

April 1, 2014

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, Johns Saeli and Kathy Russo, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Bookkeeper, Angela Testa, Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch, Attorney for the Town, Stephen Ricci, Village of Waterloo, Jim Bromka, Wilmorite Corporation, Tom Wilmot, Jr., Reporter Anita Glover. Absent: Councilmen Peter McDonald and Robert Bauman.

Petitioners To Address The Board: Tom Wilmot of the Wilmorite Corporation reviewed with the board the history of their corporation and shared their views as to the benefits to Seneca County in their development of a Casino and Resort in the Town of Tyre. He also addressed the issues of gaming addiction and the programs to address this. He reviewed the New York State application process and its cost of \$1,000,000 which is non-refundable. He stated that one part of the application seeks support to the proposed development of the Wilmot Casino and Resort in the Town of Tyre through a resolution by surrounding municipalities. Through this resolution it is stating that the Town of Varick Board supports the proposed development of the Wilmot Casino and Resort in the Town of Tyre. It is asking that New York State Legislature, the Governor of New York and New York federal delegation are called upon and urged to join this Board in supporting the awarding of a gaming license to the Wilmot Casino and Resort. The Board is also calling upon those appointed members of the sitting board to consider the larger impact of the Wilmot Casino and Resort versus all other Region 5 proposals and ask that a fair and balanced review be undertaken without influence from weaker proposals or officials who may attempt to influence a fair and balanced review of Region 5 proposals where the project with the largest impact integrated into the community is awarded the Region 5 gaming license.

A motion by Robert Hayssen, seconded by Kathy Russo to approve the resolution supporting the Wilmot Casio in the Town of Tyre, Seneca County Dated April 1, 2014.

Discussion: John Saeli stated that he is opposed to casinos, but will support the Wilmorite Casino and Resort in the Town of Tyre because if that casino is not built, the Cayuga Indians will build one just across the county line in Cayuga County, and we cannot stand by and let that happen.

Supervisor Hayssen called a roll call vote on the following motion:

A motion by Robert Hayssen, seconded by Kathy Russo to approve the resolution supporting the Wilmot Casio in the Town of Tyre, Seneca County Dated April 1, 2014.

Roll Call:

Robert Hayssen: Yes

John Saeli: Yes

Kathy Russo: Yes

Absent: Peter Mc Donald, Robert Bauman

So Carried Unanimously

A copy of this resolution will be filed with these minutes.

Highway: E & V did some repair work to the boiler for the building and it is currently working, however, it still requires further attention which E & V will submit a quote for as well as a quote to replace the entire aging system. Rick McCulloch requested that any work be done prior to the next heating season.

Rick reported that Spring and Fall Clean-up will be held the same weeks as the Town of Romulus and he will obtain those weeks from them and notify Mr. Hayssen so the post cards can be printed and mailed.

Anita Glover reported that she had traveled Yale Farm Road and praised the highway department for its good condition, unlike other roads in the area.

It was reported that although CHIPS website shows that we didn't receive the 2013 aid, it was received in the amount of \$52,168.72.

Varick Water District No. 1: A water leak was found in front of the Mennonite church in the Town of Romulus.

Seneca Lake Water District: Jim Bromka addressed the deteriorating bolts on the guard valves, main line valves and hydrants. Mr. Bromka suggested doing this work in house with the assistance of the Town of Fayette. Mr. Hayssen would like to see this job completed all at once and expressed concern that with only part time help it would be a lengthy process. He also was not in favor of any assistance from the Town of Fayette. Mr. Hayssen will research contractors who would have the knowledge to complete this work and seek quotes.

Mr. Bromka also questioned the ownership of the master meter on Kennedy Road and who would be responsible for its calibration. Mr. Hayssen reported that although Seneca Lake Water District installed the original meter when the project was being built, Seneca County purchased a replacement master meter, and therefore they should be approached if calibration is required. It was understood that both Seneca Lake Water District and Seneca County depend on the accuracy of this meter.

Mr. Bromka also asked who would be responsible for maintaining the water line south of Kennedy Road, owned by Seneca Lake Water District. It was pointed out that the Village of Waterloo has a Memorandum of Agreement for Provision of Water Supply Support Services with Seneca Lake Water District within the towns of Fayette, Varick & Romulus. Therefore, the Village of Waterloo would be responsible for maintenance on the behalf of this district when directed by a Town of Varick representative.

Mr. Bromka also questioned who would be responsible for the maintenance of the water line owned by the Mormon camp and questioned the placement of the meters on the buildings at the top of the hill. There is also a hydrant that should be serviced as well. The board briefly reviewed the history of the installation of this line and the discussions

that where held at that time. The board agreed to allow the Mormons to install the meters on the buildings and forgo the meter at the road based on the cost to the Mormons for the larger meter and on the assurance from Jim Bromka that if a leak did occur the Village of Waterloo's system would be able to detect it at the water plant. The maintenance of their line would be their responsibility, but at the direction of the town. The hydrant is currently being serviced on an annual basis by the town.

Mr. Bromka is now expressing concern that the meters located on the buildings and not at the road could potentially allow for undetected leaks along their line and unmetered water loss as the result of an aging system. It was suggested that a discussion be held with the Mormon camp about installing a meter at the road.

The bookkeeper reported that we haven't received the tax payment from the Town of Fayette as of this date. The board directed her to send another bill with the appropriate interest included.

A discussion was held regarding the increase in work required to maintain and monitor the town's water districts. Mr. McCulloch, when questioned, stated he is not interested in overseeing a water department. Further review and discussion will need to be held regarding this issue.

Varick Water District No. 3: A meeting was held with Fayette, Wendy March and Zach. Fayette indicated they are in favor of the settlement proposed, however there are still unresolved issues. MRB and Syracuse Constructors are not in complete agreement over outstanding issues.

Mr. Hayssen sent an email to the Fayette Town Board March 12, 2104 reiterating the need for a joint meeting with the two boards. He also wrote that he would like to see the materials left over from this project to be declared surplus and sold. He suggested that these funds be placed in a joint account and the balance of the sum owed to Fayette be taken out and the remaining balance be split per the percentages. He went on to list approximately 1500 feet of 12 inch pipe, approximately 100 corner horns and excess meter pits are surplus and should be sold. He hoped that this would be addressed at their regular meeting held March 13th, but no action was taken by the Town of Fayette regarding this request.

Water District No. 4: A discussion was held regarding the debt service and time frame on billings.

Mr. Hayssen has been working with DOT and the contractor addressing water runoff. Efforts are also underway to coordinate a time with Fayette to review connection to their water main. This should be happening within the next week or so.

Varick Sewer District No. 1: No new business

Varick Sewer District No. 2: No new business.

Town Clerk's Report: A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried to approve the Town Clerk's Report: Supervisor: \$285, NYS Ag & Markets: \$13, Total Disbursements: \$298.00

Minutes: A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of March 4, 2014.

Supervisor's Report: A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve the Supervisor's Report.

Personnel: Mrs. Russo reported that we should be receiving a check from the Seneca County Youth Bureau in the amount of \$2,300 in grant funds from their annual Golf Tournament.

Assessor: A fire in the month of March destroyed the Assessor's office in the town of Ovid. It is reported that the town's records were backed up and the office has been relocated temporarily in the Town of Romulus' town hall. The contact phone numbers and address has remained the same.

Abstract: General Fund, Vouchers A0014-155 to A0014-164 in the amount of 2,836.00, Highway, Vouchers DAO14-018 to DAO14-024 in the amount of \$4,430, Varick Water District No. 1, Vouchers VW114-004 in the amount of \$15.00, SWS14-014 to SWS14-17 in the amount of \$2,871.03, VW314-006 to VW314-007 in the amount of \$97.31, Varick Sewer District No. 1, Vouchers VSW114-009 to VS114-11 in the amount of \$206.47, Varick Sewer District No. 2, Vouchers SSS14-008 to SSS14-009 in the amount of \$804.01.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve Water District No. 4, Capital Project bills as follows:

Tim Buhl	VWD1302	\$7,406.69
	VWD1401	\$8,575.84
	VWD1402	\$9,979.59

New Business, Old Business, and Correspondence: Mr. Ricci reviewed the Seneca County Fire Mutual Aid Plan which is part of the Seneca County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and found it to be acceptable. It in essence puts in writing a plan for the local fire departments to provide mutual aide for one another, which has been taking place for years.

Mr. John Saeli offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption: Resolved that the Town of Varick approves participation by the Varick Volunteer Fire Department in the Seneca County Fire mutual Aid Plan as now in effect and as amended from time to time and certifies to the Seneca County Legislature through it Director of Emergency Services that no restriction exists against "outside services" by such fire company and/or

fire department within the meaning of Section 209 of the General Municipal Law which would affect the power of such fire company/fire department to participate in such plan.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be filed with the Seneca County Director of Emergency Services.

Ms. Kathy Russo seconded this resolution

Voted: In Favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 2

Dated April 1, 2014

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Karlsen
Varick Town Clerk