

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---JULY 10, 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, Co. Rep. Meg Kennedy, Assessor Pamela Dyn-Gohde, a representative from Mirabito, Residents: Tom Riso, Donald Smith, Earl Smith, Nick Lasher, Lenny Melillo, Mert Hull Absent: Councilman Robert Eklund

Supervisor Edward Lentz opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. The minutes from June 12, 2018 were corrected to read Rob O'Brien instead of Rich O'Brien in paragraph nine. A motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to accept the amended minutes for the June 12, 2018 regular monthly meeting.

Bids for fuel products were received from Reese-Marshall and Mirabito as follows: From Reese Marshall of Norwich, NY bids were \$2.43 fixed price per gallon or differential of \$.14 for fuel oil, \$2.47 fixed price per gallon or \$.14 differential for Diesel, \$2.62 fixed price or \$.14 differential for Winter Mix Diesel, \$2.79 fixed price per gallon or \$.14 differential for Kerosene, \$.19 differential for Unleaded Gas and \$200.00 each for a furnace service contract. They gave no price for the tank & propane for the town hall kitchen stove. Mirabito submitted bids of \$2.68 fixed price per gallon or \$.10 differential for Fuel Oil, \$2.62 fixed price or \$.10 differential for Diesel, \$2.70 fixed price per gallon or \$.06 differential for Winter Mix Diesel, \$3.13 fixed price or \$.10 differential for Kerosene, \$.10 differential for Unleaded Gas, \$154.50 for the top furnace plan and \$1.75 fixed price per gallon or \$.45 differential for propane. The many problems that we had over the past year with Mirabito were discussed. Their representative apologized for the problems we had and blamed it on the company's growing pains. Lenny Melillo advised that because of the problems the fire dept. had, including pipes frozen twice, the wrong product delivered and all of the extra work and cost from the damages that they were going to use Reese-Marshall, regardless of the Town Board's decision. Board members felt that it was best to go with a fixed price because of the unpredictable market at this time and it would be easier to budget for. Overall, the lowest fixed prices were with Reese-Marshall. A motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to accept the fixed price bids of \$2.43 for Fuel oil, \$2.47 for Diesel, \$2.62 for Winter Mix Diesel, \$2.79 for Kerosene, \$.19 differential for Unleaded gas and \$200.00 each for four furnace service contracts from Reese-Marshall for the period of August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019. Town Clerk Charlene Wells will call them about the tank and cost for our one delivery of propane for the Town Hall kitchen stove.

Jordan Clements, District Manager of the Otsego County Soil & Water Conservation District presented his plan for developing a Countywide Stream Maintenance Program. His plan would help us become proactive instead of just reactive. Each town will be asked to join in and submit a top ten list of areas that need work. Jordan noted that he has submitted a request to the state for funds for equipment and he will ask the County to provide man power for jobs. They look for grant opportunities, especially from the Water Quality Improvement Fund. His plan is based on plans in other counties, such as Chemung County. They would be able to help get work done on private property along the stream where the Town cannot work on private property except for in our right of ways. The cost to towns is based on their census population. Our cost to join in would be \$2,200.00 per year (\$2.00 x 1114 persons). He asked the Town Board to review plan ideas and consider signing on to the program. Lenny Melillo questioned using population instead of parcel count in the cost formula. It was noted that Supervisor Edward Lentz and Co. Rep. Meg Kennedy are on the Soil & Water Board of Directors.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker advised that they have completed honing the roads. They have rented an excavator and are putting in culverts. They are getting the ditching and culverts replaced on Gilbert Lake Road to get it ready for paving. Hanson Aggregates hauled in our paving stone. His goal is to do the Gilbert Lake Road paving job in August and then will complete Gregory Road so we can utilize the Multi-Modal funds for that road. Councilwoman Flo Loomis noted someone had placed a handmade sign about the road condition by Gilbert Lake/Town Line Road. Supervisor Edward Lentz reviewed his notes from a meeting that he and Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson had with Supt. Whitaker. (See separate notes from 7-9-18). Supt. Whitaker noted that the new truck will have a tarp system. He

commented that we have not had issues with our paving projects where another town that used a “cheaper” vendor had issues with their road bleeding. He further noted that our prep work is vital in helping the paving projects last as long as possible. It was discussed to look into getting a trail camera to set up where road signs are going missing. The Texas Forest Walking Trail sign has been taken down temporarily because the DEC is going to be doing logging in the forest. Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker noted that he is still working on the hwy. garage inventory.

Due to high repair bills for the 04 & 08 Volvos, the highway repair account #DA 5130.4 is out of money. A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to transfer \$40,000.00 from the unassigned fund balance to DA 5130.4 Machinery Contractual.

Lenny Melillo commented that he would like to see a different way of paying Town Board members. Rather than a one lump sum payment for the year, he would like to see them paid by the meeting and for extra jobs they take on.

County Rep. Meg Kennedy discussed the revolving loan fund. They have over \$600,000.00 in it and were told by the State that they must spend down the funds. They are working on guidelines for grant projects to use the funds. Dennis Clark is now the director of Otsego County’s Veterans’ Services. The County Manager issue is still being studied. SouthernTierSolarWorks.org has information on community solar projects that residents may be interested in (Contact Adam Flint @607-873-9220). OCCA has a grant to do energy audits under Heat Smart Otsego. They also heard from a records management company. The County Treasurer has warned that since the tax level has stayed level for years, they could run into trouble in the near future.

Garrattsville Fire Company member Mert Hull gave their 2nd quarter report. During this period they had 487 man hours for training, fires, tree down calls and motor vehicle accident calls. They have had no new applications for memberships. The Town Board expressed appreciation for all they do for the community.

The bills were reviewed by the Board prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to pay General Fund bills #126 through #134 for a total of \$1,366.43 and Highway Fund Bills #113 through #124 for a total of \$74,484.29. General Fund bills #120 through #125 and Highway Fund bill #125 for a total of \$25,061.19 were paid with prior Board approval. The Supervisor’s monthly report was submitted to the Board.

Supervisor Edward Lentz advised that he had talked with Attorney Martin Tillapaugh about our no dumping law. He advised that it is too broad to probably hold up in some aspects, but we could enforce the no dumping of waste not generated on the property. The State building code deals with garbage around residences and the State has a rule of allowing only two unregistered vehicles on a property. Supervisor Lentz questioned if we should proceed with looking into a town junk law. There was no real support from the Board for proceeding with a town junk law if we can’t even enforce what laws are already on the books. On the issue of the junk on Bardin Road, Supervisor Lentz contacted the property owner and they advised that it was probably the neighbor, not their tenant who “allegedly” dumped stuff.

We had an inquiry about a possible outdoor summer concert weekend in August 2018 to be held at Batternuts Beer & Ale. Our 1970 Ordinance regulating Public Assemblages & Gatherings allows up to 1500 people before a town permit is needed. The ordinance also states that a bond in the amount of \$200,000.00 is required. Supervisor Lentz advised that he was questioned about the bond amount and our insurance agent advised that we should at least have a certificate of insurance showing the Town as an additional insured. There really isn’t enough time to amend the existing regulation because we would have to draft it and hold a public hearing on it and file it with the state. Supervisor Edward Lentz will check with our Attorney and see if we could pass a Board resolution to waive the Bond requirement in favor of a certificate of insurance if they decide to proceed with the music event.

In regards to the playground/park area, Supervisor Edward Lentz noted that he is still looking for a backboard that would work. The hwy. dept. took down the leaning backstop pole. The stain for the playset is at the Town Hall whenever someone is ready to work on it.

Copies of the worksheets for the update to our Hazard Mitigation plan have been forwarded to our contact Chris Huch at Tetra Tech. The Board will meet on July 17th, 2018 at 7:30 PM to review six month expenses.

Tom Riso added that for outdoor concerts, they would also have to check on requirements with the Otsego County Code Enforcement office.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman John Pegg, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to adjourn at 9:30 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk