

## **NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---JULY 10, 2012---7:30 PM**

### **REGULAR MEETING—TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE**

Present: Councilwoman Connie Chase, Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilmen Robert Eklund & Edward Lentz, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Councilman Glen Noto (late), Co. Rep. Pauline Koren, Residents, Sue Smith, Donald Smith, Joe Gregory, James Gregory, Susie Conklin, Dauna Osborne, Keith Woodbeck

Supervisor Robert Taylor opened the regular meeting at 7:30 PM. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to accept the minutes for the June 12, 2012 regular meeting and June 25, 2012 special meeting as written.

Fuel bids were received from Reese-Marshall and Mirabito. Reese-Marshall bid a differential factor of \$.17 per gallon on all products and \$219.00 for each service plan. Mirabito bid differential factors of \$.1564 for unleaded gas, \$.1576 for diesel, \$.1576 for kerosene to be mixed with diesel in the winter, \$.1676 for kerosene for buildings, \$.1676 for #2 fuel oil, and \$239.95 for each service plan. It was noted that we have had no delivery or service problems with Mirabito or with Reese-Marshall when they have served us in the past. Councilmen Edward Lentz noted that the difference between the two bids would be very small. Councilman Robert Eklund noted that he would prefer to go with Reese-Marshall since they have a local connection, with residents holding jobs with them. Supervisor Robert Taylor noted that in the past we have always accepted the lowest bid. After further discussion, a motion was made by Connie Chase to accept the lowest bids for fuel products from Mirabito. There was no second to the motion. A motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 3/2 (Edward Lentz voted yes and Robert Taylor and Connie Chase voted no) to award the fuel bids to Reese-Marshall at a differential factor of \$.17 per gallon and \$219.00 for each service plan. Supervisor Taylor again noted that without a reason why, we should accept the lowest bids. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Glen Noto to rescind the previous vote to give the fuel bids to Reese-Marshall. There was no second on the motion. The motion to give the fuel bids to Reese-Marshall stands. (Figured after the meeting and based on product usages over the last year the bid difference came out to \$123.60.)

The Planning Board met on July 2, 2012 and reviewed Subdivision Application #02-12 for Susie Conklin. They recommended approval of the application. Comments on the proposed subdivision were received from Rima Shamieh, our OCCA Circuit Rider Planner. After discussion on the application, a motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 5/0 to approve Subdivision Application #02-12 for Susie Conklin for a simple subdivision on tax map #175.00-1-30.03 on Allen Road.

Highway Supt. Bill Whitaker noted that he had received the used truck purchased from the Town of Newport. He would like to surplus the old 1960 Oshkosh and an old 1000 gallon water tank. He further added that since the Oshkosh weighs approximately 10 ton, we should have a \$2,000.00 minimum on it as he could get that for scrapping it. A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 5/0 to declare the 1960 Oshkosh truck and the old 1000 gallon water tank as surplus and authorize the Hwy. Supt. to dispose of them in the best interest of the Town, with at least a \$2,000.00 minimum price on the Oshkosh truck. The Board advised the Hwy. Supt. that it was okay for one of the hwy. employees to work with Lenny Melillo on the septic work at the Town Hall to save the Town money. The Fire Dept. is going to be removing dirt at the lower firehouse driveway and replacing it with better fill. They would like to use the Town grader and roller on a weekend if possible. A motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to authorize Town highway employees to use the grader and roller on the lower firehouse on the weekend to help the fire dept. with their driveway.

Highway Bills #89 through #102 for a total of \$31,703.74 were audited and approved for payment by the Board. Supervisor Taylor paid bill #88 for \$60,000.00 with prior Board approval.

Co. Rep. Pauline Koren updated the Board on many issues in the County. They are looking to find a more environmentally friendly weed killer to use along roadsides because of complaints from taxpayers. She advised that there have been five cases where kids were removed from homes where

“bath salts” were used and asked for help in reporting households where they are suspected to be used. The Town of Hartwick has a used Bronco and a 1968 Fire truck for sale. Otsego County Soil & Water is testing well water in over 50 sites, including locations on Myers Mill Road. They are finding that methane is present in wells already. If anyone knows of businesses that are spreading whey on fields, they should let Rep. Koren or Soil & Water know. They are investigating pearl mussels that have died in Unadilla. They are looking for a place to recycle the agricultural plastic wrap. Councilman Edward Lentz noted that OCCA has a baler and will take clean plastic. If anyone has a place along streams where the banks are washing away, contact Scott Fickbolm about getting some of the 800 trees he has to give away. Rep. Koren noted that she is trying to get some of the bed tax money to go to the local fire departments. The County Office of Emergency Services has advised that they would like anyone who takes photos during a disaster situation to post the photos to their Facebook page for use with FEMA. The County is still discussing the outlook for the Manor. They are currently operating at a \$3.2 million loss. Long term health care and help at homes will not be reimbursed in the future. The County is working on the composting issue and exiting MOSA. The County Board agreed to lower fire inspection rates for multi-cabin campgrounds. They had raised them this year and received a lot of complaints.

The Town Board asked Co. Rep. Pauline Koren to see if the County would contribute dust oil to Coles Bridge Road and Backus Road when what we have placed wears off due to the extra high traffic caused by the closing of the bridge on County Hwy. 16 in Garrattsville.

Joe Gregory questioned if the used truck from the Town of Newport had the transmission checked before we purchased it. He was shown the document we received from the testing company and Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker advised that he was present when it was tested and they told him the transmission tested at 100%, like new. It cost approximately \$760.00 to have the testing done.

Ed George noted that there were several pieces of siding that were loose on the town hall. Willard Lasher will be asked to see if he can put them back in place.

Supervisor Robert Taylor advised that he and Councilwoman Connie Chase had met with Dog Control Officer Shawn Patrick to discuss issues. It was agreed that we don't expect him to chase down dogs. If a stray is found it should be tied up or confined if able. He will respond as soon as he can, with most pickups being done after his regular 8-5 job, unless a dangerous situation. He will try to return phone calls as soon as possible. Since he can't bring a picked up dog to the Pittsfield Vet Clinic at night anymore, he will have to hold over night. The representative from Ag & Markets has been hounding him and wants things done to the letter of the law. Supervisor Taylor advised that he will meet with her and the DCO to work things out. He was advised that he should be charging a \$25.00 pickup fee if he locates a dog and returns it to the owner. All dogs he handles should have appropriate paperwork done. Sue Smith noted that all dogs do run off occasionally and she thought that everyone should get one chance without having to pay the pickup fee. If they habitually have loose dogs or they cause damages, then they should be charged. Supervisor Taylor and Councilwoman Chase suggested that he should be issuing tickets for unlicensed dogs he encounters. If he doesn't see something happen, he needs a written deposition in order to take it to court. DCO Shawn Patrick would like a flier with information on our dog law and his job duties available to hand out to people. He thinks this will help people who expect him to do more than he can. Because there were still complaints about his service, Councilman Edward Lentz suggested that he would like to have the DCO come and talk with the entire Board. The Clerk will work on a brochure with highlights of dog licensing, our dog law and the DCO's job duties.

There will be a writer's workshop, free for seniors at the Town Hall, four times running August through September on Wednesdays from 10-11:30 AM. It will be to give help in writing memories, etc. and is sponsored by the Office for the Aging.

We received a note from Assessor Kathleen Chase. The State has reduced the number of credits that an assessor is required to have each year. She needs 36 credits by the end of the year. The problem is that she cannot retake a class that she has previously taken, and many courses don't apply to assessing issues here or aren't offered locally. She is enrolled in a class October 23<sup>rd</sup> in Cooperstown on Ethics and she is looking into an online class to do with farm appraisals.

The County sent notice of a Hazard Mitigation Action Plan kick off meeting and a letter of intent to join in. Councilman Edward Lentz and Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker will attend the 7/17/12 meeting. A motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to participate in the Hazard Mitigation plan update with Otsego County.

A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to pay General Fund bills #141 through #147 for a total of \$412.82. Supervisor Taylor paid bills #137 through #140 for a total of \$4,604.05 with prior Board approval. The Supervisor's monthly report was submitted to the Board.

Based on their meeting with DCO Shawn Patrick, Supervisor Robert Taylor and Councilwoman Connie Chase recommended reappointment of Shawn Patrick as DCO for the rest of the year. After further discussion, a motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 4/0 (Robert Eklund abstained from voting) to reappoint Shawn Patrick as DCO until 12/31/12.

From the five people who were interviewed for the position of land use enforcement officer, the Board selected Thomas Riso to be offered the position. Supervisor Taylor stated that he contacted him and he would accept. A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to appoint Thomas Riso as Town of New Lisbon Land Use Enforcement Officer until 12/31/12.

Planning Board Chairman Dan Morehouse has recommended Matthew Palmer for the vacant seat on the Planning Board. Brian Ryther has also advised he would be interested if Matt Palmer doesn't want the position. Councilman Eklund thought that he would like to have the candidates come talk to the Board, but all of the others were happy with the Planning Board Chairman's recommendation. A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 5/0 to appoint Matthew Palmer to a term on the New Lisbon Planning Board which will expire 5/31/17.

We received a written report from Robert Blaisdell of NYMIR with recommendations that were a result of his visit to the Town. He suggested that we need Anti-Discrimination and Sexual Harassment policies. The Clerk will obtain samples for the Board to review. He also noted that the fire alarm system in our buildings should have annual inspections. The Clerk will send a letter to Fargo Alarms to see if they have done an inspection of the systems recently and if not ask them to do a check. The other four items were all related to the playground and were items identified previously by Scott Kuhnly. The Clerk will continue working on these items. She has had no response from the Big Toys Company about getting parts.

A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to pay the Garrattsville Fire Company \$20.00 for two tables at the Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 annual firemen's barbecue. Councilwoman Connie Chase will try to contact vendors to get their business cards, etc. to display. We can also set up a dog issue display. Councilman Eklund noted that Les Burgess of Foolish Farms is now serving breakfast and lunch items and also has baked goods and ice cream. It would be good to support this local business. The highway maintenance log on Pete Chase's computer crashed and he will have to start all over.

Delaware Engineering submitted their Town Highway Garage Evaluation. The Board will review and discuss next month.

With no further business, a motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 5/0 to adjourn at 9:20 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk

