

**NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD—SPECIAL MEETING—AUGUST 23, 2011
TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE---7:30PM**

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilmen Robert Eklund, Connie Chase and Edward Lentz, Clerk Charlene Wells Absent: Councilman Glen Noto
Also present: Residents Ed George, Sue Smith, Donald Smith, Ed Dawyot, Joe & James Gregory, Maribeth Rubenstein, one other woman

Supervisor Taylor opened the special meeting at 7:30 PM. He advised that he had received an email advising that Tavis Austin is leaving OCCA. We can cancel our contract with them for the Circuit Rider program, or leave open until they find a replacement for Tavis. They will not bill us for the 10 ½ hours Tavis had put in to date.

The Board discussed what they would want to see in a local law to ban heavy industry. All agreed that it needed to be a ban of heavy industry, not just gas drilling. Agriculture, logging and sand & gravel mines would not be included as heavy industry. The Board looked at a sample law and parts from other towns' laws. All agreed they liked the definition of heavy industry in the Middlefield law. They would like a preamble like in the Cherry Valley law. Our law would be based on the goals in our comprehensive plan. They would like it to include a statement that nothing affects our Right to Farm law. Since we do not have zoning, we would not make the entire town a land use district where heavy industry was prohibited. Our law would be a general restriction against heavy industry in the Town but would not interrupt normal industry that occurs now. Supervisor Taylor will get the Board's ideas to Attorney Martin Tillapaugh so that he can draft a law for review. The Board would like to see a first draft before the September 6th meeting. It was further discussed to possibly have our law reviewed by an attorney who has worked on this kind of law, such as Attorney Slottje or get legal advice from Otsego 2000.

The Board discussed the proposal from Tectonic for a needs assessment of our Highway Barn for \$3,800.00. This type of professional review would be useful if applying for a grant. There is no set timetable for building a new barn, but the Board wants to be headed in that direction if a grant does become available. The Board will review the proposal and the contract further to make sure it spells out exactly what we would be getting from Tectonic.

The meeting with Maxwell Appraisal Services to discuss how agricultural exemptions will be handled was changed from September 26th to October 6th, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

With no further business, a motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk