

**NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---SEPTEMBER 27, 2011---SPECIAL MEETING
2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET, ETC.---7:30PM---TOWN HALL**

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilmen Edward Lentz, Connie Chase & Robert Eklund (late), Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Residents: Susie Conklin, Joe Gregory, Sue Smith, Donald Smith, Flo Loomis, Craig Goodspeed, Lenny Goodspeed Absent: Councilman Glen Noto

The Planning Board met on 9/12/11 and recommended approval on subdivision applications #4 & #5. Mr. Hilary was not in attendance so his setback variance application was placed on hold.

A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 3/0 to approve Subdivision Application #4-11 for Gordon Goodspeed and Craig Goodspeed for a simple subdivision and boundary line adjustments on tax map #173.00-1-18.01 on Parker Road.

A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 3/0 to approve Subdivision Application #5-11 for Susie Conklin and Ronald Eppley for a simple subdivision on tax map #175.00-1-30.01 on Allen Road.

Councilman Edward Lentz met with resident James Denekamp who works for Delaware Engineering at the highway barn. His company has worked on highway barns and does have a hwy. barn specialist. We would have to figure out how much space we need based on approximately 45 ft. per plow truck. Most barns are a 55 foot width. The approximate costs for a pole barn type building would be \$60.00 per square foot with a 15-20 year life expectancy. For a butler building the cost would be \$155.00 per square foot with a 50 year life expectancy. Mr. Denekamp recommended radiant heating in the floor as more cost efficient. He noted it would be best if a new building could be built back behind the current one, so the old one could remain in use while a new one was being constructed. We would most likely have to put in a new well and septic. It was also noted that we could use a bigger salt shed with a floor. We would have to have a contractor come in and look at the old building to give us a renovation estimate. Councilman Lentz will check with County Treasurer Dan Crowell to see if the County would have any interest in a joint Town/County highway barn as there is grant money for cooperative projects.

Attorney Martin Tillapaugh submitted a first draft of a local law to ban heavy industry. Councilman Edward Lentz noted that he thought it referenced gas drilling specifically, instead of heavy industry. Agricultural uses are to be exempt. He further noted that since we don't have any non-conforming uses at this time that section should be amended. It was decided to get any suggested changes to Attorney Tillapaugh so he can have an amended text back to us by the October 11, 2011 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to authorize the Garrattsville Greywolves 4-H Group to use the corner lot in Garrattsville for their 4-H display.

The Board reviewed the 2012 Tentative Budget as compiled by Budget Officer Robert Taylor. Our total amount to be raised by tax cannot be more than 2% over last year. The 2011 Final tax rate was \$15.22 and the proposed 2012 Tentative Budget tax rate is \$15.95. Supervisor Taylor noted that the Board would have to cut approximately \$17,000.00 to keep the increase under 2%. Highway employees have requested a 35 cent per hour raise. The tentative budget was figured with a 32 cent increase. We have not received an estimate on what our health insurance costs will be next year. The Board made several budget cuts to both general fund and highway accounts. A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to approve the amended 2012 Tentative Budget as the 2012 Preliminary Budget and to schedule a public hearing on it for October 11, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

We received an e-mail from Donald Barber of the Town of Caroline suggesting that we should consider passing a local law to override the 2% budget cap even if we didn't need it to show the State that we are not happy with them controlling our budgets.

The Town Board decided they will not need to override the 2% cap this year and didn't want to confuse taxpayers by passing a local law to authorize it.

The Town Board decided not to pursue the proposal from Tectonic for a highway barn evaluation at this time. The Clerk will send them a letter advising them of this.

With no further business, a motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to adjourn at 9:20 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk