

March 5, 2013

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, John Saeli, and Kathy Russo, Town Clerk, Donna Karlsen, Assistant Bookkeeper, Angel Pesta, South Seneca Ambulance President, Jason Henderson and reporter, Aneta Glover. Absent: Bookkeeper, Carol Sipos, Town Attorney, John Sipos, Councilmen, Robert Bauman and Peter McDonald.

**Petitioners to Address the Board:** Jason Henderson of South Seneca Ambulance presented their 2013 proposed agreement for approval and signature. He reported that this agreement was put together with the assistance of some town supervisors and Brad Pensky their attorney. He recognized that there may be some items that need to be added to this agreement for 2014 and will again ask the town supervisors to make suggestions. He did point out that all Supervisors would have to be in agreement before any changes would be made. Covert currently is not using South Seneca Ambulance, but a meeting will be scheduled with them to discuss this issue. It was requested by the Supervisor that the ambulance corporation's 2014 budget be presented to the board for their review by August or September of every year for town budgeting purposes. The board has requested that the figures submitted be broken down by category, similar to the town's budget. Mr. Henderson also reported that they hired Angel Lawrence to set up their books at \$800 per month and an audit of the 2011 books is being completed by an outside auditing firm and a copy will be sent to the town once it is completed. The board requested that they receive monthly statements to be provided to them by the third Thursday of the month. Mr. Henderson also reported that they have set up a grant committee and are reviewing what equipment needs to be replaced. The board agreed to have the town attorney review the agreement presented and if approved, would direct Supervisor Hayssen to sign it. The board thanked Mr. Henderson for his service and dedication.

**Highway:** Mr. McCulloch will be requested to provide a status on Greg Cool completing necessary repair of plumbing issues.

**Varick Sewer No. 1:** Nothing to report.

**Varick Sewer District No. 2:** Nothing to report.

**Seneca Lake Water District:** Nothing to report

**Varick Water District No. 1:** Final read was done on the Spano property.

**Varick Water District No. 3:** Cindy Lorenzetti, Supervisor for the Town of Fayette, sent a letter to the board informing them that the Town of Fayette would not be paying their portion of a bill from the Village of Waterloo for repair to the main line along State Route 336. She also reminded the board that Water District No. 3 still owed their Water District No. 5 money for capital project costs. Mr. Hayssen reminded the board that the funds owed to the Town of Fayette could not be paid until a settlement was reached with Syracuse Constructors and Seneca County regarding this project as there are no funds left in the town's capital project account. The expense to do the repair of the broken water main has nothing to do with the capital funds owed

to Fayette. It was also noted that the Town of Fayette is compromising their working relationship with the Village of Waterloo by not paying their portion of this bill. No response by this board to Mrs. Lorenzetti's letter will be made at this time. It was suggested that the Village of Waterloo directly bill the Town of Fayette, Water District No. 5 for their portion of this repair and Mr. Hayssen will discuss this issue with the Village of Waterloo in an upcoming meeting with them. He will also discuss at this meeting the estimated billing that was done for several months on Seneca Lake Water District in 2012, water billing for Water District No. 3, and having the Village bill Seneca Lake Water District quarterly, rather than monthly for water usage.

Mr. Hayssen reported that the lawsuit with Syracuse Constructors is progressing towards a settlement.

**Varick Water District No. 4:** John Helgren from Rural Development is working with Tim Buhl to move forward with this project. The town is looking at obtaining a Bond Anticipation Note in April.

**Town Clerk's report:** A motion by Kathy Russo, seconded by John Saeli and so carried unanimously to approve the Town Clerk's report: Supervisor: \$114.50, NYS Ag & Markets: \$1.00, total disbursements: \$115.00.

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

**Personnel:** Bryan McCann submitted his DOC report for the period of July 2012 to present. Mr. Hayssen reported that he spoke to Mike Whirtley of the Seneca County Youth Bureau and they will do the screening of the employees for the Summer Recreation Program.

**Assessor:** No report.

**Zoning Board:** It was reported that the zoning board is still working on the Finger Lakes Railway and PUD zoning regulations. North East Freight is a dead issue.

**Minutes:** Mr. Hayssen, at the request of Mrs. Sipos in her absence, wanted to clarify that Angela Testa would not receive the full annual income of \$12,275 until Mrs. Sipos feels she is ready to take over the bookkeeping job and wanted the minutes to reflect this.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to approve the amended minutes of February 5, 2013.

**Code Enforcement:** The board reviewed the building permit report submitted by Larry Colton.

**Old Business, New Business & Correspondence:** Mr. Hayssen will continue working on putting together a contractor's rate agreement. It was suggested that \$80 for machinery and \$30 per man might be a reasonable rate.

Energy source information received by the town will be given to the county.

A letter was received from Matt Horn, Geneva City Manager, regarding the town's zoning pertaining to the development of a rail-to-truck freight terminal for the potential for accepting storm debris or other solid waste to the Seneca Army Depot. As was discussed previously, this is a dead issue and no response will be made to the city's letter.

Carl P. Paladino submitted a draft legislative resolution opposing the enactment of the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement (SAFE) Act of 2013. The clerk will scan a copy of this resolution and send it to the board for their review and consideration at the next board meeting. It was also reported that the sheriff's department has also drafted a resolution the board could consider.

The board will review the town's hiring policy and standardization policy at next month's meeting.

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried to approve Abstract No. 2, Varick Sewer District No. 2, Voucher SSS13-004 to SSS13-005 in the amount of \$950.00, Highway, Voucher DA013-008 to DA013-16 in the amount of \$9,248.73, Varick Water District No. 3, Vouchers VW313-003 to VW313-005 in the amount of \$1,421.87, Seneca Lake Water District, Vouchers SWS13-011 to SWS13-016 in the amount of \$27,356.34, Varick Water District No. 2, Vouchers VW113-004 in the amount of \$15.00, General, Vouchers A0013-33 to A0013-40 in the amount of \$4,237.42

A motion by John Saeli, seconded by Kathy Russo and so carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna Karlsen  
Town Clerk