

**NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---JUNE 8, 2010---7:30PM
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING---TOWN HALL**

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilmen Glen Noto, Edward Lentz, Connie Chase & Robert Eklund, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Attorney Martin Tillapaugh, Also: Lenny Melillo, Don & Harriet Collison, Joe Gregory, Kathy Riso, Claude Harris

Supervisor Taylor opened the regular monthly meeting at 7:31 PM. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to accept the minutes for the May 11, 2010 regular meeting as written.

The Planning Board met 6/7/10 and reviewed the site plan application from Anthony Conduro (Valley Vista Farm) for a 40 foot by 40 foot building to be used as a packing house, storage shed and farm stand. They recommended approval on the application and Mr. Conduro agreed to use the lighting and sign standards in the new regulations we are drafting. Claude Harris was present representing Mr. Conduro. He advised that the building will be on the opposite side of the road from the house & barn, setback 300 feet, with a circular driveway. They have planted strawberries, blueberries, vegetables, etc. They hope to sell their produce on site (possibly u-pick) and perhaps at farmers markets. A motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to approve Site Plan Review Application #02-10 for Anthony Conduro/Valley Vista Farm for a pole barn style structure to be used as a packing house, storage shed and farm stand. Outdoor lighting and signs will be done in accordance with the revised regulations we are working on.

One bid of \$500.00 was received from Rodney Brimmer for the 1985 Dodge pickup truck with plow which was advertised for sale. A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 5/0 to accept the \$500.00 bid for the 1985 Dodge pickup and plow from Rodney Brimmer.

Supt. Whitaker advised that they have started preparing Goddards Road for paving with the CHIPS funds, if a State budget gets passed. He noted that if we don't get the funds he will turn it back into a dirt road. He has applied dust oil around town in front of homes at a cost of \$10,323.50. A recent power outage left the radio tower out of service. The other users, the Laurens School, Emergency Squad and Hwy. Dept. are proposing that we all split the cost of a propane generator for use at the tower site during power outages. The Board voiced no objections to our splitting the estimated \$900.00 cost with our share being \$225.00. Town & Country Bridge & Rail will be starting the work at Turnbull Road Bridge when school is out. They will descale, paint and redeck the bridge. The estimate they gave us last year was \$64,860.00. Councilwoman Connie Chase advised that she had received an email from Betty Anne Schwerd about a tree in danger of falling on Goddards Road. Supt. Whitaker will check it out. Supt. Whitaker will review the list of equipment from the insurance company. It was also discussed that we need to make a new inventory of small items in the Hwy. Barn. Highway bills #79 through #97 for a total of \$24,544.94 were audited and approved for payment by the Board.

Lenny Melillo noted that after talking with paving contractors he felt that using the road material to pave the firehouse would not work out. With the heavy trucks pulling in and out he felt the road material wouldn't hold up. He therefore suggested that the paving job at the upper firehouse be held up until we have the funds to apply blacktop. He questioned if the money for the paving could be given to the fire dept. as they would not have to pay prevailing wage as a non-profit corporation. Attorney Tillapaugh will review our contract with the fire company, but he did not see why we couldn't increase the budget for the fire dept. next year to cover the paving cost. The fire department is planning another big Labor Day weekend barbecue this year on Sunday September 5th. They have their new truck in service and Lenny advised that he has seen good turnout and moral this year. They have 17 active firemen.

Supt. Whitaker did not get an exact cost for doing only part of the town hall parking lot, but he advised that the cost of oil is down so it would be less than the amount

estimated. Supervisor Taylor noted that he asked those attending the meal site and most were in favor. Kathy Riso added that having walking stability—no mud or potholes was the most important. Lenny Melillo added that the prep work is the most important. A laser should be used to get the correct grade and we could use a “paper” product underneath to help prolong the life of the paving. After further discussion, it was decided to have the highway dept. work on the area to get rid of potholes, level the area and grade in fill. Supt. Whitaker will apply calcium for dust control. We will see how this works out and decide if money should be budgeted for paving next year.

Don & Harriet Collison advised that they are still working on trying to get their church conference, which has now been changed, to allow them to build a memorial park at the site of the Methodist Church and donate it to the Town. Attorney Tillapaugh did not see any problems with the Town accepting this. They requested the Board to make a formal decision if they would accept the park. After further discussion, a motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 5/0 to accept, in principal, the idea of taking possession of a memorial park at the site of the former Methodist Church, with all of the details to be worked out if it becomes a reality.

Kathy Riso, treasurer of the New Lisbon Senior Citizens was present to request more funds next year for the group. She advised that they have 10-12 active members. With a maturing group, she is looking for ways to attract younger senior citizens and feels if they have more interesting activities it would help do this. More activities like going out to lunch, or shows and having interesting speakers or entertainment and doing crafts will cost more money, but might help attract more people. She noted that Hartwick has about 30 people in their group and has a budget of \$2000.00. The Board requested that she come up with a budget estimate and they will consider an increase at budget time.

We received notice of a meeting on June 23rd from 10am-Noon at the old Meadows in Cooperstown on road preservation. Delta Engineers of Endwell, NY will be there to explain their road baseline survey services and road use agreements.

The Otsego County Dept. of Health sent a reminder that it is our responsibility to see that dogs in the Town are licensed because this in turns helps control rabies since dogs must have a current rabies shot to be licensed. A dog census will help ensure that all dogs in the Town are licensed. The Clerk contacted Shawn Patrick, our DCO, and he would prefer if we could find someone else to conduct the census. He would handle any trouble spots. Last time we paid \$1.00 per dog counted plus mileage. The Board will consider doing a census and discuss further at a later date. It is being discussed at the State level of doing away with their part of dog licensing and putting all responsibilities on the Towns.

Consultant Alan Sorensen has made changes to his first draft of site plan review regulations based on our joint meeting with the Planning Board. Everyone is to review the revisions and see if any further changes are needed.

Supervisor Robert Taylor submitted a copy of a letter and RFP for a revaluation which he sent to surrounding towns that have an equalization rate under 50%. Our tentative 2010 equalization rate is 43, up from 42.68 last year. He hopes to hear from Towns by the end of June and get the RFP out in July. If other towns joined with us we may get a better price and more companies interested.

Supervisor Taylor noted that a survey pin on Don Hull’s property on Bardin Road was removed while doing road work. We will have to have the surveyor come out and reset it at our expense.

The mission statement for the Otsego County Natural Gas Advisory Committee (NGAC), of which Supervisor Taylor is part, is to address the public sector impacts and opportunities related to natural gas industry activities. They will limit their discussions to issues that the County and Towns have jurisdiction over. Concerns over the possible environmental impacts will not be addressed. Supervisor Taylor was a bit disappointed with some aspects of the committee, but will continue to serve on it.

A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to pay General Fund bills #117 through #133 for a total of \$13,326.33. Supervisor Taylor paid General Fund bills #110 through #115 and Hwy. bills #98 & #116 for a total of \$26,859.33 with prior Board approval.

Victor Lasher advised that some tree work needs to be done in Welcome Cemetery on Co. Rt. 16 and Smith Cemetery on Myers Mill Rd. Jeff Broek of Town & Country Tree gave an estimate of \$375.00 for cutting down one tree and one broken limb from another tree in Welcome Cemetery. He had not located the other cemetery. A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 5/0 to hire Jeff Broek to do the tree work in Welcome Cemetery at a cost of \$375.00 and to authorize up to \$300.00 for the tree work in Smith Cemetery on Myers Mill Road.

A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 5/0 to advertise for bids on #2 Fuel Oil, Kerosene, Diesel, Unleaded Gas and service contracts on our four furnaces to be opened at the July 13, 2010 meeting and to check on County bid prices on these items.

Councilman Edward Lentz submitted a contract from JNS Towers for the Board and Attorney Tillapaugh to review. There would be no monetary commitment on the part of the Town. Councilman Lentz noted that he would like to see a performance clause that would allow us out of the contract after a certain amount of time if JNS Towers doesn't find someone who will commit to leasing. Lenny Melillo suggested that we have Doug Edwards look at the contract as he has had a lot of experience in this field.

Building Custodian Robin Lasher has advised that the entrance and hall way rugs in the Town Hall need replacing which was okay with the Board. We still need to purchase two more of the lighter plastic tables.

With no further business, a motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to adjourn at 9:30 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk