

September 19, 2017

An emergency 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, Richard Peterson and Tom Fox, and Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen. Absent: Councilman Todd Horton

Supervisor Hayssen presented a preliminary engineering report completed by Barton & Loguidice entitled Seneca County Sewer Districts 1 and 2. Their report proposed creating another county sewer district and eventually consolidating the existing county districts. The report currently does not include sewer treatment for the towns of Fayette, Romulus and Varick and Supervisor Hayssen would like to see the town of Varick, Romulus and Fayette included in this proposal.

An email received September 19th from the Town of Fayette stated they passed a resolution at their meeting on September 14th demanding that Seneca County seriously explore additional options to provide public sewer service to the towns of Fayette, Varick and Romulus and further urged them to expand on the preliminary engineering report for a Seneca County Sewer district and consider service to the more sensitive areas such as lakeshores and the hamlets.

Supervisor Hayssen discussed this issue with Romulus Supervisor Kaiser who indicated he was willing to bring this to the Romulus board, but Supervisor Hayssen was unable to contact him within the past few days for further discussion. Review of funding and steps that would follow the preliminary report process was discussed and the following resolution was presented and unanimously passed:

WHEREAS Seneca County has started a Preliminary Engineering Report for the Sewer Districts in the south end of Seneca County;

WHEREAS the Request for Proposal calls for an assessment of current and future demand of sewer treatment;

WHEREAS the property owners in Fayette, Varick, and Romulus have been requesting sewers for years, there is no time better than now to include these areas into the study;

WHEREAS the Map, Plan and Report needs to be completed and being three towns, this must be treated as a county District;

WHEREAS consolidation of districts is being studied in this Preliminary Engineering Report then this is the time to possibly include these areas into Sewer 2, as a sub-district and then into consolidation;

WHEREAS funds expended by Seneca County will be reimbursed after a district is formed and bonding takes place, therefore this will not be a burden on Seneca County tax payers;

WHEREAS Seneca County has expended up to \$8 million of taxpayer's dollars for the Route 318 project, a few thousand for these projects is not unreasonable;

WHEREAS a few other areas should also be studied;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Varick, like the town of Fayette DEMANDS that Seneca County include all potential areas in their Preliminary Engineering Report;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Request for Proposal is a Professional Services Contract and rebidding is not necessary, all that is necessary, if needed, is expanding the scope.

Motion: Thomas Fox
Seconded: Richard Peterson
So Carried Unanimously
Absent: Councilman Todd Horton

Seneca Lake Water District: Supervisor Hayssen reported that the tape has been removed from the Seneca County viewing window of the newly installed master meter. He is currently working on figuring out the amount Seneca County Water District No 1 will owe as the result of this new meter being installed late into the third quarter. The bookkeeper will prepare a past due billing for the outstanding amount due currently from Seneca County Water District No. 1 and send it to the county for payment. If it is not paid timely, she will forward this amount to the village of Waterloo to be included on the quarterly billing sent out by the Village.

A motion by Robert Hayssen, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to have the town send a bill to Seneca County Water District No. 1 for past due amount of \$108,595.45. This amount will be forwarded to the Village of Water to be assessed to the County's quarterly billing as an arrears if not paid.

Varick Water District No. 3: Mr. Hayssen presented a bill from F.W. Webb Company-Waterworks for this district's new master meter in the amount of \$6,208.55. As agreed, Varick Water District No. 3 will be responsible for \$3,104.27 and Fayette Water District No. 5 will be responsible for the remaining half, or \$3,104.28, of this bill. The meter is scheduled to be installed Saturday, September 23rd.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to submit payment in the amount of \$3,104.27 to F.W. Webb Company-Waterworks and mail said payment to the Town of Fayette for submittal with their portion of the bill.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna Karlsen
Varick Town Clerk