

## **NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---JULY 12, 2016---7:30 PM REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING---TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE**

Present: Supervisor Timothy Miller, Councilwoman Florence Loomis, Councilmen Joseph Gregory and John Pegg, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Co. Rep. Meg Kennedy, Residents Keith Woodbeck, Sue Smith, Donald Smith & Tom Riso Absent: Councilman Robert Eklund

Supervisor Timothy Miller opened the meeting at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Gregory, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 4/0 to accept the minutes for the June 8, 2016 public hearings and regular meeting as written.

Fuel bids were received from Reese-Marshall and Mirabito as follows: from Reese-Marshall--- Fuel oil-\$.13 differential or \$1.939 fixed, Diesel-\$.13 differential or \$2.01 fixed, Winter Mix Diesel-\$.15 differential or \$2.16 fixed, Unleaded gas-\$.13 differential or 1.995 fixed, Kerosene-\$.13 differential or \$2.439 fixed, Propane-\$1.999 fixed, includes tank and service contracts-\$219.00 each. From Mirabito Energy Products---Fuel Oil-\$.10 differential or \$1.87 fixed, Diesel-\$.10 differential or \$1.85 fixed, Winter Mix Diesel-\$.10 differential or \$1.89 fixed, Unleaded gas-\$.10 differential (no fixed price option), Kerosene-\$.10 differential or \$2.27 fixed, Propane-\$.45 differential or \$1.30 fixed, includes tank and service contracts-\$89.50 or \$154.50 each. Councilmen Joseph Gregory and John Pegg preferred the fixed price options so we know what we will be paying all year. After further discussion and review, a motion was made by Councilman Joseph Gregory, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 4/0 to accept the lower bids from Mirabito Energy Products for fixed price options of \$1.87 for fuel oil, \$1.85 for diesel, \$1.89 for winter mix diesel, \$2.27 for kerosene, \$1.30 for propane (includes tank), the differential factor of \$.10 for unleaded gas and the \$154.50 option for four service contracts.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker advised that they have been cutting brush on Allen Road and doing paving prep work on Miller and Parker Roads. He noted that the newspaper reported that we would be getting an additional \$36,000.00 in road work money through the PAVENY program, but we have not received any official notice on this yet. His men have been helping out Edmeston and Burlington this week. The new employee has been getting driving practice and hopes to get his CDL license soon. The culverts that he has planned to use this year have been ordered. Councilman Joseph Gregory questioned how many steel culverts are left. Supt. Whitaker responded that there are a few small ones and several really big ones. He purchased some road materials from Parker Excavation under County bid prices since it was a better product for what he was doing and it's closer to where they have been working which also saves time and gas. He further noted that he does try to recycle material as much as possible. Another way to save money would be to make our own cold patch material at our yard. We could save approximately \$30.00 per ton, but we would have to get 100 ton at a time. We would have to be able to use all of the material since it does go bad. Councilwoman Flo Loomis thanked Supt. Whitaker for applying dust control earlier this year.

County Representative Meg Kennedy advised that she has a resource sheet on the Consolidated Funding Program which she will get to us to use for next year's round of applications. A task force is being set up to look into housing for homeless people as the County spends about one million dollars on this annually. Soil & Water is supplying each town with a 3 ft. by 2 ft. laminated map of wetland areas, which Supt. Whitaker said he has received. The Farmland Protection Plan is being worked on. They are working on a contract with the marketing company and no bed tax money disbursement has been discussed yet for the upcoming budget. When asked about the issue of the County giving money to the SPCA, she noted that people donated enough money to cover the costs of the dogs that were picked up. Since the SPCA is a non-profit, they do receive annual grants and donations and some people have expressed that they shouldn't receive County money. We explained our issues involving the County and dog cases. Our DCO can't handle cruelty cases; therefore the County is in charge of them and therefore should have funds available so the Towns aren't responsible for the costs involved in those cases. Councilwoman Flo Loomis feels that the County should be helping out the SPCA.

Keith Woodbeck presented the May/June 2016 Fire Dept. report. They had 9 fire calls during this time. Including training, work nights, fundraising & calls they put in 284 man hours. The President put

in an additional 23 hours and the Treasurer 30.5 hours. There were 22 squad calls totaling 192.5 man hours. In addition squad members put in 32 hours of training, meetings and maintenance. The Fire Dept had applied for a DEC grant, but they were denied. Total man hours for the months of May & June 2016 were 554.

Land Use Enforcement Officer Tom Riso advised that \$20,000.00 was added to the assessment roll over last year. However, there was \$37,000.00 in new exemptions, so we actually lost \$17,000.00 in total assessed value. He is almost ready with the plans for the Code office for our storage building permit.

Supervisor Timothy Miller noted that his deployment to Kuwait had been stopped because they decided they wanted a Catholic priest. He is on call for a year and could be sent somewhere else. He is presently driving to Albany every day.

Correspondence was received from the NYS Attorney General on solar tips for homeowners. We received notice from Charter Communications that Alice Kim is now our contact person. Supervisor Miller noted that he had tried contacting her about expanding our cable franchise. Deputy Supervisor Stacey Kazacos had contacted the IDA (Otsego Now) about expanding broadband in the Town and County. There is presently a \$35,000,000.00 proposal going to the Governor. He will set up a meeting in August to get an update on this.

Clerk Charlene Wells advised that a petition had been received from residents on Bardin and Parker Road requesting that our cable franchise be extended to them. In the past Time Warner had said they would expand if we had at least 20 houses per mile. This section should meet that criterion and would be close to where the existing line ends. A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Gregory, seconded by Supervisor Timothy Miller and carried 4/0 to authorize the Town Clerk to send a copy of the petition and a letter of support from the Board asking that this section of town be considered for addition to our cable franchise.

A letter was received from the Town of Pittsfield saying that they agreed to join us with our shared service contract. A phone call was received from the Edmeston Supervisor saying that they also had approved joining us with the shared service contract and would be sending a letter. Co. Rep. Meg Kennedy had said that Hartwick had approved the shared service agreement but we have never received a letter from them. She will check on it. Supt. Whitaker will check with the Town of Burlington and Laurens as we have not heard anything from them yet on the shared service agreement.

A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Gregory, seconded by Supervisor Timothy Miller and carried 4/0 to pay General Fund bills #128 through #133 for a total of \$568.34 and Highway Fund bills #109 through #122 for a total of \$41,148.77. Supervisor Miller paid General Fund bills #121 through #127 and Highway Fund bill #123 for a total of \$7,936.82 with prior Board approval. The Supervisor's monthly report was submitted to the Board.

Councilwoman Flo Loomis questioned why the Town Hall internet cost \$10.00 more per month than the Highway Garage. Additional speed was requested in the past because we were having issues with banking transfers. Now we cannot decrease the speed as the \$69.95 option is not available to us. She hoped that for the money we're spending the hwy. dept. was making good use of the internet. Supt. Bill Whitaker noted that he uses it more in the winter to keep track of the weather.

A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Gregory, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 4/0 to support Justice Bruce Moskos applying for items through the Justice Court Grant Program including a glass top for his desk, additional flags and an entry way door mat.

A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Gregory, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 4/0 to authorize the justice and court clerk to attend their annual conferences.

Supervisor Timothy Miller noted that some upkeep items need to be done at the Town Hall including power washing the building, interior painting, painting exterior doors, fixing loose ceiling tiles, waxing tile floors, etc. He will first check with custodians Robin & Willard Lasher to see if they would be willing and able to complete these items. A motion was made by Supervisor Timothy Miller, seconded

by Councilman John Pegg and carried 4/0 to have the custodians do as much of the upkeep items as they can and to purchase the necessary supplies.

Councilman Joseph Gregory received a list of corrections to the Historical Survey that was previously done in the Town from Historian Virginia Schoradt. A motion was made by Councilman John Pegg, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 4/0 to have the Clerk type them up and add the corrections to the website.

A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Gregory, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 4/0 to reimburse Councilwoman Flo Loomis \$114.91 for the three solar lights she purchased. Two went on the Town Hall sign and one went for the flag on the corner lot.

Clerk Charlene Wells received some solar farm information from the County Planning Dept. including a Fact Sheet on Solar Leases for Homeowners and a NYS Model Solar Energy Law. She has also contacted the Association of Towns to get samples of solar farm regulations. A motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Supervisor Timothy Miller and carried 4/0 to authorize the Clerk to put the Fact Sheet on Solar Leases for Homeowners on our website. Copies of the model solar law were given to the Board and will be sent to the Planning Board. The Town Board asked that the Planning Board come to the August 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting to begin discussing setting up some solar farm regulations.

Supervisor Miller noted that the Budget Committee (Councilmen Pegg & Gregory) should be meeting soon to start on the 2017 Budget. Deputy Stacey Kazacos will remain as the Budget Officer.

Tom Riso commented on the grant money for broadband. Verizon was supposed to have updated their lines with fiber optics and customers had a rate increase to cover that, but they never upgraded the lines. Frontier did upgrade their lines and customers of Frontier have better internet service available to them. Councilwoman Flo Loomis added that she has the same issue with bad old lines. Verizon needs to be told that we deserve better lines and better cell coverage also.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 4/0 to adjourn at 8:50 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk