

Varick Town Board
February 1, 2011

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, John Saeli, Kathy Russo, Peter McDonald, and Richard Peterson, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Town Attorney, John Sipos, and Bookkeeper, Carol Sipos. Absent: Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch

Privilege of the Floor: Nothing

Highway: It was reported that the spray on insulation suggested for the outside of the barn no longer met OSHA requirements and the pricing from Peterman Lumber for the insulated door came in higher than Ferrara Lumber.

Varick Sewer District No. 1: The two pumps on Seneca Street have not been overhauled in fourteen years and Dan Duddleston reported the minimum overhaul cost each would be \$4,225 with a maximum cost at \$6,525. A new pump would cost \$8,987.39. Mr. Duddleston recommended overhauling the two pumps. Mr. Saeli suggested rebuilding one, purchasing a new one and do no maintenance on the second used pump, but keep it as a spare. Mr. McDonald will discuss the thoughts presented by the board with Dan Duddleston for a decision on this matter at the March board meeting.

Mr. Peterson suggested that the board check into whether the generators for this district were getting exercised and the proper maintenance completed.

Varick Sewer District No. 2: Mr. Hayssen reported that a meeting will be held with Seneca County regarding the disputed unit fees which have been charged since 2005 to the district users and questioned the board what, if any, compromise would they be comfortable with. He reviewed some of the history and a chart prepared regarding this matter. The board members all agreed that Mr. Hayssen was very knowledgeable regarding this issue and that they would support whatever Mr. Hayssen feels would be in the best interest of this district.

Seneca Lake Water: Mrs. Karlsen spoke to Vellano Brothers, Inc regarding the incorrect shipment of hydrant markers received again, and they are supposed to be shipping the correct ones. Mr. Yells will be fixing the water meters and the hydrant repair will be completed once the weather breaks.

It was noted that the new meter has yet to be installed at the pump station by the Village of Waterloo the Village billing for water usage has been estimated for the past several months. Mr. Hayssen will contact Gary Westfall regarding the installation of this meter and water billing cost.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried to send a letter to residents of this district notifying them of the increase in water rates.

Varick Water District No.1: Mr. McDonald reported that all but five meters have been installed. Backhoe work is scheduled to be done when the weather breaks. He also reported that Dell Lerch's meter has been installed as well. Mr. McDonald will also present the bills for the new meters to the Town of Romulus for reimbursement.

Varick Water District No. 3: It was suggested that Rob Bauman assist John Yells doing the inspection of installations when the time comes.

A letter was received from Larry and Edie Colton indicating that their two properties when purchased were combined into one lot, receiving one curb stop and yet they were billed for two unit charges on their 2011 Town and County Tax bill. They requested a refund for \$242.90.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to refund Larry and Edie Colton their unit charge of \$242.90 and to direct Ann Morgan to correct this in the tax rolls for future billing.

Mr. Hayssen received the proper paperwork in order to receive a reduction in insurance rates to the residents of this district and will submit this paperwork to the respective fire chiefs for their completion.

Cindy Lorenzetti has been working with DEC in order to get the necessary paperwork completed.

Jim Bromka provided Mr. Hayssen with information concerning the water pressures in this district using the average elevations with a Garmin GPS along with Google Earth and a typical ½ full Hillside tank. He predicted Larry Colton's house would have 34 PSI, Swedish Hill will have 49 PSI and Rick Conley would have 103 PSI. Mr. Bromka also indicated that the hydrants in this district should be pressure tested and marked with appropriate flag colors.

Water District No. 4: A work in progress.

Town of Clerk's Report: Supervisor: \$70.05, New York State Ag. & Markets: \$15, total Disbursement: 85.05

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's Report.

Supervisor's Report: A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the Supervisor's amended report of December 2010 and Supervisor's report of January 2011.

Personnel: Nothing

Assessor's Report: Nothing

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of January 4, 2011.

Old Business, New Business and Correspondence:

South Seneca Ambulance has not returned the signed contract with addendum as of this date. Mr. Sipos provided a copy of what South Seneca Ambulance submitted for their budgeted expenses and concern was expressed over the cost of their billing service and it was suggested that perhaps they should be required to seek bids for billing service. Mr. McDonald will contact Lee Hoaglan regarding the contract with addendum and the board's concern over billing costs.

A motion by Peter McDonald, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to send a second request for the return of a signed original submitted agreement with addendum.

The board received from Raymond F. Wager, CPA the Basic Financial Statement and Communicating Internal Control Related Matters Identified in an Audit for year ending December 31, 2008. The board will review these items for comment at the March meeting.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract No. 2, Seneca Lake Water District, Vouchers SWS11-006 to SWS11-010 in the amount of \$61,241.87, General, Vouchers A00-13 to A00-23 in the amount of \$32,184.20, Highway, DAO11-4 to DAO-9 in the amount of \$1,105.72, Fire Districts, Vouchers SFF11-001, SFR11-1 and SFV11-1 in the amount of \$199,977.00, Varick Sewer District No. 2, Voucher SSS11-2 in the amount of \$500., Varick Water District No. 1 in the amount of \$5,098.56.

The board received an agreement between Beverly Animal Shelter, Inc and the Town of Varick for impoundment of dogs from the Varick Dog Control Officer from BAS. It was noted that the only change the board requested will be for the licensing of the dogs. This will be done at the BAS using the Town of Varick tags with all funds being submitted to the Town of Varick.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Peter McDonald and so carried unanimously to approve the agreement between the Town of Varick and Beverly Animal Shelter Inc. with licensing being completed at BAS through the Town of Varick.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Donna Karlsen , Varick Town Clerk