

**NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---OCTOBER 12, 2010---7:00PM---TOWN HALL
PUBLIC HEARING ON 2011 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Present: Councilmen Edward Lentz, Robert Eklund, Connie Chase & Glen Noto, Supervisor Robert Taylor, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, also residents Keith Woodbeck, Lenny Melillo & Edward George

Supervisor Taylor opened the public hearing on the 2011 Preliminary Budget at 7:00 PM. The Town Board had worked on the budget, whittling the proposed tax rate from \$17.11 to \$15.23. Lenny Melillo spoke on behalf of the fire company. They would like to pave the upper firehouse parking area next year. Estimates were received from Webster's Paving and Gifford Paving, with Webster's being the lowest at \$11,664.00. (Does not include paying prevailing wage.) The firemen will do the prep work. They could do half at a time, but then it would cost more in the long run. After discussing, the Board increased the amount for the upper firehouse contractual to \$12,000.00 and decreased the Town Hall repairs (paving money) to \$10,000.00.

Overtime figures for the highway department were reviewed. In 2008 the total overtime hours per man was 190 hours and in 2009 it was 150 hours. The 2011 budget was figured at 300 hours. If we cut the overtime hours to 200 hours it would save \$9,600.00 and if we cut overtime to 250 hours we would save \$4,800.00. It was decided to drop the overtime figured to 250 hours. Highway barn contractual will be decreased to \$17,000.00. Supervisor Taylor will rerun the numbers and see how it comes out with the aim being to stay close to last year's tax rate of \$14.93.

With no further comments from the floor, a motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to close the public hearing at 7:45 PM.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Present: same as above

Supervisor Taylor opened the regular meeting at 7:45 PM. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 5/0 to accept the minutes for the September 7, 2010 regular meeting and the September 28, 2010 tentative budget meeting as written.

Highway Superintendent Bill Whitaker advised that they are drawing in winter sand. They will have to seal the roads they paved. He reported that we didn't fair too bad during the recent rain storm where we received over 5 inches of rain in a 24 hour period. Highway bills #148 through #165 for a total of \$83,844.82 were audited and approved for payment by the Board.

Councilman Lentz wants to see the highway dept. set up a computer maintenance log. Councilman Robert Eklund noted that if we go with DELTA they will utilize computer files. We should set up a road maintenance system on computer also. Former highway employee Pete Chase had started to set up a computer program for equipment. A meeting will be set up for next week with Hwy. Supt. Whitaker, Councilmen Lentz, Councilman Eklund and they will see if Pete Chase would be interested in working part-time on setting up a computer maintenance log.

Edward George requested the Supervisor to contact the Department of Health about the garbage problem in his neighborhood. Clerk Charlene Wells reported that the DEC has submitted their proposed regulations on outdoor wood boilers to the Environmental Board which will consider approving them at their October 25, 2010 meeting. She will continue to look for samples of local laws on wood boilers. The Village of Morris has a law which bans them in the village. Lenny Melillo advised the Board that he thought the Town could set their own wage rates instead of having to use prevailing wage rates which are too high for our area. Supervisor Taylor noted that the Supervisor's Association will be having a person from the Dept. of Labor at their next meeting so he can ask about setting our own labor rates.

We received a letter from Matthew Sheldon, the new superintendent of Morris Central School concerning the school district's summer program. He advised that they might not have funds to run the summer program this year and requested help from the Town. Supervisor Taylor advised that he had called the school to see how many kids from the Town of New Lisbon are in the program. With no figures yet, the Board took no action on this request at this time.

We received notice from the Army Corps of Engineers that the stone riprap which was placed along the Butternut Creek by the Co. Hwy. 12 bridge in New Lisbon was covered under their general permit numbers 13 & 33.

Supervisor Taylor submitted information on doing a revaluation that he received at the last Supervisor's Assoc. meeting. It was stressed that a reval is necessary for assessments to be fair and equitable. In order to keep the reval up to date, the assessor will have to do more work. The new state program includes rechecking one fourth of the town each year. We could receive state funds for doing this. Supervisor Taylor will meet with the County Director of Real Property Services for his input on our RFP and will check again with surrounding towns about going in with us on a revaluation. If no one wants to join us he will put out our RFP for a reval in January 2011.

A motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to authorize the Supervisor to attend the 2011 Association of Towns Annual Meeting in NYC in February 2011 and to be our voting delegate.

A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to approve General Fund bills #188 through #197 for a total of \$2,154.19. Supervisor Taylor paid bills #181 through #187 for a total of \$3,208.44 with prior Board approval. The Supervisor's monthly report was submitted to the Board.

Consultant Alan Sorenson completed the full EAF for the new site plan and subdivision regulations. The definition of Land Use Enforcement Officer and home occupations that are exempt from site plan review were amended as discussed last month. With no further changes to the new site plan regulations, a motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 5/0 to adopt Resolution #01-10 to introduce a local law to adopt Chapter 100 Site Plan Law and Chapter 200 Subdivision Regulations and to schedule a public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2010 at 7:00 PM on November 9, 2010. Copies of the new regulations will have to be referred to the County Planning Board for their review.

No more information was received on the DELTA proposal. The County Attorney is reviewing the contract. Councilman Eklund noted that the references he checked had good comments about DELTA. Councilman Lentz noted that the ones he called hadn't heard of DELTA. It was agreed to see if we could get DELTA representative Steve Mesmerick to come talk to the Board (and invite other Town's officials) to answer their questions.

The second draft of an e-mail policy for the Town has been reviewed by Board members. With no further changes, a motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 5/0 to adopt the Town of New Lisbon E-Mail Policy.

Clerk Charlene Wells amended our old dog law from 2002 to include the new items needed to meet the changes that go into effect January 1, 2011 when the state passes all licensing duties to the Town. Attorney Tillapaugh was sent a copy, but we have not heard his comments on the proposed new dog law. A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 5/0 to schedule a public hearing on proposed local law #02-2010, Dog Control & Licensing Law, for November 9, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to reappoint Richard Eldridge to a new five year term on the Board of Review effective

10/1/2010. We still have one more opening on the Board of Review that needs to be filled.

Councilman Eklund noted that the Butternut Valley Alliance would be holding its next meeting at the Butternut Brewery on October 17th. There is a panel discussion on gas drilling at the United Methodist Church in Oneonta on October 13th.

Councilman Lentz will check with the Association of Towns for a sample RFP for cell towers. He noted that Erik Miller offered his help in looking for grant funds for a new highway barn.

Councilman Noto advised that addition of the library tax on the school tax bill was authorized under NYS Education Law and that a meeting and vote was held on it. The budget of \$49,500.00 does include an increase of approximately \$25,000.00 to cover the addition of a full time library director position.

With no further business, a motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk