

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---DECEMBER 8, 2009
REGULAR MEETING—TOWNHALL—7:30 PM

Present: Councilmen Robert Eklund, Glen Noto & Connie Chase, Supervisor Robert Taylor, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Also: Lenny Melillo, Ed George and Jim Gregory--- Absent: Councilman Dennis Kelleher

Supervisor Taylor opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to accept the minutes for the November 10, 2009 regular meeting as written.

Lenny Melillo spoke on behalf of the Garrattsville Fire Company. They did not spend their \$1500.00 for repairs at the upper firehouse this year because they would like to pave the original parking lot in 2010. The firemen would do the prep work at the site and when the Town paves a road, the parking lot could get paved. This will save money and was agreeable with Hwy. Supt. Whitaker and the Town Board. Lenny also noted that we have many parcels in the town which are not being assessed properly. He showed an example of a parcel that was assessed as a vacant lot, but by obtaining an aerial map, it shows that there are buildings on it. He suggested that we should go through the tax roll and check the aerial maps for all vacant lots to verify that they are vacant. Supervisor Taylor will talk to Assessor Kathleen Chase about doing this as part of her job.

Ed George questioned what the status was with the County Code Office now that Dan Wilber has resigned. Nothing was ever finished with regards to the mess at the Clements property and the Bain property is filling up again with junk. Rumor has it that the County is not going to fill Dan Wilber's position so the code office will be short handed. Terry Bliss is going to take over the administrative duties. Supervisor Taylor will contact Co. Rep. Steve Fournier about our concerns over the code office.

Hwy. Supt. Whitaker advised that everything is ready for the predicted snow. We have all of our sand in. He noted that there are many items in the storage barn that could be junked or sold as surplus. He will get together a full list for the Board for next month. Supt. Whitaker advised that this will be the last winter for the old Dodge pickup. The salter on it needs fixing. He is waiting for a new motor to come for it. He would like to get a new salter to put on the new pickup. He hasn't looked at any yet, but called and got a price of \$5,000.00 for a 1.8 yd. salter weighting 660 lb. from Trux Outfitters in Oneonta and \$4,675.00 for a 1.75 yd. salter weighing 900 lb. from Burr Truck. He would have it installed also. Since this is a necessary item, a motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to authorize the Hwy. Supt. to spend up to \$5,000.00 to purchase a new salter for the new pickup truck. Highway Bills #187 through #194 for a total of \$44,999.94 were audited and approved for payment by the Board.

We received notice from CDPHP that our new rates for 2010 are \$451.46 for the single plan (up from \$405.73) and \$1,173.81 for the family plan (up from \$1,014.33). Hwy. employees taking the coverage contribute 10%.

Senator Seward sent notice of items the legislature has passed to help local governments out, including raising the threshold for bidding public works contracts from \$20,000 to \$35,000.

Supervisor Taylor noted that the Planning Board held a preliminary meeting with Alan Lord representing New York Land & Lakes Development LLC about a 16 lot subdivision of the Nelsen farm on St. Hwy. 51. Lot size varies from 3 to 20 acres. Councilman Eklund noted his concerns about the number of driveways this would mean coming onto St. Hwy. 51. He noted that the comprehensive plan encourages common driveways. He also questioned about having a common area due to the number of lots. Supervisor Taylor noted that they talked about this at the meeting and Mr. Lord felt that the size of the parcels was sufficient enough to cover recreational needs and no common area was necessary. A list of 14 protective covenants was also received from the developer. Councilman Eklund questioned who would enforce these and what would happen if the land company went out of business. All lots would be in the Edmeston school district. NYS DOT will have to approve driveway placements and the subdivision

will have to go to the County Planning Board for their review. Also, Larry Althiser addressed the Planning Board about his idea to set up a meat processing business on County Hwy. 12 in New Lisbon. His current business location in Hartwick employees 5 and is too small. He would hope to build a larger building, have an inspector on site and be able to sell meat at the site. He hopes to be able to eventually employ up to 15 people. It is our plan to hire Alan Sorensen as a consultant to revise our Site Plan regulations in 2010.

The Town Hall windows are leaking air and the fire exit doors in the large meeting room are in bad shape. An estimate for sealing up windows or replacing windows and doors was received from Colburn Contracting. However, since the cost will be over \$3000.00, a second estimate will be needed. A fire inspection will be done at the Town Hall this week by the Otsego County Code Office at a cost of \$50.00.

A motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to pay General Fund bills #242 through #257 for a total of \$8,950.74. Supervisor Taylor paid bills #235 through #241 for a total of \$3,541.37 with prior Board approval.

The proposed road preservation local law was discussed. Anyone who uses a town road over five times a day, weighing ten tons or more would need a permit. The Hwy. Supt. may issue an exempt certificate to anyone who he feels will not harm the roads. A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 4/0 to pass Local Law # 1 of 2009 entitled "Town of New Lisbon Road Preservation Local Law". It will be effective after filing with the State.

A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to make the following appropriation changes to cover bills:

1. Increase A8020.4-Planning Contractual by \$1927.29. Transfer from A8010.1-Land Use Officer. 2. Increase A9050.8-Unemployment Insurance by \$129.20. Transfer from A1990.4-Contingent Account. 3. Increase DA5142.1-Snow Salary by \$22,822.02. Transfer from DA5110.1-General Repair Salary. 4. Increase DA5130.2-Machinery Capital Outlay by \$5,279.18. Transfer from DA5142.4-Snow Contractual. 5. Increase DA5130.4-Machinery Contractual by \$15,500.00. Transfer from DA5142.4-Snow Contractual.

A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to authorize the Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk to make any further appropriation changes and pay any bills that need to be done by the end of the year.

A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to hold a public hearing on the proposed 2010 Fire Protection Contract with the Garrattsville Fire Company on Tuesday, January 5th, 2010 at 7:00 PM. The 2010 Organizational meeting will follow immediately after the public hearing, followed by the regular January 2010 Town Board meeting.

Supervisor Taylor noted our thanks to outgoing councilman Dennis Kelleher for his time of service to the Town. With no further business, a motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Charlene R. Wells
New Lisbon Town Clerk