

January 3, 2017

The regular meeting of the Varick Town Board was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Richard Peterson at 7:00 p.m. Present at this meeting were Supervisor Robert Hayssen, Town Council members Todd Horton, Tom Fox, and Kathy Russo, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Attorney for the Town, Joe Midiri and reporter for the Ovid Gazette, Anita Glover. Absent: Highway Superintendent Richard McCulloch, Bookkeeper, Angela Testa

A motion by Tom Fox, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract 1, General, Vouchers A0017-001 to A0017-004 in the amount of \$10,803.25, Highway, Voucher DA017-001 in the amount of \$3994.20, Varick Water 1, Voucher VW117-001 in the amount of \$445.76, Seneca Lake Water Voucher SWS17-001 in the amount of 974.42, Varick Water No. 3, Voucher VW317-001 in the amount of \$236.53, Varick Water District No. 4, Voucher VW417-001 in the amount of \$233.48, Varick Sewer District No. 1, Voucher VS117-001 in the amount of \$183.69, Varick Sewer District No. 2, Voucher SSS17-001 in the amount of \$571.74.

**Highway:** No report

**Supervisor's Report:** Due to a death in the family, Mrs. Testa could not attend the meeting and present the Supervisor's Report for December. She will provide January's report at the February meeting.

**Code Enforcement Report:** The code enforcement officer submitted a written report for the board's review.

**Water District No. 1:** A water leak occurred due to the poor installation of the pipe and compression fitting between the curb stop and meter pit on Tipperary Street at Carl Reynolds' house December 31, 2016 and was repaired. The cost of the repair will be charged to the district.

**Seneca Lake Water District:** Mr. Hayssen reported that John Sheppard from the county is willing to pay \$25,000 to \$30,000 of the \$65,956.31 bill that was sent to them due to a malfunctioning meter. Mr. Sheppard believes the district has a water leak and isn't willing to pay the full amount. Mr. Hayssen will investigate the possibility of a water leak and bring his findings back to the board for further discussion.

**Water District No 3:** No report.

**Water District No. 4:** Joe Midiri presented a proposed agreement from the Town of Romulus for the purchase of water for the Romulus Route 89 Water District that Mr. Ricci had received. This agreement was reviewed with Mr. Hayssen. Joe Midiri reported that Mr. Ricci recommended that the agreement be modified to include that Romulus must adhere to the provisions required by Rural Development. The board recommended that the agreement should include Romulus Route 89 Water District be required to install, at their expense, the master meter and related parts as specified by the Town of Varick and the Town of Varick will have access to said meter. Mr. Midiri recommended that the board pass a resolution accepting the agreement subject to minor modifications being added.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Todd Horton and so carried unanimously to approve the Agreement for the Sale of Water from Varick Water District #4 to the Romulus Route 89 Water District with said minor modifications and authorize Supervisor Robert Hayssen to sign the modified agreement.

Mr. Horton requested that Mr. Hayssen present a copy of the modified agreement to the board at the February board meeting.

**Town Clerk Report:** A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Tom Fox and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's Report: Supervisor: \$75, NYS Ag & Markets: \$10, Total Disbursements: \$85.

**Personnel:** Mrs. Russo reported that she is working on a grant submittal to Seneca County Youth Program for the Varick/Romulus Summer Recreation Program.

**Assessor:** A brief discussion was held regarding the assessment of the depot property which was originally purchased by Earl Martin and is currently being leased to him by the IDA. Mr. Martin is not in agreement with the assessment of this property and is working with the county and Assessor Anne Morgan to resolve this matter. Mr. Horton and Mrs. Russo reported that the entire depot property is superfunded except for the sheriff department, cemetery and jail.

A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to appoint Sally Kenyon to the Assessment Board of Review for a term to expire December 31, 2017.

**Zoning Board:** A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to appoint John Keel to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire December 31, 2021.

**Planning Board:** A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to appoint Linda Masteller as chairwoman of the Planning board for a term to expire December 31, 2021.

**Minutes:** A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of December 6 and December 28, 2016.

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

Mr. Hayssen reported that he sent an email to Sarah Antonacci regarding the DASNY grant for \$50,000. She responded by stating that she feels the scope of the project has changed from what the town originally submitted and indicated the Town will need to circle back with the local Senate sponsor of this grant and obtain sponsor approval before DASNY can move forward. Mr. Hayssen reported that there seems to be confusion that stems from the basic definition of the term infrastructure and Mr. Ricci will be contacting Ms. Antonacci regarding this matter.

A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Karlsen  
Varick Town Clerk