

**NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---FEBRUARY 25, 2013**  
**SPECIAL MEETING ON HWY. GARAGE---7:00PM---TOWN HALL**

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilwoman Connie Chase, Councilman Edward Lentz, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Residents: Donald Smith, Bruce & Sue Smith, Andrea & James Denekamp & son, Jeff & Cindy Scott, Joe Gregory, Lenny Melillo  
Absent: Councilmen Glen Noto & Robert Eklund

Supervisor Robert Taylor opened the special meeting to gain public comment on the issue of repairing and/or replacing the highway garage at 7:00 PM. He noted that it seems to be the consensus so far that building a new highway garage is just going to cost too much for us to consider.

Lenny Melillo presented an idea for upgrading the storage building to a full time garage and making changes to the present hwy. garage. This idea would make four truck bays in the storage building and keep two in the present garage (entering from side opposite of storage building). Half of the present garage would be for cold storage. He proposed an addition to the storage building for an office, break room, restroom, welding room and cutting room. This idea would add 1420 square feet. He suggested that if we did as much of the work that we could ourselves and hire small owner operator contractors we would save a lot of money. We would be the general contractor, but we would have to hire a good, aggressive project manager. We should seal and insulate the present garage roof with spray foam. We can test the present well and pipe over the water to the storage building. We would have to put in a new septic as the old one is questionable. Lenny noted that with no increase in population, we shouldn't have to look for expansion in the future. Because of low interest rates, now is a good time to work on this project. Several banks he spoke with unofficially for the Town advised they would have no problem giving the Town a \$400,000.00 20 year loan.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker presented an idea to add a 30 ft. by 24 ft. addition to the present Morton storage building for storing the loader and the spare truck. He would suggest we do what upgrades we have to do to the present hwy. barn, which he would utilize for 5 trucks. He got an estimate of \$66,167.00 from Morton Buildings for this proposed addition (shell & doors only).

General discussion on the two ideas was held. Once a decision is made, perhaps we could do one section at a time, instead of all at once. Starting a building fund was discussed. Overall consensus was that taking care of the roofs was the first thing that should be done on the existing buildings. If we start fixing up the old garage we would have to meet today's standards and codes. Some thought we should put the effort into upgrading the Morton building. Councilwoman Connie Chase noted that if we are going to address what is needed we shouldn't be trying to get around current codes. We should be providing a safe working environment for our employees. If we upgrade the present hwy. garage we would have to address the ventilation, electrical, lighting, restroom, etc. Hwy. Supt. Whitaker noted that he would prefer an addition to the end of the Morton building rather than on the side to keep the 60 feet between the two buildings. Jeff Scott noted that we can have an asbestos check done of the hwy. garage to see if there is any present which may help us decide how much upgrading we could do with the present garage.

The Board thanked everyone for their contributions to the discussion. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk