

**NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD—MARCH 11, 2014—7:30 PM**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING—TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE**

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilmen Robert Eklund, John Pegg & Joseph Gregory, Councilwoman Connie Chase, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Residents Tom Riso, Ed George, Sue Smith, Donald Smith, Mert Hull, Keith Woodbeck, James Denekamp, Don Smith, Lenny Melillo, Nancy Goehner

Supervisor Robert Taylor opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. The 2/11/14 minutes were amended to read Co. Rep. Ed Lentz instead of Councilman Ed Lentz and the section on increasing the salary of MEO to \$12.25 was amended slightly. A motion was made by Joseph Gregory, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to accept the amended minutes for the February 11, 2014 regular meeting.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker noted that he can use the County bid prices for materials, but we may get better prices if we bid ourselves. The Board approved advertising for 5000 yards of Sand and prices per yard for Crusher Run, Bank Run, Item 4, Cobbles and #2 Stone to be opened at the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting.

We should be receiving approximately \$87,000.00 from FEMA for last year's flooding/heavy rain washouts. They decided that we cannot get funding to replace the culverts on Goddards and Parker Roads because the culverts didn't fail. We may be able to replace them through a mitigation program.

Supt. Bill Whitaker requested permission to get rid of old stuff sitting around at the Hwy. garage. There are old transmissions, an old pickup, Oshkosh cab & chassis, old culverts, etc. which would go for scrap and he would suggest getting bids for an old drill press and 2 wheel trailer. There is an old military fire apparatus that has chemicals in it. He has to find a way to get rid of the chemicals before scraping that. A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to declare the above noted parts, old trucks, culverts, drill press, and trailer as surplus and to advertise for bids for the drill press and trailer and to authorize the Hwy. Supt. to take the rest as scrap metal. It was also discussed that it may be easier to get scrap dealers in and get bids on them taking the old stuff away.

Supt. Whitaker requested that if Board members get questions or concerns from residents on highway issues that they send the individuals to him so that he can personally address the issues. Supervisor Taylor noted that most people don't realize that the Board only controls the highway budget not other issues pertaining to the highway department. Councilman Eklund advised that he tells residents to come to the meetings if they have concerns. He feels that way the minutes record the concerns and responses.

James Denekamp noted that there was a bad bump on Texas Road that could use a cone to mark it during the thawing process. Ed George noted that he had a positive experience with the Dog Control Officer with a dog running around town. Lenny Melillo advised that the Garrattsville Fire Company has been working on a long term plan. They have decided that they need to replace an attack truck from 93-94 that is costing them \$9,000.00-\$10,000.00 in repairs a year. They've looked at used trucks that are 5-7 years old, but they don't meet their needs, so they are getting specs ready for a new truck. They feel that with a new truck they can get what they need and hope the cost will be under \$300,000.00. They are looking into 5-7 year financing options. Other increasing costs are air bottles which they need at least 7-8 of them costing \$700.00 to \$1000.00 each. Building fuel costs this winter were up at least 30%. They do as many repairs as they can in house to keep costs down.

Sue Smith advised that CPIC will meet on March 25<sup>th</sup> and continue discussing a road cleanup day and getting dumpsters. Co. Rep. Ed Lentz was absent but sent an update on County issues. The goal of the grants to increase broadband is to extend access to 95% of households, but may take up to two years to complete. Four proposals were received to take over the operation of the MOSA transfer stations. The County is looking into possibly creating the position of an Animal Law Enforcement Officer.

Supervisor Robert Taylor wondered if there would be interest in having the town hall open at times for residents interested in using our internet access. Our Wi-Fi connection can also be picked up in the driveway. The Board thought it was a good idea if there is any interest. Lou Colburn has

completed the repairs to the Supervisor's office. He finished under the estimate which was paid by Allstate.

The NYSDOT sent notice of planned repairs to a culvert on St. Hwy. 51 in Garrattsville scheduled for spring 2018. NYMIR will be sending out a representative to do an appraisal of our insured buildings. The way the County figures workers compensation rates will change to being based on actual payroll costs. The Town will have to send copies of the State forms for wage & withholding reporting to the County by April 15<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, Oct.15<sup>th</sup>, and Jan.15<sup>th</sup> to meet this requirement. The NYSDOT sent notice of a Transportation Alternatives Program. Grants are available for on & off road pedestrian & bicycle facilities, projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation, safe routes to school projects, etc. The grant would cover 80% of the cost with the town contributing 20%. NYMIR is sponsoring a Drive to Survive safety seminar on March 27<sup>th</sup> in the Village of Ilion. Kevin Ritton, Otsego County Emergency Services Coordinator, sent notice of a Public Assistance/Disaster Recovery Workshop to be held on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at their office at the Old Meadows complex. Cornell University sent information on what services they have available to us through their Local Roads Program. We received notice from the NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets that they inspected DCO Elizabeth Fish and found everything in proper order and gave her a satisfactory rating.

The Board reviewed the bills prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Joseph Gregory and carried 5/0 to pay General Fund bills #47 through #60 for a total of \$5,801.32 and Highway Fund Bills #45 through #54 for a total of \$15,892.17. Supervisor Taylor paid General fund bills #41 through #46 and Highway Fund bill #55 for a total of \$7,477.92 with prior Board approval. The Supervisor's monthly report was submitted to the Board.

Councilman Joseph Gregory completed the audit of the Justice office, Councilwoman Connie Chase audited the Supervisor's office and Councilman Robert Eklund audited the Town Clerk/Collector's office. The reviews were done using the guidelines from the NYS Comptroller's office. The Board reviewed the completed audits and a motion was made by Joseph Gregory, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to accept and approve the audits as completed.

The Planning Board held a preliminary meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 with individuals interested in making a campground on Myers Mill Road. Our site plan application is outdated and in need of revising. The Town Board approved the Planning Board working on revising the site plan application as a training session as it will help provide insight as to what is required in a site plan application.

Our insurance package with NYMIR will be coming due soon. John Ryland will be asked to attend the next meeting to review it with the Board and answer any questions.

With no further business, a motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Joseph Gregory and carried 5/0 to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk