

**NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD—3/9/10---PUBLIC HEARING ON SUBDIVISION
#01-10-CLEAR CREEK FARM—7:00PM---TOWN HALL**

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilmen Robert Eklund, Edward Lentz & Connie Chase, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Co. Rep. Steve Fournier, Also: Alan Lord, Sue Eschler, Cathy Maxson, George Newsome, Lenny Melillo, Joe Gregory, Flo Loomis, Tim Johnson Absent: Councilman Glen Noto

Supervisor Taylor opened the public hearing (continued from last month) on the Clear Creek Farm subdivision proposal at 7:00 PM. From the 3/1/10 joint meeting with the Planning Board, it was recommended that the septic designs be waived at this point and no fee be required in lieu of a recreational area. Also a lighting covenant was requested to be added to the deed restrictions and a copy of the NY Land & Lakes buy back policy be submitted for review. Alan Lord submitted a copy of what they give to prospective buyers. It listed the deed restrictions, right to cancel notice, utility suppliers, tax rate information, etc. They guarantee that the property will support an on site sewage disposal system or they will refund the purchase price & closing costs. Alan Lord added a basic statement about the lighting. The Board requested that he include more specifics from our comprehensive plan, which he agreed to do. He further submitted a narrative for Part 3 of the EAF and copies of the driveway approvals from the Otsego County Hwy. Dept. for the two parcels on Co. Hwy. 17. He is still waiting for the snow to go so that the Army Corps will come out and look at the driveway access on those two parcels.

There were no further questions or comments from the floor on the proposal. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to close the public hearing at 7:25 PM.

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---3/9/10---REGULAR MEETING

Present: same as at hearing above

Supervisor Taylor opened the regular monthly meeting at 7:26 PM. A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to accept the minutes for the February 9, 2010 public hearing and regular meeting and 3/1/2010 joint meeting with the Planning Board as written.

Co. Rep. Steve Fournier was present and answered questions on code enforcement, internet, solid waste, etc. He advised that they have advertised for a part-time person to work in the Code Enforcement Office. He noted that the support for a full time person needed in the code office has not made it out of committee for the full Board to vote on. Supervisor Taylor will call County Chairman Sam Dubben and encourage them to hire the help needed so that the code office will be able to keep up with the demand of handling 21 towns. The County did not get their telecom/internet grant they applied for. Another proposal, which would include part of Otsego County was selected. That means that rural areas won't see improved internet access, only the main corridors. The County is waiting to see a new service agreement with MOSA which would eliminate the GAT. There is a planned meeting of the three counties coming up soon. The County has three choices in regards to garbage. They could remain in MOSA if the agreement is better, they could handle the garbage on their own, or they could get out of the garbage business altogether and let the waste haulers deal with it. Co. Rep. Fournier noted that a vote on whether county land could be leased for more than five years, such as for gas drilling, was never brought to a vote because some thought that it was too political and didn't want to take a stand on the issue.

Highway Supt. Bill Whitaker noted that they have had three trucks down for repairs in the last week. The 2007 Volvo has had problems and has been in Vestal. The 2004 Volvo was inspected and had problems on the way home. It was found that a sensor on the rear wheel went bad. It was noted that the newer trucks have not provided the same quality and reliability as the older ones, possibly because of the electronics involved. Pete's plow truck has been in the shop for repairs that don't seem to be helping the problem. Not only having trucks down, but man time to bring them back and forth has been keeping them busy. Supervisor Taylor suggested that perhaps part-time helper Carl Rockwell could be used to help move vehicles. Supt. Whitaker noted that he has five

trucks on plow runs because it gets the Town done faster. We could do it with four trucks if we had to. The last snow storm saw many towns with trucks off the road. We had one in a ditch which had to be pulled out. Councilman Ed Lentz questioned if it would be possible to have a shared backup truck/plow with other towns.

Supt. Whitaker has received word that five trucks are coming to Fort Drum through the surplus program. He can have first pick at one of them, at a cost of \$2500-\$3000.00. He would like to get a truck with dump box that he could use for heavy jobs such as for heavy stone fill, tree stumps, etc. The previous army surplus 6x6 truck he got he wants to put a sander on and plow equipment from the 85 Ford, but he has to have some adjustments done for things to line up. After further discussion, a motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 3/0 (Robert Eklund abstained) to allow hwy. Supt. Whitaker to purchase a truck through the surplus program at a cost of up to \$3,000.00. Councilman Lentz requested an up to date equipment inventory. Supt. Whitaker further noted that he would like to surplus the two old pickups that we no longer are using from the surplus program.

A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to advertise for bids to be opened at the April 13, 2010 meeting for Sand, 1 inch minus, 5000 yards and prices per yard for Crusher Run-3/4 inch minus, Item 4, Bank Run and Cobbles. Councilman Lentz questioned if we could get better prices if we bid with other towns. Supt. Whitaker thought that we get pretty good prices since we get material from Pittsfield. Edmeston, Burlington & Pittsfield all haul their own materials from the Pittsfield pits like us. We utilize Parker's gravel bank when working on the other side of the Town. Councilman Lentz also thought that we might get better fuel prices if we bid them together with other towns.

Highway bills #28 through #47 for a total of \$17,813.72 were audited and approved for payment by the Board.

Lenny Melillo advised that the Fire Department has just purchased a new used 1993 firetruck for \$60,000.00 from Pennsylvania that originally came from Arizona. This will be a front line pumper, and will replace a 1979 one that was traded in. He further noted that Roger Titmus who owns land here and is involved with a fire department in New Jersey got them 26 used air packs and 52 bottles for \$1.00. The air packs are worth \$1000.00 each. Supervisor Taylor praised the fire department for their astute purchasing practices. Lenny noted that they always try to live within their means. An extended warranty was purchased for the new ambulance to help extend the life of that piece of equipment.

We received notice from Christine Klein of the NYSDOT that they have no concerns with the proposed driveway placements in the proposed Clear Creek Farm subdivision. The Dept. of Health advised that since it is not a realty subdivision, they have no jurisdiction. We have not received anything back from the NYS DEC yet. The Board requested that the wording of the lighting covenant be amended to reflect more specifics from our comprehensive plan. The Board felt that the overall plan was good and that Alan Lord worked hard at making all of the asked for changes. After further review, a motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 4/0 to accept the revised Preliminary Plat for Subdivision Application #01-10.

Alan Lord submitted a completed Part 3 of the SEQRA form as was suggested by Alan Sorensen. No objection had been filed to the Town Board being the lead agency. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to issue a Negative Declaration on the Clear Creek Farm Subdivision Application #01-10. Alan Lord requested that the Town Board consider also giving final approval for the project. After further discussion, a motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 4/0 to issue final approval on Subdivision Application #01-10 to NY Land & Lakes for a 16 lot major subdivision, known as Clear Creek Farm Subdivision, tax map #141.00-2-12.01, subject to the Army Corps of Engineers approving the access off of County Hwy. 17 to parcels #8 & #9 and subject to the rewording of the lighting covenant in the deed restrictions to include more specifics from our Comprehensive Plan.

We received a thank you note from the New Lisbon Senior Citizens for the \$400.00 which was given to them for activities for 2010.

Time Warner Cable sent notice that some of their channels are up for renewals and if they can't work out agreements they may be dropped. Other channels may be changed or added in some areas.

We receive notice from the Concerned Citizens of the Butternut Valley that they are sponsoring a presentation entitled "Gas Drilling: What Lies Beneath, What Lies Ahead" on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Morris Central School.

Attorney Tim Johnson noted that Otsego Electric is working on an internet service that would be carried over their lines.

Supervisor Taylor noted that he met several representatives of building companies that design "green" buildings at the conference in NYC. He will look into them further as we consider building a new highway barn. It was discussed whether we will build at the same site or look for a different location. There might possibly be some kind of grant funding available. Councilman Lentz questioned about putting a cell tower on Town property. Supervisor Taylor noted that Roy Althiser will be speaking at the March 25th meeting of the Supervisor's Association.

We received the results of the energy audit back from NYSERDA. They suggested that we could save money by replacing the existing fluorescent light fixtures, replacing the incandescent exit signs with LED exit signs, installing pipe insulation in the furnace room, installing new doors in the large meeting room, replacing all windows with low-e thermopane glass and replacing the ceiling fan with a reversible fan. They also recommended replacing the furnace at the upper firehouse with a high efficiency one when it is worn out. The total estimated cost of all of these changes is \$18,256.00 with a payback time frame from 2.4 to 22 years. The Clerk will review the estimates we received for the doors and windows and get them clarified for next month's meeting for the Board to review. Supervisor Taylor will get an estimate for changing the exit signs.

A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to pay General Fund bills #57 through #66 for a total of \$6271.48. Supervisor Taylor paid bills #51 through #56 for a total of \$3414.19 with prior Board approval.

A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to hire Victor Lasher and Nadine Lasher at \$11.00 per hour to mow the park and cemeteries.

A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to authorize the Clerk to attend a grant writing workshop at the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Cooperstown put on by Kevin Hodne at a cost of \$95.00 on March 11th & 18th, 2010.

We received a price of \$375.00 from Innovative Playground Services to conduct an inspection of our playground equipment. It has been several years since we had them do this. The Clerk will get a price for the inspection plus the cost of getting the cracked bubble removed for the next meeting.

Supervisor Taylor noted that he gave the Rythers permission to tap trees in the Town cemeteries. We received a complaint about junk, garbage and rats at the Goodspeed property at the town line on Co. Hwy. 15. Supervisor Taylor will tell them to file a complaint with Health Officer Mike Finneran.

With no further business, a motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to adjourn at 9:50 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk