

## **NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD—DECEMBER 13, 2016---7:30 PM REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING---TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE**

Present: Supervisor Timothy Miller, Councilwoman Flo Loomis, Councilmen Joseph Gregory, John Pegg and Robert Eklund, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Deputy Supervisor Stacey Kazacos, Residents Barry & Sandra Braunius, Lenny Melillo, Sue Smith, Donald Smith, Edward Lentz, Katie Eklund

Supervisor Timothy Miller opened the regular monthly meeting at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Gregory, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 5/0 to accept the minutes for the November 9, 2016 regular meeting as written.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker advised that he had received prices for truck tarps from Cook Brothers of \$2,145.85 for steel and \$2,684.88 for aluminum, plus installation cost of approximately \$1000.00. He was told to consider spending more for the aluminum since steel has a tendency to bend. Supt. Whitaker will get an estimate from Burr Truck before he suggests an option. He noted that he would probably only do the two Volvo trucks. The Freightliner probably wouldn't clear the door if a tarp system was installed. He would plan on doing the installation in the spring. He further noted that if we want to keep the 2004 Volvo, we may have to consider getting a new box which would cost about \$35,000.00. The truck has about 150,000 miles on it. The 2008 Volvo hasn't had any recent issues. The new employee now has his CDL license. They are so far pleased with the way the Freightliner is working.

Councilman Joseph Gregory noted that he would like to get another surplus truck if one becomes available, even if we don't set it up right away. Supt. Whitaker advised that he went to Fort Drum and looked at a 4-wheel drive tractor that he could use with the rake. It had a cab, lights, heater and under 200 hours on it. He hasn't found out if and when it will become available to try to get. He also noted that there was a 6 man Chevy 2-wheel drive service truck with 114,000 miles on it that he looked at and was interested in for \$800.00. He would use it for brush cutting as it would hold all of the men and their supplies and pull the chipper. It could also be used for when they go to training sessions. He thinks that it is spoken for but he will check on it. The highway crew will be attending a Right to Know class on December 28<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Supt. Whitaker further noted that he has been working on updating our radio system. With surrounding towns and schools switching to digital, he now has 5 radios that are digital compatible.

Co. Rep Meg Kennedy was not in attendance since she was at a meeting in Oneonta. She advised the Supervisor that she had no news on the radios and that \$5,000.0 was left in the County budget for animal expenses. Councilman Robert Eklund commented that when Co. Rep. Kennedy signed on in support of the Constitution pipeline with other Board members she shouldn't have signed on until she used her support of it as leverage to get more for the three towns she represents. Councilman Eklund further noted that a Town resident was at a County Board meeting in November making false statements about the Town Hwy. Dept. As our representative, he feels that she should check on comments made about us, find out the truth, and then address the statements that were made.

Supervisor Timothy Miller noted that the Otsego County Code Office will conduct an inspection of the Town Hall on January 5, 2017. A motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilman Joseph Gregory and carried 5/0 to authorize the Supervisor to pay the \$50.00 fee at the time of the inspection.

The Planning Board met on December 5, 2016 and recommended approval of a simple subdivision application for Nancy Samstein. A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Gregory, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 5/0 to approve Subdivision Application #02-16 as submitted for Nancy Samstein for a simple subdivision of tax map #189.00-1-53.00 on Co. Hwy. 14 in New Lisbon and issue a negative environmental impact declaration for the subdivision.

The NYSDEC sent back notice that the draft local law for Flood Damage Prevention we submitted to them was okay and advised to go ahead with the adoption process. A motion was made by Supervisor Timothy Miller, seconded by Councilman Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to hold a public

hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of 2017, a local law for Flood Damage Prevention at 7:30 PM on January 10, 2017 at the Town Hall. The Clerk will forward a copy of the proposed law to the County Planning Dept. as they have to review.

The Planning Board has submitted their draft regulations for Solar Farms. Councilman Robert Eklund noted his appreciation to the Planning Board for their work on this. He noted that overall visual impact seemed like a priority in the draft. He questioned if maybe the draft was too restrictive. His comments included why require near a public road, when maybe we should encourage far out away from things to cut the visual impact, the 12 foot maximum height may be too short in some areas, and wants to add that the Town Board has the final approval in Paragraph H. Supervisor Timothy Miller added that Attorney Martin Tillapaugh has said that we can set everything as we want it. The Town Board would set the fee for Solar Farm permits (in lieu of taxes) in our Fee Schedule. It was noted that maybe we could ask for free electric for our Town buildings. Councilman Robert Eklund suggested that we should take lead status in regards to the SEQR review. Supervisor Miller will go over the draft with Attorney Tillapaugh and Councilman Robert Eklund offered to help get the draft solar farm regulations into a final draft.

The Board reviewed the bills prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Gregory, seconded by Councilman Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to pay General Fund bills #220 through #232 for a total of \$4,515.86 and Highway Fund bills #195 through #211 for a total of \$11,474.63. General fund bills #212 through #219 and Highway Fund bills #212 and #213 for a total of \$44,620.49 were paid with prior Board approval. The Supervisor's monthly report was submitted to the Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Gregory, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 5/0 to make the following appropriation changes to cover bills and payroll: 1. Increase A1355.4-Assessor Contractual by \$2,011.86. Transfer from Contingent Account #A1990.4. 2. Increase SL5182.4-Streetlights by \$5.79. Transfer from Contingent Account #A1990.4. 3. Transfer \$22,930.57 from DA5110.1-General Repair Personal Service to DA5142.1-Snow Removal Personal Service for highway payroll for December 2016.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Supervisor Timothy Miller and carried 5/0 to hold the 2017 Organizational meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, to be followed by public hearings and the regular monthly meeting.

A motion was made by Supervisor Timothy Miller, seconded by Councilman Joseph Gregory and carried 5/0 to advertise for a public hearing on the 2017 Fire Contract with the Garrattsville Fire Company to be held on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 5/0 to adjourn at 8:18 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk