

**NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---OCTOBER 8, 2013—PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL
LAW #1 OF 2013-BUSINESS INVESTMENT CREDIT---TOWNHALL---7:00 PM**

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilwoman Connie Chase, Councilmen Edward Lentz & Glen Noto, Clerk Charlene Wells, Also: Joe Gregory, Tom Riso, Edward George, Brian Ryther, Sue Smith, Donald Smith, John Pegg

Supervisor Robert Taylor opened the public hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of 2013, a local law to enact the provisions of NYS Real Property Tax Law section 485b so as to provide for a Business Investment Credit on the Town of New Lisbon Real Property Tax Rolls at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the law is to help existing business to expand or new businesses to start up by providing a partial tax credit for businesses that invest \$10,000.00 or more in their business.

Tom Riso noted that this law goes along with our Comprehensive Plan's goal to help economic development in the Town. He questioned if we could add a preamble that the purpose of the law was to create jobs in the Town. He also likes the idea of using local products. Brian Ryther added that as a self-proprietor, he doesn't want to have to hire help in order to get a tax incentive. The Board will ask Attorney Martin Tillapaugh about Mr. Riso's ideas.

With no further comments from the floor a motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to close the public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2013 at 7:15 PM.

**NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---OCTOBER 8, 2013---PUBLIC HEARING ON 2014 PRELIMINARY
BUDGET---TOWN HALL**

Present: same as above

Supervisor Robert Taylor opened the public hearing on the 2014 Preliminary Budget at 7:15 PM. The preliminary tax rate is at \$7.84, up 10 cents from the 2013 budget. The 2% allowable increase has to be adjusted by cost of living factors, so we can only have up to a 1.66% increase this year.

Councilman Edward Lentz noted that he didn't feel the councilmen should get a \$200.00 raise. Councilman Glen Noto added that he felt uncomfortable giving himself a raise. Sue Smith added that their jobs are more community service, with a stipend. Discussion was held on maybe not giving any raises this year. Supervisor Taylor noted that we don't finalize the budget until next month and salaries aren't set until January.

With no further comments from the floor, a motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 4/0 to close the public hearing on the 2014 Preliminary Budget at 7:30 PM.

**NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD-----OCTOBER 8, 2013-----REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING—
TOWN HALL—7:30 PM**

Present: same as above plus Councilman Robert Eklund & Rich Dennis
Absent: Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker

Supervisor Robert Taylor opened the regular meeting at 7:30 PM. A motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to accept the minutes for the September 5, 2013 regular meeting and September 24, 2013 special budget meeting as written.

FEMA has been out looking at sites damaged by the June flooding with Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker. They advised that we may be able to upgrade to box culverts on Parker Road and Goddards roads where the culverts keep washing out because the sluice pipes can't take the water flow in a heavy rainfall. Brian Ryther suggested that we also need to look downstream as Myers Mills Road and Co. Hwy. 12 have been flooded three times this year. Councilman Edward Lentz noted that with the prediction that heavier rainfall will be normal, we should make a list of sites that cause problems and start addressing them.

Supervisor Robert Taylor advised they had a speaker at their Supervisor's Assoc. meeting who spoke about SUCO & the Otsego County Chamber working together to find places for students who want internships with local businesses. It would be for 120 hours during the semester. The local business would have to put time in to mentor the student. Any compensation for the student would have to be worked out.

We received preliminary notice of information on grant awards for homeowners whose property sustained damage by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee through the Recreate NY Smart Home Program. A Cyber Security Webinar will be available on 10/24/13 sponsored by the Assoc. of Towns and the NYS Office of Information Technology Services. The Mohawk Valley Economic Development District will be holding a meeting on 10/23/13 in Oneonta to work on reviewing their projects and goals. The NYS Public Service Commission sent notice on Alternating Current Transmission Upgrades. We are beginning to hear talk of another power line being proposed to run along the Marcy-South corridor.

The Garrattsville Graywolves 4-H group, led by Cathy Galley, are placing a display on the four corners in Garrattsville for 4-H week.

A motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 5/0 to pay General Fund bills #185 through #197 for a total of \$23,510.34 and Highway Fund bills #135 through #150 for a total of \$40,772.04. Supervisor Robert Taylor paid General Fund bills #179 through #184 and Highway Fund bill #151 for a total of \$6,697.41 with prior Board approval. The Supervisor's monthly report was submitted to the Board.

The Town has previously adopted an All Hazards Mitigation Plan which was a requirement if we are to be eligible for FEMA funds. This plan has to be updated every five years. The Otsego County Planning Dept. has been working on this with input from the towns and consultant H2O Partners. A motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to pass Resolution #03-2013, adopting the Otsego County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan 5-Year Update as the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

In order to continue selling hunting/fishing licenses, the Clerk will be required to attend an all-day training session in November. Also, the NYSDEC has advised that a new agreement has to be completed with them for the Clerk to remain a License Issuing Agent. A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to authorize Town Clerk Charlene Wells to sign the new agreement with the NYSDEC to continue as a License issuing Agent.

Supervisor Robert Taylor advised that his computer and the assessor's computer have viruses. Steve Lawton is working on getting the viruses out. Ernest Remillard has completed the Town Hall roof today. He advised that the problems we have had in the past may be caused by the lack of proper ventilation. We should have someone check out the insulation and rearrange it to allow for proper ventilation. We haven't heard anything from the spray foam company about the highway garage roof. The new electric poles have been set, but the wires haven't been moved yet. It was discussed that we should have an annual inspection done of the highway barn to ensure we keep it sealed up properly and avoid costly repairs.

The Board reviewed the diagrams submitted by Richard Dennis for the highway storage building addition. The Board agreed to have him match the addition color to the existing part as close as possible. The Supervisor will open an account at Munsons as the materials are approximated to be \$500.00 less there than at Curtis Lumber. A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to approve the layout for the highway storage building addition as presented by Richard Dennis, with the exception that he first check the placement for the small door with Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker.

A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 4/1 (Robert Eklund against) to adopt Local Law #1 of 2013 to enact the provisions of NYS Real Property Tax Law section 485b so as to provide for a Business Investment Credit on the Town of New Lisbon Real Property Tax Rolls.

A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 5/0 to send a letter to surrounding school districts encouraging them to consider adopting the business investment credit as the Town has just done as a way to help promote business activity.

With no further business, a motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, Town Clerk

**NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---October 9, 2013---3:30PM
SPECIAL MEETING---TOWN HALL**

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilwoman Connie Chase, Councilman Robert Eklund, Clerk Charlene Wells

Supervisor Robert Taylor called the special meeting because Justice Bruce Moskos has to meet a deadline for applying for the grant from the justice court grant program. He wants to apply for funds for a new desk and security cameras. After discussion, a motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 3/0 to authorize Justice Bruce Moskos to apply for funds from the justice court grant program for a desk and security cameras, at a cost up to \$6000.00.

With no further business, a motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 3/0 to adjourn at 3:45 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk