

**NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD—SEPTEMBER 25, 2018---7:30 PM**  
**SPECIAL MEETING---2019 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Present: Supervisor Edward Lentz, Councilwoman Flo Loomis, Councilman John Pegg, Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, Councilman Robert Eklund, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Residents: Tom Riso, Donald Smith, Barry Braunius, Willard Lasher, Also: Insurance Broker Kevin Morse

Kevin Morse of Kaatirondack Benefit Planning, Inc. was present to review the renewal rates for our Medical Insurance plan. Renewal of our current MVP plan would be a premium increase of 11.79%. He provided information on various plans and noted that the trend is that plans are costing more or they are reducing benefits. He suggested that we may be interested in switching to a HRA (Health Reimbursement Account) plan. The premium would be an increase of 8.53% over our current plan. The Town Board would have to set up a special account with the deductible amount for each employee. The employees would use that money for doctor visits and medicines until they exhausted their amount and then the plan would cover all other costs for the year, except for medicines which they would pay at the co-pay amounts. He advised that normally only 60% of the deductible fund is utilized. Any money in the deductible account that is unused at the end of the year remains the Town's money. The Board will review the data and make a decision at the next meeting so that we can get the paperwork done in time.

The Garrattsville Graywolves 4-H Group has asked permission to use the corner lot in Garrattsville for their annual display. A motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 5 Ayes/0 Nays to allow the 4-H group to place their annual display on the lot at the four corners in Garrattsville owned by the town.

The 2019 Tentative Budget was presented by Supervisor Edward Lentz. The Board discussed each line item and made several adjustments. Raises were generally figured at 2%. The highway men would see a 36 cent per hour increase. The tax cap allows about a 4% increase because we have carryover from previous years. Discussion was also held on how much we should leave in our surplus funds. A motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to adopt the revised 2019 Tentative Budget as the 2019 Preliminary Budget and hold a public hearing on it on October 9, 2018, at 7:30 PM to be followed by the regular monthly meeting.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to adjourn at 9:50 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk