will continue to follow up on the annual maintenance on the generators for this district.

**Seneca Lake Water District:** Nothing

**Varick Water District No. 1:** Mr. Bromka is to continue testing the water for this district until notified otherwise.

Mr. Hayssen reported that there will be a meeting held in the Town of Romulus on Friday at 10:30 in the morning to resolve a list of items Mr. Hayssen has provided to them. Mr. Hayssen requested that Mr. McDonald attend this meeting with him and invited any other board member who may be interested in attending.

**Varick Water District No. 3:** Mr. Peterson expressed concern over the later date that is now being projected to go for bid on this project. Mr. Hayssen reported that we are getting closed to being able to go to bid, but there is still paperwork required by funding agencies.

It was suggested that there needs to be better communication with the Town of Fayette and a joint meeting should be held to discuss unit charges, rules and regulations with attorney, engineer and financial advisors present. It was felt that a unit charge will be assessed to the 2011 Town and County tax bills if the line is sufficiently completed by the end of this year.

It was suggested to look at how the units are assessed to the trailer park in the Hamlet of Romulus, Town of Varick.

**Varick Water District No. 4:** Mr. Hayssen reported that at the suggestion of Engineer Tim Buhl, the town hold 10% back from Lawson Surveying's bill until all the paperwork has been completed by them and submitted to the town.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to holdback 10% or \$1,960 from the balance due to Lawson Surveying until all paperwork has been completed and submitted to the town.

Municipal Solutions have submitted required paperwork to Rural Development in hopes of obtaining a letter of conditions from them for this district.

Mr. Hayssen reported that Tim Buhl has submitted an invoice for payment, but the check will be held until he submits required paperwork due to the town.

**Assessor's Report:** Mrs. Morgan submitted a written report which will be filed with these minutes.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Peter McDonald and so carried unanimously to approve the written Assessor's Report.

**Clerk's Report:** A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's report: Revenue to Supervisor: \$423.25, County Treasurer, \$11.75, State Ag & Markets, \$3.00, Total Disbursements: \$438.00

**Supervisor's Report:** Mrs. Sipos submitted a corrected December report with revised figures as documented in the revised report.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the Supervisor's report.

Mr. Hayssen reported that the heat was working properly and will need to be repaired.

**Personnel Report:** Mr. Hayssen reported that he signed the paper work applying for a grant from Seneca County Youth Program for two programs through Rochester Young Audiences in the total amount of \$1,575. Mr. Russo reviewed these two programs she chose if the Summer Recreation Program should receive the grant funds.

Mrs. Russo completed the census information and submitted it. Mr. Hayssen want to be sure that Hillside residents get counted in the town's census, but the question came up as to if that would be their legal residence or not.

Mrs. Sipos reported that New York State Retirement have implemented new requirements and all new elected official have to keep track of their hours for three months and present them to the board.

**Abstract:** A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to add the bill from Engravin in the amount of \$66 to the abstract for payment.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to withhold payment to South Seneca Ambulance until their annual agreement is approved and approved Abstract 2, General Vouchers A0010-14 to A0010-35 in the amount of \$35,159.88, Highway, Vouchers DA010-2 to DA010-7 in the amount of \$547.27, Fayette Volunteer Fire, Voucher 1 in the amount of \$64,285.00, Varick Fire Protection, Voucher SFV10-1 in the amount of \$76,814.00, Romulus Fire Protection, Voucher SRF10-1 in the amount of \$52,095.00, Seneca Lake Water, Vouchers SWS10-4 to SWS10-6 in the amount of \$1,9815.04.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve payment of invoices for Water District No. 4 as follows:

Lawson Surveying	\$9,840.00
Tim Buhl	\$1,964.26

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to move \$10,000 from Seneca Lake Water District to Varick Water District No. 4.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of January 5, 2010.

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

Mrs. Russo will follow up with the code enforcement officer for monthly reports and contact the sheriff's department regarding the number of unregistered cars parked on Ernsburger Road.

Beverly's Animal Shelter submitted an agreement, which met with the town attorney's approval, for providing shelter and other services specifically set forth in the agreement to the Town of Varick.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the agreement as submitted by Beverly Animal Shelter, Inc.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Peter McDonald and so carried unanimously to send a bill to Seneca County Sewer and Water District for unit charges as would be appropriate under Town Law.

Mr. Saeli will look into the cost of fuel oil for the building.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna Karlsen,  
Varick Town Clerk