

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

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilmen Robert Eklund, Connie Chase & Edward Lentz, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Residents Don & Harriet Collison, Edward George, Keith Woodbeck, Theresa Berdon, & Joe Gregory
Absent: Councilman Glen Noto

Supervisor Taylor opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to accept the minutes for the June 8, 2010 regular meeting as written.

Fuel bids were received and opened from Reese Marshall and Mirabito. Reese Marshall bid a price of \$209.00 for each furnace contract and differential factors of \$.17 for diesel, kerosene, #2 fuel oil and unleaded gas and \$.25 for winter blend diesel. Mirabito gave two options for furnace contracts of \$119.95 or \$269.95 each and differential factors of \$.18 for diesel, kerosene for winter blend with diesel, kerosene, #2 fuel oil and unleaded gas. The Board did not want to split the bid. Because of the closeness of the bids, it was decided to get the usage of the items from the past three years and determine the average amount used of each item. Using the differential factors, we will determine which overall bid would give us the best deal. A special meeting was scheduled for Friday, July 23rd, 2010 at 10:00 AM to review the findings and award a bid for the fuels for the upcoming year.

Since it was decided not to pave the Town Hall parking lot this year, Supt. Whitaker got an estimate of \$34,094.33 to pave .6 mile of Jones Road on the end of Goddards Road. This would be in addition to using CHIPS fund to pave Goddards Road. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 4/0 to approve the Hwy. Supt. using CHIPS funds for paving .6 mile of Jones Road in addition to Goddards Road.

Supt. Whitaker noted that because the weather has been extra hot and dry, the dust oil he previously placed on dirt roads isn't holding up that well. The Board had no objection to his hitting the worst spots again with dust oil, probably two loads, since he has sufficient funds in the budget. Highway bills #99 through #117 for a total of \$11,112.16 were audited and approved for payment by the Board.

Town & Country Bridge & Rail has ordered material for the repairs on Turnbull Bridge. They plan on working on it the 1st or 2nd week of August, with repairs being done before school opens. A question had been asked about having a reduced speed limit placed along with the detour signs when Turnbull Road is closed. The Town doesn't have the authority to set speed limits, but we will check with the County to see if we could place signs temporarily during the detour.

Supt. Whitaker noted that Pete Chase has retired from the highway department. The one person he was interested in hiring has decided that his present job provides him a better deal economically so Supt. Whitaker advised the Board that he is still looking for someone. Carlton Rockwell is working for us temporarily. Several questioned why he doesn't place an ad for help to see who's out there. The Board advised that it was his discretion as to if he advertises and who he hires. It was discussed about possibly hiring someone without a CDL license and training them. The Attorney will be asked if we could require them to stay a certain length of time if we train them or if they left could we require them to have to pay back training costs.

Theresa Berdon of Elliott Road advised the Board that she has been having problems with a neighbor's dog being loose and bothering her family, dogs and chickens. She has attempted to talk to the person and has filed complaints with DCO Shawn Patrick. She advised that this person also has property in Edmeston and the DCO there advised her that he has had a lot of complaints about the same dog. She is willing to sign a complaint. Supervisor Taylor will talk to DCO Patrick about the issue and Mrs. Berdon was asked to keep a list of dates & times when the dog causes problems as she would need this information for a deposition. Ed George noted that he had called the DCO

about a new dog in town barking all day. He did not get a call back from the DCO, but the dog has stopped barking all day so he assumed he might have handled it. Ed George also asked the highway supt. to look at High Street as he thought it needed some maintenance done on it. Don and Harriet Collison noted that they are still working on getting the Methodist Church property turned into a park and over to the Town. They are going to meet next week with the Chancellor of the Northern Conference about the idea. They mentioned they are thinking of a replica of the steeple to hang the bell in. Some have thought the pine trees along the road should be cut down and others want them to stay.

Otsego County sent notice that they are having a meeting on July 14, 2010 about joining their decision to send out a RFP for an engineering firm to assess the current condition of the roads, help draft a road use agreement, local laws, permits, etc. Supervisor Taylor and Hwy. Supt. Whitaker had attended a meeting by DELTA Engineers previously on this subject. Councilman Eklund was concerned that we keep the controls we placed in our local law if we do go forward with the County on this. Supervisor Taylor will attend and bring back information for the Board.

We received notice of a meeting with FEMA on July 15, 2010 in Cooperstown pertaining to the declaration of a storm (DR-1899). The exact dates of the time period were not defined in the notice, but we have not had any recent storm damages.

The County Planning Dept. is working on revisions to the All Hazard Mitigation Plan. We have to renew it in 2012. We need to complete the annual update worksheet pertaining to any storms or hazards that have occurred here. They are looking for volunteers to serve on a countywide planning committee which would probably only meet once a year.

The County Board of Elections is holding training sessions on the new voting machines around the County, but none at our town hall. We will be using the new machines this fall for elections.

Supervisor Taylor suggested that we need to start thinking about what we will want and need in a new highway barn. If there is funding for using "green" technology we should consider that. The Highway men will be asked to start making a wish list of what they would like to see in a new barn and go look at others. We have to consider if we will locate at the present site or look for perhaps a more centralized location.

Bookkeeper Doris Schlee may decide to retire at the end of the year. Supervisor Taylor was going to see if Pete Chase would be interested in coming in to learn the bookkeeping system.

Two young men were seen driving around the town hall & park in an unsuitable manor. Hwy. employees spoke to them and got their names & license plate number. After discussion, the Board directed the Supervisor to report it to the sheriff and ask them to pay the two young men a warning visit.

A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to authorize the Supervisor to spend up to \$500.00 to attend a Community Empowerment conference in Batavia. The conference is on meeting the aging community needs.

Supervisor Taylor noted that the people (approx. 30) who attend the once a month meal put on by Prestige Service for the County at the Town Hall asked to have another meal added during the month. They were turned down because several other meal sites have been closed and the County Board felt it wouldn't look good to increase the meals at our site.

A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to pay General Fund bills #142 through #150 for a total of \$1251.93. Supervisor Taylor paid bills #134 through #141 for a total of \$23,043.86 with prior Board approval.

Councilman Edward Lentz advised that he is waiting for input from the Attorney and Roy Althiser on the cell tower agreement. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 4/0 to authorize Councilman Robert Eklund to

attend the EPA hearing on August 12th and read the Town Board's previously drafted statement on the GEIS regulations.

We will try to set up a meeting with the Planning Board to review the revisions to the Site plan regulations for 8:00 PM on August 17th or 19th. The Town Board would like to set up another table and display for the September 5th Fireman's barbecue.

Supervisor Taylor reported that he has had no commitment from any other Town in joining our RFP for a revaluation. All agreed that we should not wait any longer and a motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to send out the RFP for a town wide revaluation.

Lou Colburn has recommended that we place eaves trough over the new doors put in the large meeting room to help protect them. The Board approved up to \$250.00 to hire Lou Colburn to place eaves troughs over the two new doors.

With no further business, a motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 4/0 to adjourn at 9:32 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk