

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---NOVEMBER 14, 2017---7:30 PM REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING---TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE

Present: Supervisor Timothy Miller, Councilmen Robert Eklund, John Pegg & Joseph Gregory, Councilwoman Flo Loomis, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Assessor Pam Dyn-Gohde, County Rep. Meg Kennedy, Residents: Bill Burdick, Robert Taylor, McKayla Lasher, John Bugyi, Willard Lasher, Barry & Sandra Braunius, Earl Smith, Susan Smith, Donald Smith, Lenny Melillo, Tom Riso, Edward Lentz, Stacey Kazacos, Nancy Mathewson, Bob Schenfeld

Supervisor Timothy Miller opened the regular monthly 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 5 Ayes/0 Nays to accept the October 10, 2017 regular monthly meeting minutes as written.

The Planning Board met on November 6, 2017 and recommended approval for a simple subdivision for Connie Paris on Quinlog Road. A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Gregory, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5 Ayes/0 Nays to approve Subdivision Application #05-17 for a 1.67 acre simple subdivision for Connie Paris on tax map #142.00-2-18.02 on Quinlog Road, with no significant adverse environmental impacts.

Supervisor-elect Edward Lentz gave thanks to Supervisor Timothy Miller and Councilman Joseph Gregory for their service to the Town. He further noted that Supervisor Miller has offered to help him through the transition. Justice-elect William Burdick asked for Board approval to attend the mandated training for new justices in Albany on December 11-16th, 2017. A motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilman Joseph Gregory and carried 5 Ayes/0 Nays to approve paying for the expenses for Justice-Elect William Burdick to attend the mandated justice training in Albany. Court Clerk Dora Cooke has advised that she won't continue as Court Clerk next year, but she will help train a new one. A motion was made by Supervisor Timothy Miller, seconded by Councilman Joseph Gregory and carried 5 Ayes/0 Nays to advertise for a new Court Clerk.

Highway Superintendent Bill Whitaker advised that he got a total cost for a new Freightliner truck with plow of \$197,390.77. With an extended warranty and stainless steel body it would be an additional \$7,355.00 for a total cost of \$204,740.77. It is under an Onondaga County bid so we wouldn't have to bid. It would include satellite software free for two years. He added that it is the same specs as a truck that the Town of Burlington got and they are happy with theirs. He would like to purchase two new trucks. Supt. Whitaker noted that he does regular required service checks on equipment to help prevent issues. He buys the recommended filters, etc. so that they don't void the warranty. He added that they have been out using the boom mower and all of the sand has been drawn in. We received \$6500.00 for the 2009 pickup and \$865.00 for the winch sold on Auctions International. He has applied for approximately \$190,000.00 in CHIPS/PAVENY funds. Councilman Robert Eklund questioned what trucks would be replaced with new ones, how much we could get for our old trucks (hopefully about \$60,000.00 each) and why the Volvo dealer didn't notify us of a problem with the grader before we had issues. Councilman John Pegg questioned if the Hwy. Supt. had looked at Western Star trucks. Councilman Whitaker responded that he had not, but thought that Tracey's out of Syracuse may sell them. The updated engine systems in the new Freightliners have been around for years now. He added that going with a stainless steel box would add more resale value. If we ordered a new truck it would be March or April 2018 before we would get it and then it would have to go to Viking for the plow setup. The cost to outfit the other 2009 Freightliner was about \$87,000. We could save money by not having it stretched and just outfitting with a sander & plow equipment. Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker noted that the 2009 Freightliner quit again and was taken to Mohawk Valley Freightliner for repairs.

County Representative Meg Kennedy advised that the solar project in Laurens is up and running and will hopefully save the County some money on electric costs. Clean Communities has loans available for businesses to invest in efficient energy sources. She noted that she attended a NYS Assoc. of Conservation Districts' meeting. They discussed how they are operating, doing culverts, storm water projects, helping towns and forest land. The County Board has almost finalized the budget. They have

signed a deal with Enterprise for vehicle leasing which the towns can piggyback on if they are interested. The County is working on a county wide Nepotism policy. There will be a meeting at Milford School on November 15th to discuss the concerns of the gas trucks going daily through the County. Co. Rep. Kennedy advised that the new CEO of the IDA is willing to work with everyone and very interested in helping small businesses. She brought information on the County's purchasing policy through Onondaga County which we can look into and see if we could utilize any of it. She is still looking into if we can use the new tower for our hwy. radio system. Councilman Robert Eklund asked her to keep trying to get some of the bed tax money for towns in the future.

Land Use Enforcement Officer Tom Riso noted that he has been going over stuff with the new assessor and helping her get more familiar with the Town.

Lenny Melillo gave the 3rd Quarter fire department report. The Emergency Squad had 80 man hours of calls and 116 hours of training. The Fire Dept. had 137 man hours of calls and 139 hours of training. He noted that they have good membership participation and good morale. Lenny advised that he had spoken with the surveyors and Robert O'Brien about putting the hwy. dept. radio system on the new tower and they thought it would probably work.

Supervisor Timothy Miller noted that he had talked with Robert O'Brien and they would be coming out this week for core samples. The County Attorney is working on the lease. NY State sent information that they have started a family leave plan. We can opt in to the program if we want to by notifying the state by December 1st. There are two options for covering the cost, either by employee wages or add it to a disability insurance policy. It was decided not to opt into the plan at this time.

The Mohawk Valley Economic Development District sent information on a Grant and Funding Opportunities Luncheon to be held on Friday, December 8, 2017 at their office in Mohawk.

Historian Virginia Schoradt would like Board approval to submit an application for a historical marker for the Hard & Peck Store in New Lisbon. It costs \$25.00 to apply. A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Gregory, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 5 Ayes/0 Nays to authorize Historian Virginia Schoradt to apply for a historical marker for the Hard & Peck Store.

The Board reviewed the medical insurance plan options. The renewal of the current MVP plan seems to be the best option available to us. Councilwoman Flo Loomis asked if the Hwy. employees had reviewed the data. Hwy. Employee Barry Braunius responded that the renewal of the current plan seemed like the best choice. A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Gregory, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 5 Ayes/0 Nays to renew the current Platinum plan with MVP at the monthly rates of \$775.25 for single, \$1550.50 for Employee & Spouse and \$2209.46 for Family.

Bookkeeper Doris Schlee has advised that she will retire at the end of the year. A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Gregory, seconded by Councilman Robert Eklund and carried 5 Ayes/0 Nays to advertise for a new bookkeeper.

The Board met prior to the meeting to review the bills. A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Gregory, seconded by Councilman Robert Eklund and carried 5 Ayes/0 Nays to pay General Fund Bills #187 through #200 for a total of \$5,191.06 and Highway Fund Bills #174 through #191 for a total of \$30,140.62. General Fund Bills #181 through #186 and Highway Fund Bill #192 for a total of \$8,468.46 were paid with prior Board approval. The Supervisor's monthly report was submitted to the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Timothy Miller, seconded by Councilman Robert Eklund and carried 5 Ayes/0 Nays to make the following appropriation changes to cover payroll and bills: 1. Increase Playground A7140.4 by \$100.00. Transfer from Contingent Account A1990.4. 2. Increase Firehouse Repairs A1620.44 by \$112.71. Transfer from Contingent Account A1990.4. 3. Transfer \$35,821.33 from General Repair Salary DA5110.1 to Snow Removal Salary DA5142.1.

The Board discussed the 2018 Preliminary Budget. The assessor's contractual will be increased by \$500.00 to cover cost for her training. The General Fund unexpended balance will be increased to cover that change, leaving the amount to be raised by tax at \$687,693.00 with a tax rate of \$6.59. With no further changes, a motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilman John

Pegg and carried 3 Ayes (F.Loomis,T.Miller,J.Pegg) to 2 Nays (J.Gregory, R.Eklund) to adopt the revised 2018 Preliminary Budget as the 2018 Final Budget.

Discussion was held on drafting a "Spoils Policy". Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker noted that getting rid of ditching materials is a problem a lot of the time. He is happy when he has taxpayers who will accept the material. Councilman Robert Eklund noted that Attorney Martin Tillapaugh recommended that we have at least a simple policy. Basically anyone in the Town who would want some ditching material could let the Hwy. Supt. know and their name would go on a list for when they are working in that area. Councilwoman Flo Loomis suggested that she would like to find out what surrounding towns do. The Board agreed to let her gather some further information and they will discuss further next month.

We received the Playground Inspection Report back from B.Scott Kuhnly of B.Safe Consulting. The Board will review the information and will discuss further next month. One of the biggest items is that we will need a load or two of pea gravel to get the surfacing level to where it should be.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker noted that he had not put the tarp systems put on the 2004 and 2008 Volkswagens since he was unsure if we would be keeping them. If we keep the 2004 Volvo we should get a different box.

Supervisor Timothy Miller submitted an RFP for repairs to the Town Hall and Highway Garage. A motion was made by Councilman Joseph Gregory, seconded by Councilman Robert Eklund and carried 5 Ayes/0 Nays to advertise the RFP for the building repairs to be returned by December 12, 2017. Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker noted that if we purchased the materials we could save money because we can get discounts and pay no tax. A motion was made by Supervisor Timothy Miller, seconded by Councilman Robert Eklund and carried 5 Ayes/0 Nays to amend the Building Repair RFP to state that the Town will purchase the needed materials.

McKayla Lasher questioned if the Town Hall big meeting room would be getting some repairs done as it was starting to look shabby. Supervisor Miller responded yes.

With no further comments or business, a motion was made by Supervisor Timothy Miller, seconded by Councilman Robert Eklund and carried 5 Ayes/0 Nays to adjourn at 9:15 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk