

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---MAY 13, 2014---7:30 PM REGULAR MEETING---TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilwoman Connie Chase, Councilmen John Pegg, Joseph Gregory & Robert Eklund, Clerk Charlene Wells, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Land Use Officer Tom Riso, Residents Michael Long, Keith Woodbeck, Edwin, Rebecca, Elizabeth & Gabby Ilarraza, Jim Gregory, Sue Smith, Donald Smith, Edward Bohn, Warren Ryther, Nancy Goehner, Cecelia Schleder, Alan Johnson & George Martin

Supervisor Robert Taylor opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. He noted that he had heard that there was a flyer circulating around town about the "proposed campground" for Myers Mill Road. He advised that nothing has been approved and that the Planning Board and Town Board are waiting for a "formal" application to come in for review. The individuals who have proposed the campground idea have moved their personal camp trailers to the site. In checking with the Otsego County Code Office, they advised that they have no jurisdiction over camp trailers. A motion was made by Joseph Gregory, seconded by John Pegg and carried 5/0 to accept the minutes for the April 8, 2014 regular meeting as written.

The Planning Board met on May 5, 2014 and recommended approval of Site Plan Application #02 for a motor vehicle repair shop proposed by Michael Long. Councilman Robert Eklund questioned the number of cars he expected to have there. Mr. Long responded he anticipated between 2 and 10 cars in and out on an average day. He will be doing oil changes and will properly dispose of waste oil. After further review, a motion was made by Joseph Gregory, seconded by John Pegg and carried 5/0 to approve Site Plan Application #02-14 for Michael Long for a motor vehicle repair shop on his property at 211 Turnbull Road, subject to pending County Planning Department input.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker advised that they are behind with their annual road maintenance due to weather conditions and unstable roads. He hasn't finished honing roads and hasn't done any dust control. They have been filling potholes and most of our paving stone is drawn in. Laurens will be helping ditch Braun Road with their excavator. Our part-time employee Gus Tafel will be taking his CDL road test on May 21st. Supt. Whitaker is working on gathering our scrap items together. Clerk Charlene Wells met the owners and salesmen from Auctions International at the NYSTCA Conference. We can send them photos and descriptions of our scrap items and they will sell on their online auction site. There would be no cost to the town and we would keep the total bid price received. We might get a better audience than from just advertising in the newspaper. Edmeston is currently selling stuff with them and we can see how they liked the service. Supt. Bill Whitaker is planning on attending the Highway School in Ithaca on June 2nd-4th.

A price of \$14,617.70 (for paving, materials & equipment) was received from Central Asphalt for paving the Town Hall driveway and parking area using the same material we use for roads. Supt. Bill Whitaker felt it would be an improvement to the building which holds a lot of community functions. It would make access a lot better without the muddy area, it would be better for wheelchair access, cut down on dirt being tracked in the building and they could use salt which would help cut down on icy conditions in the winter. He noted if we looked at East Turtle Lake Road which was paved 10 years ago with the same material, it is holding up very well. Supervisor Robert Taylor noted that the seniors using the building would be happy with better, safer access to the building. Councilman Robert Eklund questioned what our prep cost would be. Supt. Whitaker felt our hwy. crew could handle the prep work in two days with not much material being needed. The paving material would be approximately 2.5 inches thick, like they put on the roads. If we used a hot mix it would cost twice as much. Councilman Joseph Gregory questioned what it would cost in 10 years to repave it. Supt. Whitaker agreed that the cost would be higher, but he would hope that we could just seal it at a reduced cost. He noted that we are going to be getting an extra \$18,800.00 in CHIPS funds for the harsh winter recovery, but we can't use it for patch material as it has to go for a project with a ten year lifespan and has to be used this year so he will put it towards Vibbard Road. After further discussion on paving the town hall driveway and parking area, a motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by John Pegg and carried 4/1 (Joseph

Gregory-NO) to accept the price of \$14,617.70 from Central Asphalt and have the Town Hall driveway and parking area paved under the direction of the Highway Dept.

Ed Bohn questioned if those who are working at the proposed campground site had to have a permit for land disturbance. Councilman Robert Eklund commented that if over an acre of land is disturbed you need a DEC permit, but they have not disturbed that amount. They have obtained a demolition permit for tearing down the old mobile home on the site. They are using the existing well and septic system for their campers. The County Code Office has no jurisdiction over camp trailers. They would only go in if there was a complaint of a failed septic. The Health Dept. only has jurisdiction if there are over five campers. Land Use Enforcement Officer Tom Riso has been there several times because of the complaints we've received.

Cecilia Schleder of Meadowvale Campgrounds noted that NYS Sanitary Code covers campgrounds and with NYS adopting the international building code it will be very constricting for the proposed campground developers to meet all of the regulations they will have to comply with. She further noted that if there were at least 5 campers for 12 days it would be considered a campground. She also noted that she was on East Turtle Lake Road and it was in great shape for being done 10 years ago.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker noted that he frequents campgrounds a lot and has never had an unpleasant experience. Supervisor Robert Taylor noted that with 3 campgrounds already in town, we can't say we're against campgrounds. Sue Smith commented that we shouldn't be worried about people living in campers when we have people living in unfit houses in Town. We have a lot of buildings that should be taken down and cleaned up and people shouldn't have to buy permits to clean up. Keith Woodbeck noted that he has seen some bad living conditions over the years and the code office can't help because of lack of time & manpower and they feel they can't tell people how to live. Nancy Goehner was concerned about the old trailer demolition materials which were thrown over the bank near the Butternut Creek. The DEC was supposed to have been called in on this. Tom Riso noted that he never found where it was supposed to have been dumped.

Land Use Enforcement Officer Tom Riso has made 6 visits to the site of the proposed campground, twice meeting with the "developers". The camper sewage is being piped into the existing septic system. He advised them that he didn't think the temporary wiring from the existing electric service was proper. He gave them a list of his recommendations, but at this point we have no way to enforce them. Since they are the lease holders who brought in their own camp trailers it is considered private use. Supervisor Taylor noted that we are watching the situation and can't do anything more at this time. The Planning Board and Town Board can't prejudge the project, but must make decisions based on the full site plan when received and it's compliance with town, county and state regulations. Councilman Robert Eklund noted that the only control we have is with compliance to our regulations and making sure they meet all County and State codes.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker disposed of 560 pounds of trash that was picked up on CPIC's clean up weekend. Tom Matteson covered 23.7 miles, involving many roads for the cleanup. A motion was made by Joseph Gregory, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to thank Tom Matteson for his cleanup efforts. CPIC would like the Board to look into getting County recycling bins for our Town. Also we should let people know that they can use the County bins at other Towns' sites. Supervisor Robert Taylor has a copy of the contract we would have to sign with the County. If any garbage gets in with the recyclables, we would have to pay for the whole load as garbage. We could try it, and get out of the contract if it didn't work out. The Board will review the County contract and discuss further. Florence Loomis has an idea that has been done elsewhere which might add some beauty to our Town. Quilt patterns are painted on two sheets of plywood and then hung on barns.

Supervisor Robert Taylor noted that he went to Washington, DC as an Assoc. of Towns officer to lobby Congress. They met with Congressman Chris Gibson and urged him to vote against a bill which would give the Army Corp. of Engineers extended control over waterways to include small streams and ditches. They also met with Senator Chuck Schumer and asked for his support of a bill to support a larger tax credit for volunteer emergency service providers. They also lobbied against a bill that would charge a vehicle mileage tax based on annual usage. The Assoc. of Towns is against this as it would be

unfair to rural people who have to travel more to work, shop, etc. Supervisor Taylor also noted that he asked the senior citizen group if they would be interested in his idea for having the town hall open for internet usage. They advised that they come to visit with each other, not use the internet. He is also exploring ways to try to get better interest rates for our funds.

The Board met prior to the meeting to review the bills. A motion was made by Joseph Gregory, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to pay General Fund bills #79 through #94 for a total of \$4,111.83 and Highway Fund bills #71 through #91 for a total of \$22,706.72. Supervisor Taylor paid General Fund bills #74 through #78 and #95 and Highway Fund Bill #92 for a total of \$7,616.67 with prior Board approval. The Supervisor submitted his monthly report to the Board.

A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/1 (Joseph Gregory- NO) to reappoint Florence Loomis to a new five year term on the Planning Board effective June 1, 2014.

Two people applied for consideration for the seasonal mower position, Raymond Gorton of Garrattsville and Jeremiah Ritchey of Otego. After discussion, a motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Joseph Gregory and carried 5/0 to hire Raymond Gorton to mow town properties and cemeteries at \$11.00 per hour and to discuss with him what our expectations are for the job.

Councilman Robert Eklund reported that the BVA will hold a meeting on Sunday, May 18th at the Empire Hotel in Gilbertsville. The Otsego Land Trust will be presenting a program.

The New Lisbon Business RoundTable will be sponsoring a Business Appreciation Golf Tournament on August 23rd at Butternut Valley Golf & Recreation. All residents are welcome to get a team together and join in on the fun.

With no further business, a motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk