

Close Out Meeting  
December 30, 2004

**Call to Order:** The year end close out meeting was opened by Supervisor David Kaiser at 8:35 AM.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Supervisor David Kaiser	Present
	Councilman Robert Gerlach	Present
	Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.	Present
	Councilwoman Judy Galipeau	Absent
	Councilman S. William Ritchie	Present

**Others Present:** Town Clerk, Terry L. Smith  
Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson  
Water Commissioner, Jack Holley  
Zoning Officer, Lee Hoagland  
Planning Board Chairman, Walter Mittermeyer  
Zoning Board Chairman, Helen Mittermeyer  
Residents 1

**Pledge of Allegiance** - followed by moment of Silence.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The motion was made by Councilman Robert Gerlach to accept the Regular Town Board Meeting minutes.

Seconded: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Carried Unanimously:

**New Business:**

The reorganization meeting date was set for January 3, 2005 @ 8:30 AM.

Mr. Degaray called the supervisors of the 5 towns to discuss the new contract. I was able to contact Barb McCall, not only as a future councilwoman but because she was a past member of the South Seneca Ambulance Corp. and she would know the workings of the Corp. in the past. If we were told and answer didn't sit quite right, I thought maybe Ms. McCall would be able to know. So Ms. McCall attended with me and Lee Hoagland also attended as a visitor. When we got there, myself, Barry O'Neill Supervisor of Lodi, and one of his councilman Eugene Bauer came with him. Others present were Joan Teichner, Supervisor Varick, Jay Dey, Supervisor Ovid and Brayton Foster, Supervisor of Covert. We tried to contact David Dresser but were unable to get in touch with him. Even though the above mentioned people and I had a meeting beforehand regarding the price per parcel to be paid to the South Seneca Ambulance Corp., Brayton Foster, Joan Teichner and Jay Dey all agreed to pay the \$30.00/parcel. They also agreed to renew the old contract. At the end of the conversation, Town of Lodi and the Town of Romulus were left out hanging by themselves. The three towns are paying the \$30.00 and two of the towns are paying \$25.00. Because we are only paying

the \$25.00, that if they need to call out an ALS team, the bill will be sent to the Resident. It may turn out not to be an issue. Maybe Mr. Degaray won't do that and won't do that but he would let us know. Seating a board member on the board of the SSAC, would open the door for us to be open to a liability. Supervisor Kaiser thinks it would be better to back off and not seat a member on their board. Supervisor Kaiser stated that it would be ok to pay the bill quarterly instead of monthly. He thought there would not be a problem with the board approval to pay quarterly. Supervisor Kaiser thought that a board member could attend the quarterly meeting when the bill was paid and that would tie us into the looking at the books (so to speak) for that quarter. Supervisor Kaiser would like to meet with Mr. DeGaray and talk about a compromise on our agreement and hopefully at our reorganization meeting or the Town Board meeting in January 2005 with a contract for the Board's approval. Councilman Robert Gerlach said he would like to see Newly elected Councilwoman Barb McCall represent the board at the Quarterly meeting with the SSAC as she had been a member of the SSAC and would know the most about our needs also.

Councilman Gerlach asked Supervisor Kaiser if he has talked to Supervisor Joan Teichner, Town of Varick, about the problem we are having with the sewers. Supervisor Kaiser said yes and that her problem is more her board and her Attorney. We did find out that Varick contacted the County and tried to collect debt service on the sewer line that goes through our town. We have 8 residents on the East Lake Road that are connected to the service, and they tried to slip in a debt service on them without our knowledge or consent and billing them as out of district which is rate and 1/2. It is illegal in a number of ways. The only reason we found out is because Sharon Secord from the county called our Bookkeeper about another issue, and somehow the subject came up and Mrs. Lawrence caught it and put the brakes on it. The debt service has been removed. Now they are not collecting it. The residents are not hooked up. The \$550.00 we charged the residents covered the lateral which comes from the main trunk to the Pump. The residents have to put in their own pumps but can't until the laterals are put in. This is being hashed out and will ultimately come to some conclusion. Supervisor Kaiser wanted to say that he is disappointed with his fellow supervisors from Varick, Covert and Ovid. Supervisor Kaiser thinks they buckled under by the pressure and is disappointed that they could not provide a united front.

#### **Resolutions:**

##### **Designate 2005 Depository**

##### **Resolution #91-04**

Motioned: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

##### **Designate 2005 Official Newspaper**

##### **Resolution #92-04**

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously

**Verification of Payables**

**Resolution #93-04**

Motioned: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Carried Unanimously

**Budget Transfers – Appropriations**

**Resolution #94-04**

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously:

**Presentation to Walter Mittermeyer Planning Board Chairman who resigned as of 12/31/04.** He was given a plaque and Certificate of Excellence. He pursuing his other interest which is painting and drawing. With his direction, we had a premier planning board at this end of the county. Mr. Mittermeyer was on our Planning Board for ten years.

Water Commissioner Jack Holley has asked to appropriate money for a new water department truck. The County will be paying 50% and we will pay 50%.

The Planning Board's next meeting will be January 6, 2005 – they will elect a new chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Motioned: Councilman S. William Ritchie

Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.

Carried Unanimously