

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD—FEBRUARY 8, 2011
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING—7:30 PM---TOWN HALL

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilmen Robert Eklund, Edward Lentz (late), Glen Noto (late) & Connie Chase, Clerk Charlene Wells, Also: Robbert DeBruyn, Brian Gregory & friend, Erik Miller, Ed George, Joe Gregory, Sue Smith, Donald Smith, Nancy Moen, Richard Galbreth, William Braunius Absent: Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker

Supervisor Taylor opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 3/0 to accept the minutes for the January 11, 2011 public hearing, organizational meeting and regular monthly meeting as written.

The Planning Board met on February 7, 2011 and recommended approval of a simple subdivision for Ken & Gloria Gregory. After further review, a motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 4/0 to approve Subdivision Application #01-11 for a simple subdivision on tax map #190.00-1-2.01 for Ken & Gloria Gregory to Brian Gregory & Cynthia Scott. Brian Gregory and Cynthia Scott may apply in the future to divide the parcel between them.

Robbert DeBruyn of Draken Off Road was present to answer questions that the Town Board had on his Site Plan Application #04-10 to add onto his motor vehicle repair shop. Councilman Eklund was concerned that he was set up properly to take in and dispose of waste oil. Mr. DeBruyn advised that he mostly does custom work and in order to install his products on people's vehicles he had to be a motor vehicle repair shop. He might occasionally change oil, but it will not be his normal practice. Since he lives next to his shop he intends to keep the area clean. After further discussion, the Board was satisfied with Mr. DeBruyn's answers and an approval letter will be sent for the addition to the Draken Off Road motor vehicle repair shop at 203 Harrington Road.

Highway Bills #17 and #19 through #33 for a total of \$20,719.15 were audited and approved for payment by the Board. Hwy. Supt. Whitaker is dissatisfied with the repair work that was done by Old Road Truck Repairs (Bill #18 for \$8,945.48) as the truck is still not fixed. This same truck was worked on by them last year and the problem is still not fixed. He suggested that the Board consider holding up payment on this bill until they fix the truck.

Richard Galbreth & William Braunius advised that they were going to be installing solar panels and a windmill at the Stabler residence on Jones Road. They questioned if we had any Town requirements for these. It is only for a private, residential use. There is not a specific reference to this type of activity in the site plan. We will check on this issue.

Edward George noted his concerns over the bad condition of Co. Hwy. 16 and 17. The roads are humped and the sides are breaking off and are overall dangerous. Others agreed that the roads are in terrible shape and also Co. Hwy. 49.

Randy Gregory had concerns about the dogs which are always roaming in the Wheat Road area of Town. He was advised that he could sign a deposition with the DCO if he witnessed anything and it would be helpful if he could catch the dogs for the DCO to pickup.

We received a letter from Otsego County Conservation Assoc. about a new program they are offering, Circuit Rider Planner Program. Erik Miller, executive director of OCCA was present to explain this program. For a fee of \$2500.00 we would have the aid of their staff member, Tavis Austin for approximately 50 hours a year to assist us with planning issues. They would be available to come to meetings, assist in reviewing projects, help with grants, give training, be available for phone support, etc. They are only going to offer this to six towns at this time. It was discussed that perhaps Tavis Austin would also be interested in being our Land Use Enforcement Officer for a separate fee. The Board requested that Erik Miller prepare a contract for us to review at the next meeting.

We received three proposals for a photovoltaic electric generation system for the highway barn. Catskill Solar's (from Delhi, NY) proposal would have a net cost of \$35,900.00, Halyon Inc/Halco's (from Phelps, NY) proposal would have a net cost of \$41,401.97 and Great Brook's (from South New Berlin, NY) proposal would have a net cost of \$32,415.81. Councilman Edward Lentz will review the three proposals and make up a comparison chart for the Board to use to review them.

Supervisor Taylor noted that he has been asked to serve on a County committee to look into possible consolidation issues. Lenny Melillo advised that the firemen have some questions about taking over the upper firehouse from the Town. Supervisor Taylor will go to their meeting on Feb. 14, 2011 to answer their questions. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 5/0 to have an appraisal done of the upper firehouse.

We received notice from the County that in 2010 we received \$84,909.07 in sales tax, \$13,690.77 in mortgage tax, \$277.87 in dog money and \$199.38 for 480-A exemption. An Otsego County Public Works Mutual Aid Plan was received. The Board will review it and the issue about whether or not to participate will be on the agenda next month.

The Board discussed highway bill #18 for \$8945.48 to Old Road Truck Repairs. Based on the recommendation of the highway supt. not to pay the bill because the truck hasn't been fixed, the Board decided not to approve the payment of this bill until the highway supt. is satisfied that the truck has been fixed.

Supervisor Taylor was approached if we would be interested in selling the piano in the town hall. The Board decided that it should stay here for the community to use.

Supervisor Taylor will take our RFPs for cell towers and revaluation with him when he attends the Assoc. of Towns conference in NYC. He will also look for engineers for a highway barn.

A motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to pay General Fund bills #28 through #42 for a total of \$5,376.04. Supervisor Taylor paid general fund bills #19 through #27 and highway bills #34 & #35 for a total of \$11,410.77 with prior Board approval.

Councilman Lentz noted that Frontier has provided him with a map of where they have high speed internet available. He has not yet received the same information from Verizon. He further advised that he completed the audit of the Supervisor's office and was confident that everything was in order.

In 2007, the last time we did a dog census, we had 351 dogs licensed. In 2010 we only licensed 230 dogs, which shows a dog enumeration is needed. Rene Elliott from Morris is interested in doing the job. Supervisor Taylor and Clerk Wells felt that it would be good to have someone from outside the Town and that he was a trust worthy individual. After further discussion, a motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to hire Rene Elliott to conduct a dog enumeration in the Town of New Lisbon at a cost of \$2.00 per dog counted and mileage reimbursement at 48.5 cents per mile. He can be paid monthly if he submits his mileage and dog count by the monthly meeting date.

A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to authorize the Supervisor to send a letter to the County Board & County Hwy. Committee passing along our residents concerns about the bad condition of County Highways #16, #17 and #49.

With no further business, a motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to adjourn at 9:25 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk

