

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD—SPECIAL MEETING—MARCH 21, 2013 7:00PM—TOWN HALL

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilwoman Connie Chase, Councilman Edward Lentz, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Residents: Bill Burdick, Donald Smith, Joe Gregory, Cindy & Jim Scott, James Denekamp, John Bugyi
Absent: Councilmen Robert Eklund & Glen Noto

Supervisor Robert Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. The main purpose of the meeting was to try to make some decisions on what direction to take with the renovations to the highway garage and/or storage building.

Highway Supt. Bill Whitaker presented his specifications for a new pickup truck. There is nothing he wants on State contract. Bill Burdick noted that the new state contracts probably won't be out until mid-summer. Supt. Whitaker advised that he wants to get the same plow hookup that we have on the 2009 pickup, so eventually he can transfer the plow over to the new pickup. A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 3/0 to advertise for bids for a new 2013, one ton four wheel drive pickup truck to be opened at the April 9, 2013 monthly meeting.

We had 10 applicants for the seasonal mower position. 6 were from out of town people and 4 were town residents. Councilwoman Connie Chase voiced her support for Raymond Gorton as this is his normal line of work. Supervisor Robert Taylor also supported Ray Gorton, as he should know what the job entails. Councilman Lentz noted that he had not reviewed the applications. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 3/0 to hire Raymond Gorton as a seasonal mower for cemeteries and town buildings at a rate of \$11.00 per hour.

Councilman Edward Lentz suggested that a committee be formed to work on the highway garage project. His first thought would be to not try to totally renovate the existing garage, but work on updating the Morton storage building.

Supt. Bill Whitaker noted that even though they are cramped for space now, it will be a few years before he wants to get another 10 wheeler when we definitely would have to have more space. He suggested that we take care of the roof, upgrade the wiring to a 300 amp service as suggested by Stan Leonard and put an extension on the Morton building for the spare truck, loader and backhoe. The building extension would only have to be heated to 35 degrees. Presently they store the dozer, roller, mower, chipper, lumber, tires, grader and backhoe in the Morton building.

Supervisor Taylor noted that if we did the upgrades in phases, we may not have to take out a loan. Loans rates are at 3.25-3.50%. For a \$100,000.00 loan for 5 years, we would be paying back \$22,000.00 per year. If we use only highway fund balances to reduce taxes, and put general fund excesses into the building project, we may not need a loan. We do have to keep tax increases under 2%, so we may have to borrow funds in order to stay within that guideline.

Discussion involved getting estimates for fixing the existing hwy. garage roof, having to go out for bids over \$20,000.00, how much time will the highway employees be able to contribute, what should we plan on doing, etc. Fred Hall inspected the hwy. garage roof and noted that while the present roof could be repaired to last a few years, he would recommend a new roof if we were going to do an extensive renovation project. Hwy. Supt. Whitaker noted that Milford has a hwy. barn like ours and he can contact them for information about their roof.

James Denekamp noted that we should decide on what we want to do and set down with an engineer, which Lenny Melillo has offered to help with. He further advised that we should plan on where we want to be in a few years and get all of our plans together now, even if we only do the work in phases. Questions were again raised about possible asbestos in the hwy. garage. Supt. Whitaker thought it looked like normal insulation. Councilman Lentz noted that if we don't disturb anything we would be okay. Some of the insulation is wet, from leaks and condensation, so we don't know if we would have to remove that. James Denekamp will get us the name of a professional who could inspect the garage to see if it has asbestos.

Councilman Lentz noted that Delaware Engineers estimated approximately \$170,000.00 (includes prevailing wages) for upgrades of the roof, insulation and interior finish. The estimated cost for ventilation, lighting, and septic upgrades was approximately \$90,000.00.

It was decided to form a Highway Garage Committee to meet weekly to come up with a plan on what direction we should take with renovations to hopefully present to the full Town Board at the April 9th meeting. Supervisor Taylor, Councilman Edward Lentz, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, another highway employee, Lenny Melillo, Bill Burdick and any others who want to volunteer will be participating. They will first meet on March 26th, 2013 at 5:00 PM at the Town Hall. We need to have a long range list of what we need to do, even if we do it in phases. Councilwoman Connie Chase noted that if we do the renovations in phases, we have to commit to the whole project and not put off future phases.

Supervisor Robert Taylor advised that Ralph Morse will be speaking with the Supervisor's Assoc. about options for medical insurance. The Board would be interested in having him come and explain the options to them.

The Board approved Clerk Charlene Wells contacting the NYS DOT to see if they would take down a tree next to the road which appears to be dead in the cemetery located on St. Hwy. 51 below Garrattsville.

With no further business, a motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Taylor and carried 3/0 to adjourn at 8:12 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, Town Clerk