

December 30, 2020

The year end meeting was called to order by Supervisor Robert Hayssen at 10:00 a.m. Present at this meeting were Councilmen Richard McCulloch, Eric Riegel and Richard Peterson, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Highway Superintendent, Ben Freier, Bookkeeper, Angela Testa and Assessor, Anne Morgan. Absent: Councilman Tom Fox.

**Assessor:** Mrs. Morgan reported that the Governor passed an Executive Order No. 202.83 which permitted local governments to waive the annual application procedures required for partial real property tax exemptions as provided for under §459-c and 467 of the Property Tax Law and for mailing of notice of such application procedures. She stated that her office had already prepared letters and implemented office procedures that would address COVID-19 concerns but recommended that the board waive both the notice and application procedures required for partial real property tax exemptions for all owners of properties within the Town of Varick who received such partial tax exemptions for tax year 2020. The following resolution was presented and passed unanimously:

**A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE PROVISIONS OF  
§§459-c(7), 459-c(8), 467(5) AND 467(6) OF THE NEW  
YORK STATE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW  
PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 202.83**

WHEREAS, the Varick Town Board recognizes the fact that the continuing effects of the Covid-19 epidemic have affected the ability of local government to meet the time constraints contained in the Real Property Tax Law, and

WHEREAS, the same has also effected the ability of residents to make appropriate annual application for partial exemptions from real property taxation to which they would otherwise be entitled, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.83, local governments are permitted to waive the annual application procedures required for partial real property tax exemptions as provided for under §§459-c and 467 of the Real property Tax Law and for mailing of notice of such application procedures, Now, Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that by the authority granted them by Executive Order No. 202.83, the Town Board of the Town of Varick hereby waives both the notice and application procedures required for partial real property tax exemptions by §§459-c(7), 459-c(8), 467(5) and 467(6) of the New York State Real Property Tax Law for all owners of properties within the Town of Varick, New York who received such partial tax exemptions for tax year 2020.

Motion: Eric Riegel  
Seconded: Richard Peterson  
So Carried Unanimously.

**Abstract:** A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Richard McCulloch and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract No. 13, General, Vouchers A0020-165 to A0020-181 in the amount of \$4,449.74, Highway, Vouchers DA020-179 to DA020-181 in the amount of \$6,035.72, Seneca Lake Water District, SWS20-105 to SWS20-108 in the amount of \$29,029.95, Varick Water District No. 4, Vouchers VW420-038 to VW420-041 in the amount of \$3,952.06, Varick Sewer District No. 1, Voucher, VS120-0047 in the amount of \$187.27, Varick Sewer District No. 2, Vouchers SSS20-037 to SSS20-039 in the amount of \$10,357.74.

**Bookkeeper:** Mrs. Testa presented to the board the following amendments to be approved by the board transferring money to balance expense lines.

A motion by Richard McCulloch, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Amendment to the Town of Varick General Fund, Resolution No. 7.

A motion by Richard McCulloch, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Amendment to the of Varick Highway, Resolution No. 8.

A motion by Richard McCulloch, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Amendment to the Seneca Lake Water District, Resolution No. 9.

A motion by Richard McCulloch, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Amendment to Varick Water District No. 1, Resolution No. 10.

A motion by Richard McCulloch, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Amendment to Varick Water District No. 4, Resolution No. 11.

A motion by Richard McCulloch, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Amendment to Varick Sewer District No. 2, Resolution No. 12.

A motion by Richard McCulloch, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Amendment to Varick Sewer District No.1, Resolution No. 13.

**Highway:** Mr. Frier reported he anticipates 2021 road work to be completed on Willers Road and Kings Corner Road along with repair of three intersections. He will also install new shoulders along Yale Farm Road using the millings he has stockpiled.

He reported that he received a check from the town's insurance company for damage to the mowing tractor in the approximate amount of \$7,900 that will be put towards the repair or purchase of a new mowing tractor. He will continue to pursue his options with the board as to whether the town will replace the mowing tractor or repair the existing one at an approximate cost of \$10,000.

**Varick Sewer District No. 1:** Mr. Hayssen indicated that he has had conversations with Romulus Supervisor David Hayes regarding the costs related to operating and maintaining the joint sewer district. Mr. Hayssen reported that Mr. Hayes agreed to continue to pay Yaws, the electric and phone bills according to the agreed percentages. He suggested that Supervisor Hayes attend a

Varick Board meeting to assist in preparation of a revised, written agreement between the two towns if Romulus Supervisor Hayes feels revisions to the existing contract for maintenance and operations of the joint sewer district are needed.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Eric Riegel and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10: 35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna Karlsen  
Varick Town Clerk