

August 18, 2009

The special meeting of the Varick Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Robert Hayssen at 5:00 p.m. Present were Councilmen Jeff Case, John Saeli and Richard Peterson, and Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen. Absent were Councilwomen, Kathy Russo.

Mr. Hayssen reported that Engineer Tim Buhl received three proposals to complete the required surveying for Water District No. 4. Lawson Surveying & Mapping submitted a proposal in the amount of \$19,600 which was significantly lower than the other two. It was also reported the Mike Karlsen, who is a local survey, was not interested in submitting a proposal as the job would be too large for him. Mr. Hayssen reported that Tim Buhl did contact Lawson Surveying regarding his proposal and also told Mr. Hayssen that he has worked with this firm in the past and he was satisfied with their work and recommended hiring them.

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by John Saeli, and so carried unanimously to enter into agreement with Lawson Surveying & Mapping based on Engineer Tim Buhl's recommendation to complete the necessary surveying for Varick Water District No. 4 in the amount of \$19,600 and to direct Supervisor Hayssen to sign the agreement.

A motion by Jeff Case, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to approve Abstract 8, Seneca Lake Water, Vouchers SWS-09-42 & 443 in the amount of \$63,778.68.

Mr. Saeli reported that Greg Cool was to contact Rick McCulloch about doing some repair work to the outside of the town hall.

**Petitioners:** Ovid and Barbara Randall and Jeff and Kate Gephart lodged a complaint with the board concerning their neighbor Joe Ruthven and the sewage that is running from his property into the lake and the odor. The Ruthven property is still not connected to Varick Sewer District No. 2 but they did submit an application for connection.

The board reviewed the letter that was sent to homeowners within the district which stated that they were to be connected within one year or no later than December 2005. It was unclear if this was part of the ordinance and should be researched.

There are currently three parcels that are not connected.

Mr. Randall reported that the health department has done die tests on Ruthven's property and found nothing to date. He spoke to Vickie Swinehart at the health department who suggested they come to the town board with their concerns. Mr. Randall indicated that he would give the board a month to try to resolve this before he sought other avenues.

The board was unsure as to what legal actions could be taken and will consult with John Sipos at the next board meeting. In the mean time Mr. Hayssen will contact Vickie Swinehart.

It was noted that the three properties that are not connected belong to Walter Wolverton, Charles Oberle, and Joe Ruthven.

A motion by Jeff Case, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to send a letter to the three property owners who are not currently connected to Varick Sewer District No. 2.

A motion by Jeff Case, seconded by Richard Peterson and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:50.

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Karlsen  
Varick Town Clerk