

**NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---NOVEMBER 9, 2010—7:00PM
PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAWS #1 & #2**

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

Supervisor Taylor opened the public hearing on proposed Local Law # 1, a local law repealing our previous subdivision and site development plan review regulations and replacing them with Chapter 100 Site Plan Review and Chapter 200 Subdivision Regulations and Local Law #2, a local law for Dog Control & Dog Licensing, replacing the previous dog law from 2002 and adding the requirements necessary to take over the licensing duties from the State.

There were no comments from the floor on either proposed local law. The County Planning Board was supposed to review Local Law #1 on the new site plan and subdivision regulations last night, but the meeting was cancelled due to bad weather and rescheduled for next week. The Town Board will have to wait until next month to act on this law because we have to wait for the input from the County. Supervisor Taylor reported that Attorney Tillapaugh had reviewed and approved the proposed new dog law. With no further comments, a motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to close the public hearing at 7:07 PM

**NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---NOVEMBER 9, 2010
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING—TOWN HALL**

Present: same as above plus Councilman Robert Eklund (late)

Supervisor Taylor opened the regular meeting at 7:09 PM. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 4/0 to accept the minutes from the October 12, 2010 preliminary budget hearing and regular meeting as written.

Supt. Bill Whitaker advised that they are almost done drawing in winter sand. He completed and submitted the CHIPS reimbursement paperwork for \$125,336.54. He used expenses from paving Goddards Road and Jones Road and from redecking Turnbull Road Bridge. It was noted that next year's CHIPS program will be under a different bonding agency. They don't want any of the CHIPS funds going for equipment or sealing roads. They only want road projects with a ten year life span. Supt. Whitaker noted that he hopes to do Gardnertown Road next year. The Board had no objection to Supt. Whitaker keeping a town radio at his home. Highway Bills #166 through #188 for a total of \$37,442.36 were audited and approved for payment by the Board.

Supt. Whitaker, Councilmen Edward Lentz and Robert Eklund and Pete Chase met to discuss setting up equipment repair logs and road maintenance logs. Pete Chase agreed to do the data input for us. They are looking for software to use for this project. Supervisor Taylor and Councilman Edward Lentz are meeting this week with Erik Miller to discuss steps to take and possible grants for replacing the highway barn.

Edward George noted that the County salt shed above him on St. Hwy. 51 leaks out to the surrounding properties and in Mill Brook. He noted that Election Day went well with the new voting machine. They had to reset the outside light timers.

We received a copy of a letter, drafted by Citizens Against Unsafe Gas Drilling and supported by many other local organizations, which was sent to the Otsego County Board of Representatives requesting they take steps to protect the health, safety and private property of Otsego County residents with regards to gas drilling activities.

Supervisor Taylor noted that if any of the Board members want to go to the Assoc. of Towns Conference in NYC in February, they have to register. The Dept. of Labor had representatives at the last Supervisor's Association meeting. They advised that the Town can not set its own labor rates. They set the rates based on their survey.

Supervisor Taylor advised that he had met with the Assoc. of Towns Resolution Committee and it was discussed that it looks possible that the State will enact a property tax cap law. With increasing retirement contributions, medical insurance and other mandated items, it could be hard to keep the Town budget under a certain percentage increase without cutting services, mostly in the highway budget which is the largest part of the Town budget. The Association of Towns is drafting a resolution against this and will send a copy for the Town to review and hopefully support. Supervisor Taylor reported that Attorney Tillapaugh advised that since the firemen are going to be donating their labor to prepare the firehouse parking area for repaving, he saw no problem with having them get estimates and paying for the project and getting reimbursement from the Town.

Assessor Kathleen Chase and Supervisor Taylor are gathering information from other towns who used Maxwell to do their revaluation as to how they performed and if they were happy with the service they received. No other surrounding towns have expressed an interest in joining in with us, so it is likely we will be putting out an RFP for our own revaluation in January 2011. There are no guarantees as to how long the new system for keeping the roll updated will prevent having to do another revaluation.

A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to pay General Fund bills #206 through #214 for a total of \$2,627.78. Supervisor Taylor paid bills #198 through #204 for a total of \$3,339.03 with prior Board approval. The Supervisor's monthly report was submitted to the Board.

We were provided the number of children in the Morris Central School summer program by zip code as follows: Morris-22, New Lisbon-4, New Berlin-7, Garrattsville-4, Mt. Vision-11 and Laurens-4. The Board took no action on committing Town funds at this time.

A motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 5/0 to adopt the Dog Control & Dog Licensing Law as Local Law #1 Of 2010. This law will be filed with the Secretary of State and will be effective 1/1/2011.

Supervisor Taylor had adjusted the unexpended balance in the 2011 Preliminary Budget and came up with a tax rate of \$14.98. He advised the Board that he felt we were using too much of our reserve which would hurt us in years to come. After discussion, the Board agreed to drop the general fund unexpended balance by \$10,000.00, coming up with a tax rate of \$15.22. (Up from \$14.93-2010 Budget) A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to adopt the revised 2011 Preliminary Budget as the 2011 Final Budget.

Councilman Lentz advised that he found out that Richmondville had a cell tower put up by JNS Towers that looks like a flag pole. He is researching further on drafting an RFP for a cell tower to be placed on Town property.

Councilman Eklund noted that he felt that Senator Jim Seward should be asked to speak to the County Task Force on gas drilling about what happens to insurance costs because of gas drilling and a representative from the NYS Office of Real Property Tax services should also be asked to explain how gas drilling will affect assessments.

With no further business, a motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 5/0 to adjourn at 9:20 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk