

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD—DECEMBER 14, 2010
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING—7:30 PM---TOWN HALL

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilmen Edward Lentz, Robert Eklund, Connie Chase and Glen Noto, Clerk Charlene Wells, Also: Mert Hull & Joe Gregory
Absent: Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker

Supervisor Taylor opened the regular monthly meeting at 7:30 PM. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 5/0 to accept the minutes for the November 9, 2010 public hearing and monthly meeting as written.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker had submitted a list of old, unneeded items which he would like to get rid of. A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to declare the following items surplus and to advertise for bids to be opened on January 11, 2011: 10 foot power angle plow, 275 gallon fuel oil tank, 100 gallon fuel nurse tank (no pump), 24 inch truck tires, junk transmissions, junk sanders and a cat loader bucket. Highway bills #189 through #207 for a total of \$14,442.28 were audited and approved for payment by the Board. Supervisor Taylor paid Highway Bills #208 & #209 for a total of \$39,857.28 with prior Board approval.

The post office was removed from the Garrattsville Country Store on December 7, 2010 and 69 box holders (including town offices) have to get their mail at the post office in Burlington Flats. We have been advised that the post office has to go through their process to see if they will reinstate it. After discussion, a motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 5/0 to send a letter in support of reinstating the Garrattsville Post Office.

We received notice from the County that our Worker's Compensation total for the 2011 County Budget is \$6,442.02, up from \$5,577.03 last year. Supervisor Taylor noted that there would be a meeting on 12/20/10 with the Solid Waste committee to get input of what towns want to do if the County gets out of MOSA. If the County decides to handle waste disposal themselves, we could have to provide a recycling station.

A motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 5/0 to pay General Fund bills #226 through #235 for a total of \$3,383.31. Supervisor Taylor paid bills #215 through #225 for a total of \$12,117.68 with prior Board approval.

The Planning Board met on December 6, 2010 and recommended approval of Site Plan Application #04 for Robbert DeBruyn for an addition to his previously approved motor vehicle repair shop on Harrington Road, subject to our lighting and sign provisions. The Town Board reviewed the application further. Mr. Debruyn had noted that waste would be disposed of properly. It was discussed that a list of what types of waste would be generated and where they would be going should be part of the plan. After further review, a motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to request that a list of waste materials and where they will be sent for disposal be submitted and that upon receipt and verification of the list, the site plan application #04-10 for Robbert Debruyn for Draken Off Road Workshop addition on Harrington Road will be given approval.

A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to hold a public hearing on the 2011 Fire Protection Contract with the Garrattsville Fire Company on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 7:00 PM, followed by the 2011 Organizational Meeting, and followed by the regular monthly meeting.

A motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to make the following appropriation changes to cover bills: 1. Increase A1460.4—Records Management Contractual by 96 cents. Transfer from A1410.4—Town Clerk Contractual. 2. Increase A8020.4—Planning Contractual by \$1565.63. Transfer from A8010.1—Land Use Officer. 3. Increase A1620.42—Town Hall Repairs by \$12,640.00. Transfer \$4000.00 from A1990.4—Contingent Account, \$3400.00 from A8010.1—Land Use Officer, \$3000.00 from A1620.43---Firehouse Contractual, \$1240.00 from A3510.4 Dog

Contractual and \$1000.00 from A1620.41---Town Hall Contractual. 4. Increase A8810.1—Cemetery Salary by \$552.50. Transfer from A1910.4---Insurance.

In July of 2007, the Town Board agreed to reduce the fees from \$1100.00 to \$200.00 for a minor subdivision of the Nelsen Farm, since the two lots were a gift to Mrs. Nelsen's daughter and granddaughter and because of her ill health, with the stipulation that if they were sold within 10 years, the extra \$900.00 plus 6% interest would be payable to the Town. Candace Eschler is looking to sell part of her parcel and is working on her subdivision application. After discussion, the Board decided that they had to stick with the original agreement and that \$900.00 plus \$85.00 interest would have to be paid in addition to the \$100.00 simple subdivision fee. She also will need to submit NYS DOT driveway approval for the new lot to be created.

A motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to authorize the Clerk, Bookkeeper and Supervisor to see that any necessary bills that should be paid before the end of 2010 are paid, instead of calling a special meeting.

Supervisor Taylor submitted a copy of an Intermunicipal Agreement regarding cooperation to implement a study plan to preserve local roads in Otsego County. The Otsego County Planning Dept. will be in charge of working with towns on this issue. The cost would be \$8500.00 plus additional cost for helping with the SEQRA paperwork. The Board decided to review the agreement further and get more information before committing to joining with the County to have DELTA provide the road assessments.

Supervisor Taylor noted that Travis Austin who did work for the County Planning Dept. is now with the Otsego County Conservation Association. He is supposed to be available to assist towns as a consultant. Supervisor Taylor suggested that perhaps he might be interested in being our Land Use Enforcement Officer.

Councilman Edward Lentz reported that Otsego Electric will look at what ideas we have for a new highway barn and see if there is anything they can help with, or at least get us information on the best ideas for heating and lighting. Councilman Robert Eklund noted that if we have to handle recycling in the future that should be incorporated in the new highway barn plans. Supervisor Taylor will look for information on building consultants when he goes to the conference in NYC in February.

Consultant Alan Sorensen is drafting minor revisions to the subdivision regulations and site plan regulations to meet the concerns and questions that were raised by the Otsego County Planning Board's review. One question he had for the Board to decide on was the issue of collaborating between the Code Office and our local land use enforcement officer when a county issued permit is part of a site plan. The Board wishes to keep it as simple as possible. The wording will be amended to reflect that the local land use officer will check with the County Code office to see that the applicant has met all of the County's requirements before a final Town approval is given. Section L on page 46 also has to be corrected to read that permits are issued by the Otsego County Code Office, not the Town.

Councilman Lentz submitted a first draft of an RFP for a cell tower for the Board to review. He will forward a copy to the attorney to review. Pete Chase has looked at the sample maintenance logs that are available and feels they are all too complex and costly. He has set up his own version which Councilmen Eklund & Lentz will go look at and see if they think it will work for us. Councilman Lentz is also checking with Frontier and Verizon to see what can be done to improve DSL service in the Town.

With no further business, a motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to adjourn at 8:50 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk