

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---JUNE 12, 2018---7:30 PM REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING---TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE

Present: Supervisor Edward Lentz, Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, Councilman John Pegg, Councilwoman Flo Loomis, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Assessor Pamela Dyn-Gohde, Residents Barry Braunius, Edward George, Donald Smith, Tom Riso

Absent: Councilman Robert Eklund, Co. Rep. Meg Kennedy

Supervisor Edward Lentz opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. He requested that the word "allegedly" be added to the line about those who were dumping on Bardin Road. A motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 4 Ayes/0 Nays to accept the minutes for the May 8, 2018 regular monthly meeting as amended and the minutes for the May 17, 2018 special bond meeting as written.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker advised that the 2001 is still in Vestal waiting for a rear end housing that had to be shipped from the manufacturer. They went to pick up the 2004 Volvo but employee Willard Lasher noticed that a shock absorber bracket had not been fixed, so it is still in Vestal. The 2008 just came back from repairs and has to go back because it still has problems. Supt. Whitaker noted that he is beginning to question if all of the repairs are just bad luck with our trucks or that the overall repair workmanship is questionable. Donald Smith noted that where he works they take trucks to a place in Bainbridge. Supt. Whitaker noted that in talking with others that all types of trucks have repair issues. They are almost done with honing the roads. He is waiting on another load of dust oil. The drive pump in the roller went bad. He will be renting a small roller for \$2000.00 a month. They put 2000 hours on the roller between oil changes. Supt. Whitaker advised that he attended sessions on retention ponds, recycling materials, public relations, CHIPS, etc. at the Hwy. School in Ithaca and felt it was worth his attendance.

The inventory of small tools and equipment has begun at the highway garage with Supt. Bill Whitaker noting that he has been working on taking photos of the items and putting the serial numbers on the photos. Councilman John Pegg will help him complete the inventory. One of the new flashing lights was stolen from when it was placed near the roller when it broke down. They were working on a road when someone drove up and wanted to get by. Apparently the road closed sign they had placed had been stolen while they were working. Road signs, including Texas, Jacobson & Bell Hill have been stolen again. It was agreed to work on a plan to help stop the stealing of signs which could result in dangerous situations to employees and residents. They have already put 125 hours on the new tractor. They are keeping maintenance logs for equipment. The metal needed for the hwy. storage building project has been ordered. Hanson Aggregates will start hauling in our CHIPS stone now that the County has finished resurfacing Co. Hwy. 16. The tower site has concrete poured, electric panels and a small building was just delivered.

We received notice from the NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance, Office of Real Property Tax Services that our 2018 Tentative Equalization rate is 109.02, down from 113.13 last year. Assessor Pamela Dyn-Gohde noted that four people came in for the Board of Review and she has heard no complaints on the decisions they made. Land Use Officer Tom Riso noted that our total assessments have increased by approximately \$460,000.00. The assessor will not be in on July 19th as she will be attending training.

Jody Zakrevsky of Otsego Now came to New Lisbon and met with Supervisor Edward Lentz. Supervisor Lentz advised him of our need for better cell phone reception and broadband in the Town. Mr. Zakrevsky advised that he's been trying to get natural gas to Oneonta. He thought it was a beautiful area here. Supervisor Lentz noted that we have a lot of developable land.

Supervisor Edward Lentz would like to hold a special meeting to review our half year spending which will help as a guide for formulating the next budget. A special meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 17th, 2018 at 7:30 PM.

Approximately 20 people attended the AED/CPR class at the Town Hall. We need to test the AED monthly and should put a log sheet in the cupboard to mark when it is done. Supervisor Edward Lentz noted that he went on the Texas State Forest Walking Trail and it was well maintained and he encouraged others to check it out. We will be closing on the bond for the truck purchase tomorrow at Community Bank.

We received notice from the US Army Corps of Engineers that the Otsego County Hwy. Dept. needs to provide them with more information pertaining to their application to fix a retaining wall on County Rt. 15 in the Town of New Lisbon.

Contractor Rich Dennis agreed to work on fixing the benches at the playground. We will purchase any materials. Supervisor Lentz is looking for a basketball backboard/hoop. Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker thought he would like to make a ramp from the basketball court to the playground. He will get the pea gravel ordered. The stain for the playset has been purchased. Supervisor Edward Lentz has been corresponding with Hartwick Supervisor Rich O'Brien about their summer program for kids and possibly opening it up to be available for New Lisbon kids. They provide it for the month of July and spend a half day at the Cooperstown school and half day at the Hartwick Community Center. The fee is \$75.00 for one child, \$100.00 for 2, and \$120.00 for 3 kids. They have over 50 kids signed up already. Councilwoman Flo Loomis will continue to look into the feasibility of opening it up to include New Lisbon kids and what amount it might cost us to join in.

The Board came in prior to the meeting to review the bills. A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 4 Ayes/0 Nays to approve paying General Fund bills #102 through #119 for a total of \$3,728.44 and Highway Fund bills #94 through #111 for a total of \$23,956.93. General Fund bills #94 through #101 and Highway Fund bill #112 for a total of \$8,897.24 were paid with prior Board approval. The Supervisor's monthly report was submitted to the Board.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to advertise for fuel product bids to be opened at the July 10th, 2018 meeting.

Supervisor Lentz had sent Board members copies of our no dumping local law and junk laws from Otego and Lansing for the Board to review. It was discussed that NY State already has laws which allow only two unregistered vehicles on a property. The NY State Building Code prohibits the accumulation of trash around homes. Our local law (#1 of 1988) prohibits dumping except for materials generated on the property or a by-product of agricultural operations. Enforcement of existing laws should be tried perhaps before we add more. Supervisor Edward Lentz will ask for an opinion from Attorney Martin Tillapaugh if our local law is enforceable. Our land use officer job description includes enforcing our local land use laws.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to adjourn at 9:05 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk