

## **NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---AUGUST 14, 2018---7:30 PM REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING---TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE**

Present: Supervisor Edward Lentz, Councilwoman Flo Loomis, Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, Councilman Robert Eklund, Councilman John Pegg, Clerk Charlene Wells, Assessor Pamela Dyn-Gohde, Co. Rep. Meg Kennedy, Residents: Edward George, Lenny Melillo, Tom Riso, Donald Smith

Absent: Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker

Supervisor Edward Lentz opened the regular monthly meeting at 7:35 PM. A motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 5 Ayes/0 Nays to accept the minutes for the July 10, 2018 regular meeting and July 17, 2018 special meeting as written.

Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and Supervisor Edward Lentz met on August 7<sup>th</sup> with Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker on highway issues. Most of our equipment is okay at this point with the exception of the 484 mower tractor which is in for brake repairs and the 2009 Freightliner which is due for routine maintenance and the electric harness repairs. Robert Eklund questioned if this was going to be a final fix of the wiring problem. They are working on collecting samples of daily inspection checklists for the men to use. Maintenance records are being put into the vehicle files. Supervisor Lentz found out from the DMV that our title is still good for the 2004 Volvo. Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson is getting the small tool/equipment inventory on a computer spreadsheet with the photos taken by Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker. The hwy. dept. has put in most of the culverts they were planning on. The paving projects are behind schedule because of the rainy weather. The estimate for paving Gregory Road has increased to \$92,022.98 and \$133,025.50 for Gilbert Lake Road due to the increased cost of oil. (Almost \$25,000.00 increase) Reimbursement has been applied for approximately \$65,000.00 in culverts & stone for the paving projects. The State has advised that we should only budget for our regular CHIPS funding, approximately \$160,000.00 for 2019. Supervisor Lentz is going to get estimated values for the two Volvos with the idea that maybe if we sold both we would have funds for a down payment on a new truck.

Supervisor Edward Lentz noted that employees may be interested in NY State's Deferred Compensation plan, so he will be attending a meeting on it with the Town of Morris on August 20<sup>th</sup>. He also noted that he would like to look back at NY State's Family leave plan as that is a very low cost to employee plan that provides good benefits in times of need. Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson reviewed her monthly vehicle repair cost and fuel consumption reports. The 2004 Volvo is costing us the most in repairs, followed by the 2008 Volvo.

The Planning Board met on August 6, 2018 and recommended approval on Subdivision Application #02-18 for a simple subdivision for Brian Gregory and Cynthia & Geoffrey Scott. The Town Board completed the EAF and a motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 5 Ayes/0 Nays to issue a negative declaration, finding no significant adverse environmental impacts with Subdivision Application #02-18. After further review, a motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilman Robert Eklund and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to approve Subdivision Application #02-18 for Brian Gregory and Cynthia & Geoffrey Scott for a simple subdivision of parcel #190.00-1-2.08 on Wheat Road.

Lenny Melillo suggested to the Board that they should not consider outfitting the second army truck. He felt that we would not save that much by having a truck that we could only use part of the year. He added that because it was built to Army specs, it is hard for Freightliner to diagnose and make repairs. Councilman Robert Eklund commented that our original plan was to get the first one done and make sure we were happy with it before we even purchased another one.

Beginning January 1, 2019, all fire companies must provide cancer insurance coverage for all interior firefighters. Lenny Melillo noted that they have about ten interior firefighters. Because all of the details are still being worked out it is estimated that the cost for this cancer coverage will be \$300.00-\$400.00 per person. They will be increasing their contract request to coverage this mandated increase.

County Rep. Meg Kennedy noted that there is nothing new on getting funds for broadband/cell coverage from the State. The State is after Spectrum for not doing what they were supposed to do with

their takeover. The County is negotiating on leasing their tower space for cell service. It was suggested that the County should negotiate for all towers to have to be utilized, not just those in higher density areas. Supervisor Edward Lentz added that getting coverage, not making money should be of the highest priority. We should start a big push with our State officials that getting broadband and cell coverage for all residents is our biggest priority and necessary for economic development. Meg added that a letter was sent to the State supporting taxing internet sales. October 11<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> will be Ag plastic recycling days. Household Hazardous waste days are Friday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-11:00 AM at the Unadilla Town Hwy. Dept. and Saturday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM to 1:00PM at the Meadows office building. Jordan Clements of Soil & Water will be doing a presentation on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at an Upper Susquehanna Watershed meeting. The County's Shared Service Plan is on their website for public review and comment. The County's new communication tower is up, but not activated yet. There is an issue with getting power to the Morris tower with a landowner not wanting an electric line across their property. Ed George asked Co. Rep. Kennedy if she could ask the Office for the Aging if they could put the meal site menu on their website since the only place it is available is in the Daily Star.

Land Use Enforcement Officer Tom Riso noted there are a lot of pole barns and sheds being constructed and he will keep looking for things to add to the tax roll.

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to transfer \$4,165.85 from A5132.40—Highway Garage repairs to A1420.1—Attorney to cover the bill for the attorney services for the truck bond.

Discussion was held on the Public Assembly Ordinance from 1970. The August music event is not happening, but one is being planned for October. The Board discussed changing the bond requirement of \$200,000.00 to having a \$1,000,000.00 in insurance and naming the Town as an additional insured. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:30 PM on Local Law #2 of 2018, a local law to amend the 1970 Ordinance Regulating Public Assemblages and Gatherings to Preserve Good Order, Safety and the Public Welfare to change the \$200,000.00 bond requirement to a requirement of \$1,000,000.00 in insurance with the Town of New Lisbon named as an additional insured.

Rich Dennis completed most of the repairs at the Town Hall & Highway Garage. He is still trying to find parts for the heaters in the Town Hall, or will paint the old ones. Action Doors will be fixing one part of the Highway Garage door and then Rich will finish sealing. There will be a workday at the Town Park/Playground on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10:00 AM. The last day to register for the September 13<sup>th</sup> primary is August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Edward Lentz is gathering data for the 2019 Budget. He will get the 2019 Tentative Budget to the Town Clerk by September 21<sup>st</sup>. The Town Board will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 for the presentation of the 2019 Tentative Budget and a work session on the budget. A public hearing will be held on the 2019 Preliminary Budget on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 prior to the regular monthly meeting. The Board will be able to make changes up until the 2019 Final Budget is adopted at the November 13, 2018 meeting.

We received a contract to sign for 2018 from MVP. We received a notice from NYS Homeland Security & Emergency Services that we will be receiving \$2,131.82 from the State for Winter Storm Stella. The NYS office of Taxation & Finance, Real Property Tax Services sent notice that our final 2018 Equalization Rate is 109.02 and we received the Certificate of Final Telecommunications Ceiling for Citizens Telecom and Verizon. Burr Truck has opened a parts store in Oneonta.

The Board came in prior to the meeting to review the bills. A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to approve paying General Fund bills #146 through #162 for a total of \$15,450.98 and Highway Fund bills #126 through #138 for a total of \$53,847.53 and a bill for \$447.54 for Assessor Pamela Dyn-Gohde for mileage and class expenses. General Fund bills #135 through #145 and Highway Fund bill #139 for a total of \$10,122.61 were paid with prior Board approval. The Supervisor's monthly report was submitted to the Board.

The Board discussed the proposal presented by Jordan Clements of Otsego County Soil & Water Conservation District to join in on a Countywide Stream Maintenance Program. Our annual cost would be about \$2200.00. Councilwoman Flo Loomis thought it sounded like a good idea. Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson commented that the program would also be able to help land owners where the Town is unable to work on private property. Co. Rep. Meg Kennedy added that landowners would only have to pay for any materials used; the equipment and manpower would be covered by the program. No final decision was made at this time.

Updates have been sent in for our Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Board reviewed the goals we had last time and decided to continue with goals #1, 4, 5 & 7 in our renewal plan.

The County has drafted a Shared Service Plan which they will be holding a public hearing on. It can be viewed on the County website. It will have to be voted on by the panel which includes Town Supervisors. This is in response to the Governor's initiative to provide money to the County if they come up with ways to share services and save money. Even if the County plan is approved, the Town Board would have to approve joining in on any or all of the six shared service projects they are proposing.

With no further business, a motion was made by Supervisor Edward Lentz, seconded by Councilman Robert Eklund and carried 5 Ayes/0 Nays to adjourn at 9:35 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk