

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---JUNE 11, 2013
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING—7:30 PM---TOWN HALL

Present: Councilwoman Connie Chase, Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilman Edward Lentz, Councilman Robert Eklund(late), Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Also: Residents, Joe Gregory, Melissa Doyle, Sue Smith, Donald Smith, Tom Riso, Lenny Melillo, Cindy Scott, Rich Dennis
Absent: Councilman Glen Noto

Supervisor Robert Taylor opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. The 5/14/13 minutes were corrected to read National Resource Defense "Council" instead of Fund. A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 3/0 to accept the amended minutes for the May 14, 2013 regular monthly meeting.

Jessie Ravage, the consultant conducting the historic survey, submitted her second bill for 40% of the project. This would put her as paid for 80%. She was supposed to submit information she had completed to date by email, but we didn't receive. She anticipates completing the project by the July meeting and will come present it to the Board. After further discussion, the Board decided not to pay the bill for an additional \$2370.00 because they have not seen anything from her and have nothing to show that 80% of the grant project has been done.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker advised that due to several reasons they did not get the CHIPS paving projects done in May. He will be on vacation June 18th-27th, so it will hopefully get done in July. The recent heavy rain caused several problems, with the worst being on Hudson Road. They will have to fix the tube and put in a larger one. He might put in a second tube to help. A lot of material was deposited on a residential property which he might be able to reclaim. The Board advised him to get the homeowner's permission if he goes on private property. Lenny Melillo noted that he moved most of the material and thought it would just need raking. Sue Smith noted that there is a culvert out on her road which gives her access to a field. Supt. Whitaker advised that he would fix it. He advised that he did not attend the Hwy. Supt. School in Ithaca this year.

Several areas of deterioration were recently found along the Hwy. Garage building sill area. Delaware Engineering was called as they had not noted this in their evaluation. They advised that this was caused by water leakage. They recommended that the leaking roof areas be sealed and the damaged sill areas could be cut out and replaced with new material. They further advised that the Town should check and see if the existing roof could hold the additional load of the spray foam and sealer we are looking into. Surveyor Mike Austin is going to be verifying the line along the Sweet property. It looks like the closest point of the storage building is 7 feet from the line with the addition to be further out than that.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker requested the Board approve him renting a tractor to mow roadsides at a cost of \$2000.00 a month, for the summer months. In the past he used his own personal tractor. He is looking at a used unit, as new ones are very expensive. Councilmen Robert Eklund and Edward Lentz would have liked for the Hwy. Committee to have reviewed this before the meeting. After further discussion, a motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to tentatively approve renting this used tractor for one month at \$2000.00, contingent upon Councilmen Lentz & Eklund checking out the tractor.

Lenny Melillo advised that he got estimates for paving the upper firehouse from Webster's Paving of \$2.96 per square foot and Gifford Paving of \$3.31 per square foot. The Fire Dept. will do the prep work with the help of the Town equipment. It would probably be done in July or August. After further discussion, a motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to accept the estimate of \$2.96 per square foot, approximately \$16,049.00 from Webster's paving to pave the upper firehouse parking area.

Richard Dennis of Double D Contracting submitted a revised contract for the hwy. storage barn addition. He suggested that they change the rafter spacing from 8 foot to 4 foot as this would make it easier to insulate in the future and better for the weight load. The Town would be purchasing the estimated \$10,200.00 in materials directly. A credit application has been completed for Curtis Lumber. Supervisor Robert Taylor noted that he checked references for Mr. Dennis and all were okay. The

revised contract amount is for \$11,163.85. Rich Dennis estimates the project will take two weeks and be completed by September 15th.

A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to authorize the Supervisor to provide the Hwy. employees with a driving safety refresher course. A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to rent two tables from the Fire Dept. at the annual barbecue on September 1st.

Councilman Edward Lentz updated the Board on the Business Roundtable. They are looking into getting estimates for Welcome to New Lisbon signs for the four main roads. Melissa Doyle is working on a town logo. They are going to set up tourist information centers at the Garrattsville General Store, the Butternuts Brewery and hopefully Foolish Farms with our revised business card brochure being available. Discussion was held on revising our website. Clerk Charlene Wells was hesitant on changing our current format too much and liked working with David Green who provides us with a very inexpensive website. She suggested that we think about a limited business listing and perhaps a link to a business website. The next meeting of the Business Round table will be on Monday July 8th at 6:00 PM at the Garrattsville Store or Foolish Farms.

We received a reminder from the State that Assessor Kathleen Chase's term expires on September 30, 2013. We received a letter from Mercy Flight Central requesting that we consider giving them \$1000.00 or more next year to help support their medical services. Lenny Melillo noted that he can only remember using a medical flight transport maybe two times in the past twenty years. After further discussion, the Board decided not to make a donation at this time.

Bills were audited by the Board prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to pay General Fund bills #99 through #119 (bill #98 for Jessie Ravage was not approved) for a total of \$19,101.15 and Highway Fund bills #77 through #87 for a total of \$21,008.06. Supervisor Taylor paid General Fund bills #95 through #97 and Highway Fund bills # 88 & #89 for a total of \$26,396.94, with prior Board approval.

A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to advertise for bids for Diesel, Winter Mix Diesel, Unleaded Gas, Kerosene, #2 Fuel Oil and service contracts on four furnaces. Bids will be due in by 12:00PM (Noon) on July 3, 2013, at which time they will be opened at the Town Clerk's office. Bids will be reviewed and compared using the last year's usages. The Board will award the bid at the July 9, 2013 meeting. Prices are to be rounded to the nearest cent, not partial cents.

Supervisor Taylor noted that after reviewing the highway salary rates, the rate for MEO has been overlooked and not updated for years. It was suggested that it be increased from \$8.25 to \$12.00 per hour. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 3/1 (Robert Eklund opposed) to increase the salary for the MEO position from \$8.25 to \$12.00 per hour.

The Clerk noted that the DCO is following up on residents who did not return their census post cards. Since January, we have issued 170 new dog licenses. The Clerk reported that she has had positive reports of the DCO's dog handlings for the Town.

Supervisor Robert Taylor and Councilwoman Connie Chase will meet this week to work on updating our Emergency Plan. Councilwoman Connie Chase reported that she met with Kathy Riso to discuss ways to improve the attendance at the New Lisbon Senior Citizens. They came up with several ideas they are going to try out.

With no further business, a motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to adjourn at 8:50 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk

