

March 3, 2015

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, Todd Horton, John Saeli, Kathy Russo and Richard Peterson, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Bookkeeper, Angela Testa, and Highway Superintendent, Richard McCulloch. Also in attendance were Phil Knapp, Dale Kisner, Randy McCulloch, Daniel Butler, David Kidd, David Stonesifer, Barry Somerville, Johns Saeli, James Somerville, Bruce Mayberry and Robert Lerch.

Petitioners to Address The Board: Daniel Butler requested that the Varick Dog Control Officer contact his neighbor regarding their unlicensed dogs. Mr. Hayssen will contact Bryan McCann regarding this issue. Mr. Butler also reported that he did go to small claims court as suggested by Stephen Ricci at the town's board meeting held December 6, 2014 with no result as of this date. The butler's next door neighbor never showed up for court which was held in the Town of Romulus and the judge is waiting for the certified letter return receipt the court sent her to come back from the post office.

Steve Churchill was originally scheduled to address the Crestwood project at this board meeting, but due to poor weather conditions, he was unable to attend. Many of the people in attendance had questions and were seeking further information regarding this project. Discussion was held among the board members, with information and differing opinions of this project being expressed by those in attendance.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Kathy Russo to pass a resolution against Crestwood's development of a gas distribution and storage hub on Seneca Lake.

Discussion: Mr. Peterson reviewed information he had acquired regarding this project and felt that the board should take a stand. Mr. Horton did not feel that the Town of Varick should impose our views on another town, and related his experience on the Planning Board when writing the zoning for the depot. Kathy Russo was in support of opposing this project at this time and would like to hear the presentation from Steve Churchill. John Saeli reviewed information presented by Crestwood at our meeting held October 7th and was not in favor of passing a resolution against this project. Petitioners were given the opportunity to express their opinions as well.

A motion by John Saeli, to call the vote. The motion died for lack of a second.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to table this discussion until the April board meeting.

Highway: Mr. McCulloch reported that the new plow truck is running good and once again reviewed the process of purchasing new equipment.

A discussion was held regarding the truck that is currently taken out of service. It was decided that it should be taken to the Palmyra auction.

A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to register the International to be auctioned off at the at the Palmyra auction.

Mr. Hayssen reported that some of the fire hydrants are buried under snow and the county had requested, if possible, to have the hydrants dug out and asked if the highway department could assist in this matter. He also reported that the marker flags need to be ordered and installed on Route 89 hydrants.

Supervisor: A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve the Supervisor's report.

Angela Testa explained that all 2014 expenses that were billed after the first of the year need to be expensed in 2014 and submitted amendments to the 2014 budget to do this.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the amendment to the Town of Varick General Fund, SLF & SLR, Resolution No. 1.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the amendment to the Town of Varick Highway Fund, Resolution No. 2.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the amendment to the Town of Varick Water District No. 1, Resolution No. 3.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the amendment to the Town of Varick Seneca Lake Water District, Resolution No. 4.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the Amendment to the Town of Varick Water District No. 3, Resolution No. 5.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the Amendment to the Town of Varick Water District No. 4, Resolution No. 6.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the Amendment to the Town of Varick Sewer District No. 1, Resolution No. 7.

A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the Amendment to the Town of Varick Sewer District No. 2, Resolution No. 8.

Varick Sewer District No. 1: Mr. Hayssen reported that he reviewed the unit charges for this district and they were correct at this time.

Varick Sewer District No. 2: Mr. Hayssen reported that the pump station was not repaired correctly by Sheesley's Sewer Service and the electric bills from the pump running almost non-stop are very high. Mrs. Karlsen stated that she had spoke to Sheesley's Sewer Service and they were looking for payment in full for the repair work they did in December, which did not work, which resulted in them submitting an estimate to complete this same repair differently at

additional expense to the district. Yaws requested an estimate from Brewers to complete the same repair, which came in over \$1,000 less, but as of this date they have not completed the repair. Sheesley's emailed a letter reviewing their agreement and conversations with Mike Gable from Yaws pertaining to this issue. Circumstances cited in this email was not believed to be accurate but could not be confirmed at this time as Mike Gable was away on vacation and could not be reached. The board agreed to pull Sheesley's bill at this time for payment and directed Mr. Hayssen to review the situation with Mike Gable. Mr. Hayssen will try to resolve this issue and get the repair work completed.

Varick Water District No. 1: Nothing to report.

Seneca Lake Water District: Mr. Hayssen will try to follow up with Joe Rizzo on bold repair. Mrs. Karlsen reported that company out of Penn Yan will perform the necessary digging, but the district would need to supply the manpower to complete the actual replacement of the bolts.

Varick Water District No. 3: Nothing to report.

Varick Water District No. 4: A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve the Public Interest Order in the matter of the proposed increase and improvement (Pursuant to Section 209-h of the Town Law) in the maximum amount authorized to be expended in connection with the establishment of a water district in the Town of Varick, Seneca County, New York, known as Water District No. 4 in said Town.

A complete copy this order will be filed with the approved minutes.

Todd Horton reported that he is still working on the issues with the master meter for this district with the manufacturer and the Town of Fayette.

Mr. Hayssen stated that we will need to go out for further bonding as we will not be ready to close out the project by May 2015. Municipal Solutions is completing the necessary paperwork for this.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to order marker flags for the hydrants in Water District No. 4.

Town Clerk's Report: A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Todd Horton and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's Report: Supervisor: \$130, NYS Ag & Markets: \$15, Total disbursements: \$145.

Varick/Romulus Summer Recreation Program: Mrs. Russo reported that she submitted the grant application by the deadline date of February 6th.

Mrs. Karlsen reported that she received a phone call from the Seneca County Youth Bureau who stated they had an additional \$475 available funding if the town wanted to apply for it. Mrs. Karlsen submitted the required paperwork and received the check for \$475 which was turned over to the bookkeeper for deposit.

Zoning/Planning Boards: Mr. Horton reported that the Planning Board is still working on the zoning of the depot and nuisance law.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve the minutes of February 3, 2015.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried to approve Abstract No. 3, General, Vouchers A0015-35 to A0015-47 in the amount of \$7,080.33, Highway, Vouchers DAO15-017 to DAO15-025 in the amount of \$2,343.83, Varick Water District No. 1, Vouchers VW115-0005 to VW115-006 in the amount of \$4,554.50, Seneca Lake Water District, Vouchers SWS15-010 to SWS15-011, Varick Water District No. 3, VW315-004 to VW315-005 in the amount of \$3,398.15, Varick Water District No. 4, VW415-005 to VW415-007 in the amount of \$79.14, Varick Sewer District No. 2, SSS15-012 to SSS15-018 in the amount of \$18,926.14.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to pay the following bill for Varick Water District No. 4 Capital Project:

D. E. Tarolli, Inc. Application No. 7 \$45,799.80

Old Business, New Business, Correspondence: Mr. Reinshagen corresponded with Mr. Hayssen and expressed his concern over the water level of Seneca Lake. The board determined that they have no authority over this, and suggested that Mr. Reinshagen contact the appropriate agency with his concern.

A motion by Todd Horton, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Karlsen
Varick Town Clerk