

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---MARCH 27, 2017---7:00 PM SPECIAL MEETING---TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE

Present: Supervisor Timothy Miller, Councilmen John Pegg & Joseph Gregory, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Attorney Martin Tillapaugh, Residents Ed George, Barry Braunius, Willard Lasher, Lenny Melillo, Tom Riso, Insurance Agent John Ryland

Absent: Councilwoman Flo Loomis, Councilman Robert Eklund

Supervisor Timothy Miller opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. John Ryland of Hughson & Benson Associates was present to review the Town's insurance package and present his renewal proposal. He noted that he did not get back a quote from Trident yet, as he had anticipated coming in April. The proposal he had was from NYMIR, our current carrier, for a total cost of \$17,086.81. The renewal levels are the same as we had, plus inflation figured into the building values. He noted the building coverage is a blanket type. Equipment 10 years and newer would be at replacement value, otherwise actual cash value. Supervisor Miller thanked him for the proposal and that the Board would discuss the option and let him know what they decide.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker advised that Winter Storm Stella has been declared an event and that our expenses for the three day event (March 14th-16th) would be covered by the State. With regular pay, overtime pay, fuel, sand, vehicle usage, some of the truck repairs, the wrecker bill, etc. being eligible, he estimated about \$20,000.00. He will also need to get the calculations of fringe benefits.

Supt. Whitaker further advised that he has a Volvo dealer coming to evaluate our 2008 Volvo and give us an estimated value. He noted that the Town of Burlington just paid \$219,000.00 for a new Freightliner and the Town of Edmeston paid \$209,000.00 for a new Mac. NYMIR's adjuster came out to evaluate the two trucks that had storm mishaps. The box on the 2004 is twisted and will have to be squared up and probably should be replaced. It is doubtful the insurance would cover a new box due to the age and condition of the box prior to the accident. The Town of New Berlin has a used 2007 box for \$5,000.00. It needs some work and would cost us to have it put on the truck. It does already have a tarp system. He should have the adjuster's report by the next meeting so we can make a decision on how to proceed with repairs. He will get a price on having a different box mounted on the 2004 Volvo. If we replace the 2004 box, he would keep it for parts to use on the 2008 Volvo. He further noted that we should put a \$1200.00 reserve on the winch when we put it for sale on Auctions International.

A motion was made by Supervisor Timothy Miller, seconded by Councilman Joseph Gregory and carried 3/0 to advertise for bids on sand, crusher run, item 4, bank run, cobbles and #2 stone, the same as last year, with requested prices per yard. Bids will be opened at the April 11th, 2017 meeting.

Workers for the Office of the Aging/Senior Meals which are here twice each month, have asked approval to have a lock placed on the kitchen cupboards that they keep their supplies in as they keep disappearing. A motion was made by Supervisor Timothy Miller, seconded by Councilman Joseph Gregory and carried 3/0 to have custodian Willard Lasher get a lock, with several keys and put it on for the Meals Program cupboard in the kitchen.

Supervisor Timothy Miller stated that he would be happy to work with Lois Ballard of Gates-Cole with our insurance. At \$16,525.29 her proposal through HCC was the lower price. Supervisor Miller will check with her about the values of our equipment, if they should be at actual cash value or if we would get replacement cost. A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Gregory, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 3/0 to accept the proposal of \$16,525.29 through HCC from Lois Ballard of Gates-Cole Associates in Morris.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker noted that he was meeting tomorrow morning with Councilwoman Flo Loomis and Edward Lentz about possibly seeking a grant for a new salt shed. He would like to improve access to it if we did get a new one. If the County did go in with us, Supt. Whitaker advised he would want separate bins, as it would be too hard to keep track of who used what amount. He advised that he typically uses about 150 tons of salt a year and the County uses a lot more than us. He further noted that he was going to meet with Jordan of Soil & Water to look at a site for a stream restoration grant on Lena Road near Albrights, involving replacing a five foot tube.

Lenny Melillo commented that we should require the new insurance carrier selected to provide a statement that our new policy will meet or exceed our existing policy. He questioned if the highway garage coverage was adequate enough to enable us to rebuild.

As the last item of the night, a motion was made by Supervisor Timothy Miller, seconded by Councilman Joseph Gregory and carried 3/0 to go into Executive session to discuss a potential liability issue at 7:43 PM. A motion was made by Supervisor Timothy Miller, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 3/0 to include the Town Clerk in the Executive session. A motion was made by Supervisor Timothy Miller, seconded by Councilman Joseph Gregory and carried 3/0 to include the Town Attorney in the Executive session.

A motion was made by Supervisor Timothy Miller, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 3/0 to close the Executive session at 9:00 PM and return to regular session. The Board gave the Town Clerk authority to give the information discussed in the Executive session to the appropriate people so that they could review it before the next monthly meeting. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Joseph Gregory, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 3/0 to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk