

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---JULY 9, 2015---7:30PM---TOWN HALL PUBLIC HEARING ON FIRE DEPT. SUPPORT RESOLUTION

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilwoman Connie Chase, Councilmen John Pegg & Joseph Gregory, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Co. Rep. Ed Lentz, Residents Edward George, Florence Loomis, Lenny Melillo, Keith Woodbeck, Rich Brimmer, Edward Lentz Absent: Councilman Robert Eklund

Supervisor Robert Taylor opened the Public Hearing on the issue of the Town Board adopting a resolution to support the Garrattsville Fire Dept.'s loan for the purchase of a new pumper. Lenny Melillo noted that the IRS requires this public hearing for the type of loan they will be getting which will give them a lower interest rate since they only provide services to the Town of New Lisbon. Discussion was held on the Town Board and Fire Dept. working together. Co. Rep. Edward Lentz commented that Town Board members should meet on a regular basis with the fire department members. With no further comments from the floor, a motion was made by Robert Taylor, seconded by Joseph Gregory and carried 4/0 to close the public hearing at 7:41 PM.

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---JULY 9, 2015---REGULAR MEETING

Present: same as above

Supervisor Robert Taylor opened the regular monthly meeting at 7:42 PM. A motion was made by Joseph Gregory, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to accept the minutes for the June 9, 2015 regular monthly meeting as written.

The Planning Board met on July 6, 2015 and reviewed and recommended approval on a Site Plan Application for Anthony Lee for setting up two display sheds which he sells online. After further review, a motion was made by Joseph Gregory, seconded by John Pegg and carried 4/0 to approve Site Plan Application #02 for Anthony Lee for displaying two sheds at his home at 488 Parker Road as models for his online business, which the Board determined will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact.

The Planning Board also recommended approval on a simple subdivision for Florence Loomis, Craig Englishman, Jeff Broek and Donald Smith as joint owners of parcel #175.00-1-36.01. With the subdivision, Craig Englishman would own one half and Florence Loomis, Jeff Broek and Donald Smith would jointly own the other half. After review, a motion was made by Joseph Gregory, seconded by John Pegg and carried 4/0 to approve Subdivision Application #02 for Florence Loomis, Jeff Broek, Donald Smith and Craig Englishman for a simple subdivision of tax map #175.00-1-36.01 on Blue Jay Hollow Road, which the Board determined will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact.

We received fuel bids from Mirabito Energy Products and Reese Marshall. Mirabito submitted bids with firm differential factors of \$.12 for Unleaded Gas, Diesel, Kerosene for winter blend with Diesel, Kerosene for heating and Fuel Oil. They further provided prices of \$179.00 to \$309.00 with a \$50.00 discount each for service contracts. They did not provide any fixed price options for the products. Reese Marshall submitted bids with firm differential factors of \$.16 for Unleaded Gas, \$.13 for Diesel and Fuel Oil, \$.18 for Winter Mix Diesel, \$.15 for Kerosene and \$219.00 for each service plan. They also submitted fixed prices of \$2.39 for Unleaded Gas, \$2.25 For Fuel oil, \$2.71 for Kerosene, \$2.27 for Diesel and \$2.45 for Winter Mix Diesel. The Board reviewed the last year's usage and cost figures and discussed the options. It was noted that even though Mirabito's firm differential factors were less, most of their base rack prices were higher. It was also noted that both companies have provided excellent service and products over the years. After further discussion, a motion was made by Joseph Gregory, seconded by John Pegg and carried 4/0 to accept the fixed prices from Reese Marshall of \$2.71 for Kerosene, \$2.27 for Diesel, \$2.45 for Winter Mix Diesel, \$2.39 for Unleaded Gas, \$2.25 for Fuel Oil and \$219.00 for each of the four furnace plans for the contract period of August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016. Councilman Joseph Gregory questioned if we should look into getting the Town Hall fuel tank which is

outside the building moved inside so we could use Fuel Oil which is cheaper than Kerosene. We will have to check with the Code Enforcement Office to see what codes would apply. Supervisor Robert Taylor will contact Reese Marshall to get their input.

We received two bids for outfitting the 2009 Freightliner with a dump body and plow. T & T Sales of Latham, NY submitted a bid of \$84,223.00 with six options totaling \$6,275.00. Tracey Road Equipment of Kirkwood, NY submitted a bid of \$96,200.00. Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker advised that T & T has been doing these types of jobs and no one he has talked to has had any issues with their work. He did note that the Town of Hartwick had a bad experience with Tracey. After further review and discussion, a motion was made by Joseph Gregory, seconded by John Pegg and carried 4/0 to accept the low bid of \$84,223.00 from T & T Sales for outfitting the 2009 Freightliner Truck with a dump body and plow as per our specifications and their bid and to add four options for an additional total of \$675.00 (Work light-\$75.00, Amber Roof Light-\$450.00, Shovel Bracket-\$100.00 & Back-up Alarm-\$50.00).

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker advised that he has three items that he would like to surplus. We have an old Oshkosh Cab & Chassis (no motor) that someone has expressed an interest in for parts. He has taken the 1992 International Truck off the road and put the plates on the 2009 Freightliner. The truck needs an oil pan, fuel tank, clutch, brakes and the sander is bad and he noted that he does not want to put any more money into the vehicle and suggests we surplus it. He also advised getting rid of a heavy duty back blade that's been sitting around that has never been used since he's been working for the Town. A motion was made by John Pegg, seconded by Joseph Gregory and carried 4/0 to surplus the old Oshkosh cab & chassis, the 1992 International truck and the heavy duty back blade and to advertise for bids on the three items to be opened at the August 11, 2015 meeting.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker advised they are trying to get honing finished and then will do ditching. The grader has an internal seal leaking and can only be run at 5 mph. He is going to continue using it as is for now and will discuss repairs at a later date. He plans on renting a Reprofiler at a cost of \$5,000.00 a day to dig up and process part of Parker Road, from Miller Road intersection to below Mathewson's as part of the CHIPS project. It will make the new asphalt adhere better and he anticipates they can do what they want in a day.

Co. Rep. Edward Lentz updated the Board on County issues. New Lisbon is scheduled to get \$3,230.00 in Bed Tax revenues in 2016. They are looking at a site on Co. Hwy 11 near Laurens for the solar project, but the size would be reduced because the parcel is smaller than they wanted. The County is looking for a Code Enforcement Officer. The new 911 center will be opening and the County is looking into issues that the Sheriff's Dept. has with moving the 911 center out from their dept. The County has agreed to reimburse Fire Departments up to \$10,000.00 for the cost of new radios & pagers necessary for the new EMS system. They are still working on getting two more EMS tower sites. As part of the Public Works Committee, Co. Rep. Lentz noted that they have been riding around the County to prioritize what roads need repairing. They should be repaving over 40 miles per year, but have only been doing 20-24 miles per year. They are going to see what other counties are spending on highway expenses.

Supervisor Robert Taylor advised that he received an e-mail from the County requesting he complete a survey that the County wants to use in drafting a Strategic Plan. They wanted it returned by July 23rd and he responded that he didn't feel comfortable completing it himself and wants to share it with the Board before returning it. He will get copies to the Board to review so they can discuss next month. Supervisor Taylor noted that that we should look into solar energy again with the highway garage being the biggest user. There are several companies that come in and look at what you have and analyze ways to save. The Assoc. of Towns has one company, MEGA. Co. Rep. Ed Lentz noted that the County is using Soloman Energy and he will get information on them. Supervisor Taylor responded to an email from the State DEC pertaining to being our Floodplain Administrator. He noted that after the phone call, we are all up to date with our Floodplain obligations. There have been several accidents at the intersection of Co. Hwy. 12, Co. Hwy. 14 and Pegg Road since the bridge detour started. The County was contacted and they have posted additional signs advising drivers of the stop signs. The Historian has completed a new display showing the history of different sections of the Town.

It was noted that past Town Supervisor, Donald Miller passed away July 1, 2015. He served as Town Supervisor from 1984-1989. He was most proud of getting the Town Hall built with PASNY funds during his service.

We received notice from NYMIR that they are sharing a portion of their surplus by returning our original capitalization amount of \$1,318.00. We received the first of four distributions of \$329.00. We received notice from the NYS Dept. of Public Service that they will be holding informational meetings on the report that they completed "Staff Assessment of Telecommunications Services". Co. Rep. Edward Lentz noted that PSC staff is recommending that NAT's power line proposal not be accepted.

A motion was made by Joseph Gregory, seconded by John Pegg and carried 4/0 to pass Resolution #01-2015, in regards to Section 147(f) Approval and Written Agreement, supporting the Garrattsville Fire Department's loan of \$250,000.00 with NBT Bank for the purpose of purchasing a new pumper truck. The approval does not in any way constitute any financial involvement or obligation of the Town. Lenny Melillo noted that he had one question about the ending wording of the resolution that he wanted to talk over with the Fire Dept.'s attorney and members before signing.

A motion was made by Joseph Gregory, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to pay General Fund bills #112 through #122 for a total of \$5,864.83 and Highway Fund bills #109 through #124 for a total of \$26,694.26. Supervisor Taylor paid General Fund bills #108 through #111 and Highway Fund bill #125 for a total of \$7,577.66, with prior Board approval. The Supervisor's monthly report was submitted to the Board.

The last chapters of the Employee Handbook had been sent to the Board for their review. Discussion was held on medical insurance for new hires. Councilwoman Connie Chase felt we should go with single coverage only for new hires and see if we get any applicants, knowing that we can always change it. Supervisor Robert Taylor noted that he thought we should stay with the family plan option, since it would entice younger applicants. Councilman Joseph Gregory wants to provide only single coverage. Councilman John Pegg felt that the family plan has just gotten too expensive to provide it. Lenny Melillo commented that even if we change the medical insurance to single plan only we still have a great benefit package. Keith Woodbeck added that no one gets full benefits anymore. The Board agreed to leave the medical insurance benefits as is for present employees and to provide only single coverage for new hires. New hires could have the employee plus one or family plan if they pay the full difference in cost over the single plan. It was also agreed that any full time highway employee who starts without a CDL license, must have obtained it and passed the NYS DOT physical by the end of the six month probationary period.

A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Joseph Gregory and carried 4/0 to send the completed draft of our Employee Handbook to Attorney Martin Tillapaugh for his review.

Mower Ray Gorton noticed that one of the backstop posts was leaning in the Town Hall Park. It will have to be repaired or the entire backstop removed or replaced. Supervisor Robert Taylor noted that we do have funds in the budget, so the Clerk will look for estimates for a new backstop for the Board to consider.

Councilman Joseph Gregory submitted 21 CDs with Town meeting recordings. However, since he did not label any of them with the dates of the meetings, Supervisor Robert Taylor felt they were incomplete and asked him to take them back and label them with the dates. Several residents commented that they were against paying Councilman Gregory for his time to reproduce the taped meetings. Councilman Robert Eklund is supposed to be getting a video card so that future meetings can be downloaded directly to a computer.

A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Joseph Gregory and carried 4/0 to authorize Justice Bruce Moskos and Court Clerk Dora Cooke to attend their annual training conferences.

It was noted that Co. Rep. Edward Lentz and Co. Treasurer Dan Crowell held an open meeting at the Town Hall where Rep. Lentz explained how County government works and Treasurer Crowell explained the Town's fiscal data from the Comptroller's office.

Edward George questioned about maintenance of seasonal roads. Hwy. Supt. Whitaker advised they do work on them after the main roads are done and he has had Louie training with the grader on them. Mr. George advised that he uses Quinlog Road and it needs some touching up. Supt. Whitaker noted that the heavy rains have been causing problems with keeping up with road work.

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

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk