

**NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---APRIL 13, 2010---7:30 PM  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING---TOWN HALL**

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilmen Robert Eklund, Edward Lentz, Connie Chase & Glen Noto (late), Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, residents Ed George & Joe Gregory

Supervisor Taylor opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to accept the minutes for the March 9, 2010 regular meeting as written.

Highway Supt. Whitaker noted that the fiberglass windows on the front and back side of the highway barn are deteriorating. They are not leaking yet, but the layers are separating from the building. He recommended that repairs were needed.

Supt. Whitaker received an estimate of approximately \$14,000.00 from Central Asphalt to pave the town hall driveway and parking area. The hwy. dept. would do the prep work and pave when they do their road for the year and the firehouse lot. He advised that it would save time with plowing and sanding as they could use the pickup to plow and the blacktop would melt off faster, needing less sand. Paving would also take care of the pothole and dust problems. It would also help with less dirt being tracked into the town hall. The Board agreed that it would be nice to have the driveway and parking area paved, but were hesitant to spend the funds when the economy is bad and residents are having a hard time making ends meet. The Board asked Hwy. Supt. Whitaker to get cost estimates from Webster's Paving and Cobleskill Stone to see if there is a cheaper option and they will discuss further next month.

This is the last year of the CHIPS program unless it is renewed by the State. Supt. Whitaker noted that he intends to use all of our allotted funds in case the program is not renewed or is changed from its present format. The 2008 Volvo is back in service after having an electronic control module replaced which had to come from Sweden. He noted that it runs the best it ever has. He did call Volvo and complained about how much this truck has been down for repairs and out of service. They gave us a \$500.00 credit.

Highway Bills #48 through #64 for a total of \$18,999.93 were audited and approved for payment by the Board.

Bids were received for Sand & Materials from Seward Sand & Gravel (Hoffman Pit, RT. 80 Pittsfield) and Bice Gravel Bank (861 Rt. 80, New Berlin). Seward Sand & Gravel bid \$4.25 per yard for Sand, \$5.00 per yard for Crusher Run, \$4.00 per yard for Item 4, \$2.25 per yard for Bank Run and \$2.25 per yard for Cobbles. Bice Gravel Bank bid \$4.20 per yard for Sand, \$6.00 per yard for Crusher Run, \$4.00 per yard for Item 4, \$2.20 per yard for Bank Run and \$2.20 per yard for Cobbles. A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 5/0 to accept the bid of \$4.20 per yard for Sand and \$2.20 per yard for bank run & cobbles from Bice Gravel and \$5.00 per yard for Crusher Run from Seward Sand & Gravel, subject to Supt. Whitaker approving the material. Since both bid \$4.00 per yard for Item 4, Supt. Whitaker may utilize either one.

Councilman Eklund noted that the erosion problem by the County Hwy. 12 Bridge in the hamlet of New Lisbon is getting worse. He advised that it appears to change by feet daily. Others have also noted this. A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 5/0 to have the Clerk send a letter to Co. Hwy. Supt. Ronald Tiderencel, with copies also to Steve Fournier and the County Public Works Committee, urging the County to take immediate steps to contain the erosion at the Co. Hwy. 12 Bridge in New Lisbon before the bridge ends up being closed.

Glen (Pete) Chase is going to be retiring from the Hwy. Dept. at the end of June. The Board approved hiring Pete Chase part time at \$12.00 per hour to help computerize the highway equipment and road repairs. We will check with the County to see how we would classify this position.

Joe Gregory showed pictures of gas drilling sites he visited in Dimock, Pennsylvania. He spoke on what he saw and heard from different individuals. Overall he was impressed with the operations he saw.

Ed George noted that he is having a problem with rats caused by a neighbor who has a garage full of garbage. Health Officer Mike Finneran is looking into the situation.

We received notice from the County Office of Emergency Services of NIMS & ICS training coming up in April. Those needing this training, including fire personnel, hwy. employees and elected officials should schedule for one of the sessions.

The County also sent a reminder for the Town to promote using a MOSA facility for garbage disposal. This will help towards not having to pay an extra fee because we come under our GAT (guaranteed annual tonnage). The tipping fee is at \$72.00 per ton. A copy of the 2009 MOSA annual report is available at [www.mosainfo.org](http://www.mosainfo.org).

We received a written review of the Clear Creek Farm Subdivision from John O'Rourke of Lanc & Tully and from Alan Sorensen. Alan Lord submitted an email where he revised the protective covenant for outdoor lighting and advised that he had met with the Army Corps about the driveway placement on lots #8 & 9. They can place a driveway on lot 8 which is not in the wetland and wouldn't need a permit. It is their plan to show a 50 foot right of way for driveway access for both lots 8 & 9 across lot 8 on the survey map and make it a common driveway. These two items met the conditions that the Town Board previously placed on the Clear Creek Subdivision approval last month.

Supervisor Taylor advised that he had received sample RFPs from the Association of Towns and the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services. Assessor Kathleen Chase also reviewed them. There are only two companies who work locally, George Cade from Cherry Valley and Maxwell from Syracuse. To get a larger company interested, we would have to get other towns interested in doing a reval at the same time as us. Councilman Lentz stated that he was in favor of doing one and Councilman Eklund felt that we need assurances that we will be able to keep it up to date after we do it. After further discussion, a motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 5/0 to authorize Supervisor Taylor to proceed with drafting an RFP and to seek out other area towns for interest in joining with us.

Supervisor Taylor noted that if we want to save up funds to replace the highway barn, we should set up a capital reserve. He will get the procedure from Attorney Tillapaugh. The Town Board and Planning Board will meet on April 22, 2010 at 7:00 PM with Alan Sorensen to work on the revision of Site Plan Review Regulations. It was also noted that we need to discuss the duties for a Land Use Officer so we can develop a job description. Stan Leonard is going to replace the existing exit signs with LCD exit signs at a cost of \$25.00 each. Flo Loomis has asked that we consider having a white goods day. County Representative Steve Fournier has asked Supervisor Taylor to work on the newly formed County Committee on Gas Drilling.

A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to pay General Fund bills #76 through #88 for a total of \$3,868.00. Supervisor Taylor paid bills #67 through #75 for a total of \$4,152.63 with prior Board approval.

Estimates were received from Ben Richards and Lou Colburn for replacing the doors in the large meeting room and windows. Ben Richards gave us four types of windows, with the Board agreeing on vinyl windows. He quoted \$545.00 per window and \$1930.00 per door. Lou Colburn gave a price to replace all of the windows in the town hall for \$10,640.00. If we just wanted to replace the big windows, he gave a price of \$725.00 per double window. He also gave a price of \$1500.00 per door. The Board discussed whether or not it was a good time to replace the windows due to the economic situation. Councilman Lentz suggested we should look into the two different types of windows. After discussion, it was decided to wait until next month to decide on the replacement of the windows. A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 5/0 to hire Lou Colburn to replace the two doors in the large meeting room at a cost of \$1500.00 each.

A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to hire Innovative Playground Services, Inc. to do an inspection of our playground equipment at a cost of \$375.00. They will inspect it and then provide us with a list of any needed repairs and a cost list.

Councilman Edward Lentz noted that he has been trying to set up a time to review the justice's books with Justice Bruce Moskos. He further noted that he had talked to Kim McDonald of JNS Towers from Central Valley, NY about getting a cell tower set up on Town property. He advised that they act as managers, they will build, get the leases, etc. They would need at least one lease guarantee to build. They would get the sign on fee and the Town would split the monthly lease fee of \$2,000.00 with them. They might even be able to get broadband internet service. They will provide a contract for us to review and Councilman Lentz will check with them about who is responsible for the maintenance of the tower. He is also going to get a copy of a contract that the Town of Hartwick got, but they did not proceed with.

The Clerk noted that she is having problems with transferring files onto the website. She's waiting for David Green to help out. Most of the site is up and active.

The Butternut Valley Alliance is holding a meeting on Sunday at 1:30 PM at the town hall. There will be a seminar in Oneonta on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM on A Century of Challenges, presented by Nicole Foss. The Clerk will be in Oneonta on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> for an all day class on the DECALS hunting license program. This class was mandated by the DEC if we want to be able to continue selling licenses.

With no further business, a motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 5/0 to adjourn at 9:40 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk