

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---SPECIAL MEETING—DECEMBER 29, 2015 7:30 PM, TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE

Present: Councilwoman Connie Chase, Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilmen Joseph Gregory, John Pegg and Robert Eklund, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Residents: Tom Riso, Lenny Melillo, Pete Chase, George & Kristina Brett, Timothy Miller, Flo Loomis

Supervisor Robert Taylor opened the special meeting at 7:30 PM. Attorney Tillapaugh was due to attend the meeting to discuss the assessment dispute with Yogi Bear Campground and the employee handbook, but he was ill and couldn't attend.

Florence Loomis's resignation last meeting from the Planning Board was not officially accepted by the Board, so she submitted a new resignation from the Planning Board effective December 29, 2015. A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to accept the resignation from Florence Loomis from the New Lisbon Planning Board effective December 29, 2015 with thanks for her years of service.

Supervisor Robert Taylor advised that he would be resigning as Supervisor on December 30th, 2015 at 6:00 PM. The Association of Towns legal counsel suggested that he should be appointed to serve on the Planning Board before the New Year. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 (Robert Taylor abstained from voting) to appoint Robert Taylor to the New Lisbon Planning Board effective December 30, 2015 at 6:01 PM to fill the term vacated by Florence Loomis (term expires May 30, 2019).

The Board reviewed a few more 2015 bills. A motion was made by Joseph Gregory, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to pay General Fund bills # 212 & #213 and Highway Fund Bill # 211 for a total of \$286.01. Supervisor Taylor paid General Fund bills # 208 through #211 for a total of \$453.86 with prior Board approval.

Lenny Melillo questioned if the new improvements made at Yogi-Bear Campground get included in the "agreed upon assessment" if we can make a deal with them, or if they would have to still be added on after we reach an agreement. Tom Riso noted that he had talked with Assessor Kathleen Chase about the improvements made at the campground. Supervisor Robert Taylor thought we would have to update their assessment to include the new items after we reached a settlement. He noted that many things at the campground are not considered permanent and therefore not assessable. Tom Riso advised that he had attended the Fire Department's meeting to ask them about billing for ambulance calls.

George & Kristina Brett were present to discuss their ongoing rat problem which they believe is caused by a neighbor who is hoarding garbage. Since we do not have a health officer at the present time, Land Use Enforcement Officer Tom Riso will look into the issue which could be a violation of our no dumping law or may involve health codes and the Dept. of Health. Supervisor Robert Taylor noted that perhaps the new Board will be able to find someone to take the position of Health Officer.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker noted that they had one truck with a light problem and one that needed a hose replaced during the snow/ice storm overnight & this morning. He thought it was a good practice run for winter.

With no further business, a motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to adjourn at 7:55 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk