

**NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---APRIL 10, 2012**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING---TOWN HALL**

Present: Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilwoman Connie Chase, Councilman Glen Noto, Councilmen Edward Lentz & Robert Eklund (late), Co. Rep. Pauline Koren, Clerk Charlene Wells, Also: Residents Sue Smith, Donald Smith, Ed George, Lenny Melillo, Chastidy & Tara Baker, Jim Gregory, Joe Gregory, Robert Tuthill

Supervisor Taylor opened the regular monthly meeting at 7:32 PM. The Clerk noted that she changed the word most to some in paragraph 16 of the March minutes. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 3/0 to accept the amended minutes for the March 13, 2012 regular monthly meeting.

A setback variance was requested by Nancy Goehner for placing a garage on her property on Myers Mill Road. After twice being flooded, she can no longer use her basement for storage. Hwy. Supt. Whitaker advised that he did not feel it would cause a problem due to the low usage of the road. After further review, a motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 3/0 to approve a setback variance to 13 feet for Nancy Goehner for the purpose of building a garage/storage building on her property at 430 Myers Mill Road, tax map #173.00-1-39.00.

Co. Rep. Pauline Koren noted that since it was Child Abuse & Sexual Assault Awareness month, the County Board put off rescinding the law which won't allow convicted level 2 or 3 sex offenders from living within 1000 feet of certain child related places. She noted that in regards to brine testing, the chemicals may change each time they drill. Copes Corners camping site is reopening with increased rates. She noted various activities taking place in the County and advised that she is doing a free prom dress give away.

Supervisor Taylor advised everyone in attendance that Joe Gregory is videotaping the meeting. The Board reviewed the draft Preserve New York grant proposal for funds for a reconnaissance-level historic resources survey of the Town as prepared by OCCA Circuit Rider Planner Rima Shamieh. The proposed total cost of the project would be \$6164.00 (\$5,864.00 for the consultant and \$300 for mapping). The amount the Town would be contributing is \$1150.00. Rima advised that they normally only want to fund 20-40% of the total cost from grant funds. She is still working on the application and will have to find out some of the answers to questions the Board had. After further discussion, a motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 4/0 (Robert Eklund abstained from voting) to approve Rima's draft grant proposal, subject to minor changes and items that are needed to complete the form and subject to the CPIC endorsing the grant proposal. CPIC Chairwoman Sue Smith questioned if there was any way to get the same results for less money. She felt the \$6000 plus amount was too much, even though the Town's portion would only be \$1150.00. Councilman Lentz commented that he felt the project would need a professional consultant to get it done right. Circuit Rider Planner Shamieh added that it was a labor intensive process that needs someone like the consultant Jessie Ravage who has done it before. It's worth doing if it is of value to the Town to preserve and /or put on record historic items before they're gone. It would be up to individual property owners to decide if they wanted to pursue a National Register designation. There are grant opportunities to assist with historical appropriate repairs to properties on the National Register, but the designation doesn't prohibit property owners from doing things they want to do. It would be months before we would know if we received grant funds for the project.

The Board has reviewed the work plan that Rima Shamieh submitted for the time under the Circuit Rider program. Councilman Lentz had made several suggested changes to her draft. A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 5/0 to accept the amended work plan for the hours that Rima will be putting in under the Circuit Rider Program. On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, she held a training session for the Planning Board on wetlands. She is planning on doing a training session on SEQR in the future and invited the Town Board to attend.

Highway Supt. Bill Whitaker advised that his brother-in-law David Aitken had inherited a John Deer Model X485 lawn mower/tractor that is 8 years old with 700 hours on it that he wants to sell for \$4700.00. Our present lawn mower is a 1988. The Board took no action on this offer. Supervisor Robert Taylor noted that he is reluctant to purchase an item without a warranty and no funds were budgeted for this item. Supt. Whitaker noted that they are drawing in sand. They have most of the stone for the Gardnertown Road CHIPS project. They have started working four ten hour days per week. Highway Bills #48 through #57 for a total of \$18,062.24 were audited and approved for payment by the Board.

Supervisor Robert Taylor reported that he had contacted Otsego County Hwy. Supt. Ron Tiderencel about the contamination of Mill Creek. He reported that they have taken steps to prevent debris and salt runoff into the creek and have satisfied the NYSDEC. He further said that they may be interested in joining in with us in a new highway barn since they are not happy with their current site, but the County Board might not be interested in spending any money on this type of project.

Councilman Eklund presented a chart showing water samples taken in 2009 from area creeks, including the one in Garrattsville, also known as Mill Creek. The levels which are believed to show salt concentration are much higher for this creek than other ones tested. Les Hasbargen is going to perform a new test above and below the possible contamination site to get current data. Once they get the new data, the BVA will discuss the findings and decide what action they want to take. They will also talk to Scott Fickbolm on the issue. The BVA is sponsoring and Les Hasbargen will be presenting a session on well water quality on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in Gilbertsville.

Sue Smith presented photos of her sheep that were attacked in the fall by dogs running loose. The dogs belong to the people who are in the cabin on Hudson Road that is listed as owned by the Goodrichs. She does not feel that there has been any resolution to these dogs running at large. The Clerk reported that the DCO was to look into the case again when he returned from Florida, but she did not know what he had found.

Proposals for a highway barn needs assessment were received from C&S Companies of Syracuse, NY, Tectonic Engineering of Mountainville, NY, McManus Engineering of Cooperstown, NY, Bernier, Carr & Associates of Watertown, NY, Delaware Engineering of Oneonta, NY and Lamont Engineers of Cobleskill, NY. The Board will begin reviewing the proposals and discuss further next month.

We received a request from NYMIR (our insurance carrier) to attend their annual meeting or send in a proxy if we aren't going to attend. MOSA's 2011 annual report & financial statement may be viewed at [www.mosainfo.org](http://www.mosainfo.org).

Supervisor Taylor noted that the payroll portion of QuickBooks needs updating, but they won't update the 2008 version, so a new version has to be purchased. A new calculator had to be purchased because he couldn't purchase the ink to put in the old one. A motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 (Councilman Lentz left the meeting) to pay General Fund bills #75 through #85 for a total of \$2,952.03. Supervisor Taylor paid bills #71 through #74 for a total of \$4,904.94 with prior Board approval.

Attorney Martin Tillapaugh advised last month that he saw no problem with the intermunicipal agreement that we had received from the Town of Laurens. A motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Laurens.

A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to adopt the Land Use Enforcement Officer job description and advertise for applicants for the part-time position of Land Use Enforcement Officer to submit their resumes either to the Town Clerk by mail or online.

Councilman Robert Eklund noted that he had attended a land owners' coalition meeting to hear their side of the gas drilling issue.

No sample laws for a business tax exemption or for increasing the aged exemption were received yet from Attorney Tillapaugh. No references were checked in regards to the playground inspectors.

With no further business, a motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to adjourn at 9:30 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk