

October 21, 2014

The Varick Town Board's special meeting and budget workshop was called to order by Supervisor Robert Hayssen at 7:00 p.m. Present at this meeting were Council Members Kathy Russo, John Saeli, and Richard Peterson, Town Clerk Donna Karlsen, Bookkeeper Angela Testa and Todd Horton.

**Petitioners To Address The Board:** Todd Horton expressed interest in an appointment by the board to fill Peter McDonald's position as councilman on the town board. The board recognized Mr. Horton's contributions to the Planning Board and acknowledged that he would be an asset to the Town Board.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to appoint Todd Horton to fill the vacant position of town councilman, previously held by Peter McDonald.

It was noted that as councilman, Todd Horton would be unable to continue as chairman of the Planning Board. Due to his knowledge regarding the proposed zoning code changes pertaining to the depot property, the board requested that he be the liaison between the Planning Board and the Town Board. Mr. Horton submitted his letter of resignation from the Planning Board and asked that the Planning Board be allowed to recommend his replacement. It was noted that Bill Squires is no longer attending the Planning Board meetings and a letter of resignation needs to be submitted.

**Planning Board:** Todd Horton reviewed the status of the proposed changes to the town's zoning code pertaining to the depot property. He reported that the board answered questions and addressed concerns presented by the attorney for FLTG and a representative from the railway. He felt that both parties were satisfied with the outcome of that meeting. He reviewed the zoning map and noted the changes that have been suggested. He feels that this work should be completed within the next couple months and a public hearing can then be held. The IDA is very interested in what zoning is being implemented as they are trying to sell the property and that zoning is being developed to protect the town's interest. Mr. Horton again emphasized the importance of the town researching what process needs to be taken to claim this property. Steve Ricci, the town attorney, was directed to investigate this a couple months ago with no report to date.

Mr. Horton reported that the attorney for FLTG is very knowledgeable with terms and definitions pertaining to zoning and was kind enough to lend his assistance when discussing PUD's (Public Unit Development). He explained that PUD's should be for commercial property and recommended reworking the PUD provisions to function as a cluster subdivision and site plan. Barbara Johnson from Labella Associates submitted a proposal to complete this work.

A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to accept Labella Associates proposal of \$2,800 to rework the PUD provisions to function as a cluster subdivision and site plan.

It was reported that New York State is holding hearings on the state's Draft Open Space Plan. This plan will determine which projects are eligible for funding through the New York's Environmental Protection Fund. The White Deer organization is encouraging people to recommend that they select the Seneca Army Depot property for this funding and is looking at approximately 8,000 acres. Concern was expressed that the White Deer organization does not have a stable financial plan proposed to sustain this land if it were to be strictly conservation. The board reviewed the land set aside for the conservation area in the proposed zoning, and although they haven't been able to get an answer from DEC as to how much land they would recommend to maintain approximately 200 deer, the board felt the proposed conservation area should be sufficient.

Mrs. Russo stated that she supports Dennis Money and the White Deer organization. She was not prepared to make a resolution regarding this matter without further information. The following resolution was made:

Be It Resolved, that the Town of Varick Board supports the Varick & Romulus Planning Boards in their attempt to develop mixed use zoning while including a conservation area in support of preserving the white deer herd; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Varick Town Board supports the opening of Old County Road 135.

Motion: John Saeli  
Seconded: Richard Peterson  
So Carried

Supervisor Hayssen recognized Councilwoman Kathy Russo's abstention

A brief discussion was held regarding the tax breaks being offered to the proposed casino in Tyre. Mr. Peterson was not in favor of the IDA offering them any tax breaks. Mr. Hayssen explained that these tax breaks were on a 10 year plan and compared them to tax breaks given to farmers under agriculture.

Mr. Hayssen received an invitation from Marcus Richi, Senior Natural Resources Planner from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to attend a meeting at the Romulus Volunteer Fire Department on Tuesday, October 28 to discuss the development of a master plan for the Sampson State Park.

Mrs. Russo presented a letter from Chris Puylara PK-6 Principal who thanked the board for funding the Summer Recreation Program which he feels provides educational opportunities, a clean, safe and fun atmosphere while providing the students with a free lunch and breakfast.

A discussion took place regarding the Village of Waterloo's Agreements for water maintenance. Clarification of services provided under this agreement is ongoing between the town attorneys and the village of Waterloo's attorney. The town clerk reported that the operator's report that Jim Bromka indicated he would be filing for September for Seneca Lake Water District was not submitted to the health department for that month. The districts' water maintainer, Ben Karlsen, completed the operator's reports for Water Districts No 1, 3 and 4 as asked and filed them on time. The Town Clerk reviewed the responsibilities of a State Certified Water Operator. Based on Jim Bromka's resignation as Water Operator for the Town of Varick's water districts and the ongoing discussions with the Village of Waterloo it was recommended that Ben Karlsen be hired as Water Operator, a part time position, for the town's districts. He will continue in his role as water maintainer as well, with assistance as needed.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to hire Benjamin Karlsen as a licensed class D water operator for the Town of Varick at \$25 per hour.

There has been no further development regarding the filing of incurred bills for the Form E to Rural Development as the result of the law suit pertaining to Water District No. 3.

**Varick Sewer District No. 2/Seneca Lake Water District:** Mr. Hayssen reported that the electric bill was higher due to one of the sewer pump running excessively. He has contacted Yaws to address this issue.

The board reviewed the Tentative Budget and made the following changes:

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>TENTATIVE</b>	<b>PRELIM</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>		<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>
A00-1001.000	Real Property Taxes	\$ 125,598.00	\$ 125,139.00
A00-3089.010	Nozolio Grant	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
A00-0599.000	Approp. Fund Balance	\$ 63,405.11	\$ 58,601.35

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>TENTATIVE</b>	<b>PRELIM</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>
A00-1410.400	Town Clerk Exp.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
A00-1989.400	Contingent Expense	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
A00-1989.410	Nozolio Grant		\$ 50,000.00
A00-7145.100	Joint Rec Salary	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
A00-8020.420	Planning Expense	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
A00-9040.800	Worker's Comp.	\$ 15,555.30	\$ 8,292.54

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>		<b>TENTATIVE</b>	<b>PRELIM</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>		<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>
DA0-3501.000	Chips	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 52,151.60

	Total W/O RP Taxes	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 52,151.60
DA0-0599.000	Approp. Fund Bal.	\$ 65,594.47	\$ 294,960.20

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>		<b>TENTATIVE</b>	<b>PRELIM</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>
DA0-5110.400	Roads Maint Expense	\$ 45,900.00	\$ 52,151.60
DA0-5112.400	CHIPS Expense	\$ 45,900.00	\$ 52,151.60
DA0-5197.200	Highway Equip/Truck	\$ 28,560.00	\$ 278,560.00
DA0-9040.800	Worker's Comp.	\$ 12,820.47	\$ 6,834.60

<b>VARICK WATER DISTRICT #1</b>		<b>TENTATIVE</b>	<b>PRELIM</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>		<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>
VW1-0599.000	Approp. Fund Balance	\$ 4,928.18	\$ 4,873.64

<b>VARICK WATER DISTRICT #1</b>		<b>TENTATIVE</b>	<b>PRELIM</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>
VW1-9040.800	Worker's Comp	\$ 116.82	\$ 62.28

<b>VARICK SEWER DISTRICT #1</b>		<b>TENTATIVE</b>	<b>PRELIM</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>		<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>
VS1-0599.000	Approp. Fund Balance	\$ 5,267.79	\$ 5,213.25

<b>VARICK SEWER DISTRICT #1</b>		<b>TENTATIVE</b>	<b>PRELIM</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>
VSI-9040.400	Workers Comp	\$ 116.82	\$ 62.28

<b>SENECA LAKE WATER DISTRICT</b>		<b>TENTATIVE</b>	<b>PRELIM</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>		<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>
SWS-0599.000	Approp. Fund Balance	\$ 116,407.55	\$ 116,913.75

<b>SENECA LAKE WATER DISTRICT</b>		<b>TENTATIVE</b>	<b>PRELIM</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>
VSI-9040.400	Workers Comp		\$ 506.20

<b>SENECA LAKE SEWER DISTRICT</b>		<b>TENTATIVE</b>	<b>TENTATIVE</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>		<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>
SSS-0599.000	Approp. Fund Balance	\$ 25,134.04	\$ 32,309.43

<b>SENECA LAKE</b>		<b>TENTATIVE</b>	<b>TENTATIVE</b>
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<b>SEWER DISTRICT</b>			
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>
SSS-8120.200	Equipment Expense (Bioxide Treat)	\$ 13,724.00	\$ 20,084.00
SSS-9040.800	Workers Comp	\$ 395.40	\$ 210.79

<b>VARICK WATER DISTRICT # 3</b>		<b>TENTATIVE</b>	<b>PRELIM</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>		<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>
VW3-0599.000	Approp. Fund Balance		\$ 2,311.31

<b>VARICK WATER DISTRICT # 3</b>		<b>TENTATIVE</b>	<b>PRELIM</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>
VW3-8310.102	Town Clerk Salary	\$ -	\$ 546.00
VW3-8310.103	Bookkeeper Salary	\$ -	\$ 546.00
VW3-8310.105	Supervisor Salary	\$ -	\$ 546.00
VW3-8320.200	Equipment Expense	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
VW3-8389.400	Contingency Expense	\$ 1,452.00	\$ -
VW3-9030.800	Social Security	\$ 103.00	\$ 228.31

<b>VARICK WATER DISTRICT # 4</b>		<b>TENTATIVE</b>	<b>PRELIM</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>		<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>
VW4-2142.000	Operation/Maintenance	\$ 400.00	\$ 9,600.00

<b>VARICK WATER DISTRICT # 4</b>		<b>TENTATIVE</b>	<b>PRELIM</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>
VW4-8310.102	Town Clerk Salary	\$ -	\$ 546.00
VW4-8310.103	Bookkeeper Salary	\$ -	\$ 546.00
VW4-8310.105	Supervisor Salary	\$ -	\$ 546.00
VW4-8320.200	Equipment Expense	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
VW4-8389.400	Contingency Expense	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 7,136.69
VW4-9030.800	Social Security	\$ 100.00	\$ 225.31

It was noted that funds were appropriated at the request of Highway Superintendent Richard McCulloch for the purchase of the ten wheel dump truck that should be received by the first of the year as well as the proposed purchase of a new mower and highway superintendent truck.

Mr. Saeli stated that he would not support moving the Tentative budget to the Preliminary budget with 3% pay raises included.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Todd Horton and so carried to move the 2015 Tentative Budget to the 2015 Preliminary Budget and hold a public hearing on said budget and fire districts Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Robert Hayssen	Yes
Todd Horton	Yes
Kathy Russo	Yes
John Saeli	No
Richard Peterson	Yes
So Carried	

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Karlsen  
Varick Town Clerk