

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---APRIL 9, 2013 REGULAR MEETING---TOWN HALL---7:30 PM

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilwoman Connie Chase, Councilman Edward Lentz, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Co. Rep. Pauline Koren, Also: Tom Riso, Sue Smith, Donald Smith, Joe Gregory, Florence Loomis, John Pegg, Chuck Williamson & John Lorence

Absent: Councilmen Glen Noto and Robert Eklund

Supervisor Robert Taylor opened the regular meeting at 7:30 PM. The minutes from 3/21/13 were amended to read "tax increases under 2%" instead of "budget increases under 2%". A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 3/0 to accept the minutes from the March 12, 2013 regular meeting as written and the minutes from the March 21, 2013 special meeting as amended.

We received two bids for sand & gravel from Seward Sand & Gravel at the Hoffman Pit in Pittsfield and from Barrett Paving Materials of Liverpool from their Litchfield site. Prices from Seward Sand & Gravel were \$4.65 yd. for Sand, \$4.75 yd. for Crusher Run, \$4.00 yd. for Item 4, \$2.60 yd. for Bank Run, \$2.60 yd. for Cobbles, \$4.60 yd. for #2 round, and \$7.85 yd. for #2 crushed. Prices from Barrett Paving Materials were \$17.25 yd. for Crusher Run, \$11.33 yd. for Item 4, \$15.75 for Cobbles and \$15.00 yd. for #2 Crushed Limestone. They gave no bid for sand or bank run. A motion was made by Robert Taylor, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 3/0 to accept the prices for all materials from Seward Sand & Gravel as listed above. Supt. Bill Whitaker noted that he will also look at County bid prices as last year he got material from Burrell's Pittsfield site using County bid prices.

We received two bids for a new, 2013 one ton, 4 wheel drive pickup truck. Country Club Motors of Oneonta gave us a bid of \$25,756.52 for a 2013 GMC Sierra 3500HD 4 wheel drive truck. Skinner & Damulis of Richfield Springs gave us a bid of \$24,385.00 for a 2013 Ford F-350 4 wheel drive truck. The Board requested Supt. Whitaker review the bids and make sure the trucks bid met our specifications. They will make a decision at a later date.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker advised that Upstate Foam came to look at the Hwy. Garage roof. They feel that they can fix the existing roof by placing a foam insulating material on it and a silicone seal. By insulating it and sealing it we would get rid of leaks and cut down on condensation. They estimated it would be a two week job. We can get a warranty on the work also. Erie Materials will be coming to look at the roof later this week. The Highway Garage Committee will meet next on May 7th at 4:30 PM.

The 2008 Volvo had problems again. Supt. Bill Whitaker estimates the bill will be about \$5000.00 to fix an injector cup and wire harness and includes 18-20 hours of labor. This is the newest truck we own and the most expensive to maintain. He spoke to an International dealer who advised that no other brands are any better, as all are having reliability problems. Supt. Whitaker noted that the Town of Laurens wants to borrow our bulldozer and in return they will loan us their excavator with an operator.

Steve Lawton submitted prices for options for a computer for the Hwy. Supt. After discussion, a motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 3/0 to approve spending up to \$1100.00 to purchase an IBM Lenovo ThinkPad Edge E530 laptop, Microsoft Office 2010 Home/Business edition software, a Microsoft wireless/Bluetooth mouse 5000, a Targus Messenger carrying case and a multifunction printer/fax/copier/scanner for the Highway Superintendent.

Co. Rep. Pauline Koren noted that the County Bridge on Co. Rt. 11C was hit by a vehicle and will be out of commission until the County comes up with the estimated 1.3 million to replace it. The Copes Corners Park has been transferred to the Town of Butternuts who will operate it only as a day park, with no camping. The State has told the Board of Elections that they must be open for early voting two weeks prior to the election. It is estimated that this will cost an additional \$60,000.00 for a general election and \$30,000.00 for primaries. The blue pinwheels placed around the area were for awareness of the prevention of child abuse. The County is in disagreement with MOSA over assets. They will

probably be in MOSA until the contract expires 4/30/14. The County Hazardous Waste Days will be September 13th & 14th, 2013. Since the County passed a resolution against the NY Safe Gun Act many towns are taking a position either for or against it. Many meetings have been held on what to do with the Manor. It is estimated to be \$8,000,000.00 in the hole this year. The Manor management is trying to cut back by using part-time workers, who don't get benefits. The County Board feels they have three options with the manor; form an LDC, Section 215 or a County law. Rep. Koren felt they seem to be heading toward forming a LDC. There will be a public informational meeting to discuss what is involved with an LDC on April 29th, 2013. The Earth Festival will be held on 4/13/13 at Milford Central School. She also noted that she attended a meeting on safety & fracking which was put on by companies who want to come here and drill for natural gas.

Councilman Edward Lentz noted that he attended one public meeting on the Manor. He felt the County Board was very open and took a lot of heat on the issue. He also felt the County Treasurer gave a good explanation of the financial situation.

Chuck Williamson of Butternuts Beer & Ale and Butternut Valley Golf & Recreation and his business partner John Lorence addressed the Board concerning the condition of Elliott Road. This will be their 3rd season operating the golf course. As their business increases, so will the maintenance needed on Elliott Road. Chuck commended Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker for applying dust control several times a year and keeping up with maintenance on the road. They requested that the Town consider paving Elliott Road. This would take care of the dust problem over the summer and the hill section which is sometimes hard for trucks to get up in the winter months. Chuck noted that at the first Business Roundtable meeting it was agreed that the brewery and golf course are important at drawing visitors to our Town which will help all local businesses. He felt that having better access to the golf course would be a plus to the business which in turn generates more tax dollars which benefits the entire community.

Supervisor Robert Taylor suggested that they try to keep a count of vehicles coming and going from the golf course. He advised that the problem is finding the money to do a paving project. Supt. Bill Whitaker advised that he anticipated it would cost at least \$100,000.00 to pave Elliott Road. He has been trying not to add any more paved roads as he has a hard enough time of keeping up with their maintenance under a ten year cycle with CHIPS funds. We could see if there are any Multi-Modal funds available, which Assemblyman Bill Magee has helped us get in the past. John Lorence advised that he would be glad to help with any grant paperwork if we find anything available.

Flo Loomis questioned about our Town Road Clean Up day which is scheduled for this Saturday. She would like to see us do more, like Hartwick does with metal bins, white goods, tires, etc. Sue Smith wondered if we could maybe work with Hartwick. Supervisor Taylor noted that Hartwick has a committee that works on this. We need to find a person who is motivated to spearhead this kind of cleanup day in our town.

Tom Riso was given Board approval to polish the plaque on the corner lot memorial in Garrattsville. Jessie Ravage has started working on our historic survey funded through the grant program. She hopes to finish in May. We did receive a donation of \$1000.00 from Otsego 2000 to put towards the project. The CPIC advised that economic development was the top issue for the Town Board to work on. Councilman Edward Lentz set up a Business Roundtable for April 4th at the Butternut Valley Golf Course Restaurant, which he reported was attended by approximately 15 people. He felt it was a productive first meeting with a lot of ideas flying around. Ideas were to have all business help promote each other. Setting up information kiosks at different locations was talked about. Improving and expanding on the flyer made previously by the Town Clerk of businesses in Town was discussed. Refinishing and posting of the old wood welcome signs which are currently stored in the hwy. storage building was suggested. Using the draw of the "Beautiful Butternut Valley" was talked of as a sort of a brand promotion. With the brewery now being on the Quench Beverage Trial, it was discussed possibly having a local crafts/vendor fair at the brewery in conjunction with that. Updating the Town website to be more welcoming to visitors and include local businesses was discussed. The next meeting of the Business Roundtable will be Saturday May 4th at either Foolish Farms or the Garrattsville General Store.

We received information from MEGA, Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance. Their mission is to get the best prices for electricity and gas for its members. They would look at our current costs and see if

they could save us money. Supervisor Taylor advised that he has already sent our information to another company who does the same thing. We will wait and see what their response is first before looking into MEGA.

A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 3/0 to send Resolution #01-12 to Otsego 2000, thanking them for their \$1000.00 donation to our historical survey grant project.

Our insurance package is due May 10th. Insurance Agent John Ryland has seen that NYMIR, our present carrier has been coming in lower for other towns. OCCA has announced that they have hired Peter Manning as their environmental planner. Supervisor Taylor will get in touch with him to see what he will be able to provide us through the Circuit Rider program.

A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 4/0 to pay General Fund bills #62 through #72 for a total of \$3,352.07 and Highway Bills #49 through #59 for a total of \$11,620.76. Supervisor Taylor paid General Fund Bills #58 through #61 and Highway bill #60 for a total of \$5,756.76 with prior Board approval. The Supervisor's monthly report was submitted to the Board.

The Highway Garage Committee is recommending that we get the roof done on the main garage and get an addition on the Morton building. They have submitted RFPs for these two projects for the Board to review. Other parts of the first phase of renovations would be to update the electrical and have an assessment done for asbestos in the main garage and do tests of the water, for radon, etc. The overall vision is that by making these repairs and renovations we would get about another 20 years out of the present structures. We need to consider starting a building fund to save funds for the eventual replacement of the main hwy. garage. Other phases would be for more repairs to the main garage and more work to the Morton building. A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 3/0 to advertise for proposals for the professional services relating to repairing or replacing the roof on the Town Highway Garage and relating to construction of an addition on a pole barn on the Town Hwy. Dept. site and the construction/installation of overhead door openings and overhead doors in the addition and in the pole barn. Proposals need to be in by May 6th, 2013. The Board gave approval for the Clerk to give copies of any proposals received to the Hwy. Garage Committee so they can review them at their May 7th, 2013 meeting.

Sue Smith noted that the trails in the Texas State land have been marked. They are still having trouble coordinating things with the NYSDEC. The committee has not come to a consensus about what constitutes junk, in as far as a junk law is concerned. They have discussed perhaps getting recycling bins for residents to be able to drop off at and eventually get bins for a cleanup weekend. Their next meeting will be May 28th at 7:00 PM.

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

Charlene R. Wells, Town Clerk