

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---MAY 14, 2019---7:30 PM REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING---TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE

Present: Supervisor Edward Lentz, Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, Councilwoman Flo Loomis, Councilman John Pegg, Councilman Robert Eklund, Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith, Clerk Charlene Wells, Co. Rep. Meg Kennedy, Residents Tom Riso, Gabby Eklund

Supervisor Edward Lentz opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. A motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilman Robert Eklund and carried 5 Ayes/0 Nays to accept the minutes for the April 9, 2019 Public Hearing and Regular Monthly meeting as per the final written draft.

Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith noted that the 2018 Freightliner had a minor issue with an auxiliary fuel tank leaking at the fittings which they hope is where it is leaking in air. Freightliner wants him to bring them the fuel tank so they can see why it failed after only half a year. The loader is having steering issues so they pulled the valve for repairs and were told it was not economical to repair it and they can't find a replacement one due to its age. They have temporarily fixed it themselves and are going to look for another one (estimated at approximately \$2400.00), perhaps it will have to be a used one. If it goes bad, we will be without a loader. Plans are to budget for a new one next year.

The online auctions for the 2001 Truck (\$3550.00), 2 brooms (\$310.00 & \$210.00), sickle mower (\$160.00) and old welder (\$52.50) closed tonight bringing the amounts listed which is more than if we just scrapped the items. Our paving stone is being hauled in for us. Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith noted that he learned some new ideas on drainage/water management at the seminar in Cobleskill he attended today. As a supervisor of CDL drivers he is required to attend a Drug/Alcohol awareness training which will be in Oneonta on May 30th at a cost of \$25.00. He is waiting to hear back from UpState Sprayfoam about when they are coming to fix the bad part of the hwy. garage roof. We got the user name & password for the DVR for the old camera system that was installed at the hwy. garage so it is in use. We need to get an administration code so we can adjust the clarity of the pictures.

The Hwy. Committee submitted their draft 2019 Highway Plan. Besides doing routine maintenance on roads and bridges, goals include moving towards getting trucks into a ten-year replacement rotation, replacing older equipment with newer, more reliable equipment and continuing to track equipment costs. Chip sealing, which can be done every five years will be utilized where possible instead of paving every ten years. Culverts need replacing on Gross Road, Jones Road and two on Goddards Road. Paving Turnbull Bridge will be considered and Millhollow Bridge needs to be evaluated. The storage building addition needs to be completed and to have heat installed. The 3-year plan includes getting two new plow trucks, a loader and a small plow truck like a Ford F550. This year's CHIPS projects will be to re-pave Pegg Road and Gill Hill Road at an estimated cost of \$85,000-\$90,000.00. We have already ordered a 2019 Freightliner with hopes to pay for it outright with CHIPS funds, budget funds and fund balance. The Board will review the draft highway plan and vote on it next month. Nancy Martin-Mathewson has been tracking repair expenses and noted that so far in 2019 we have spent about half of what we spent at this point in 2018.

County Rep. Meg Kennedy advised that a planning intern presented the findings of a housing study which showed we have a shortage of year-round housing in the County. Seasonal rentals account for 11% of housing in the County. The County has signed on to the Climate Smart Communities program with Tammy Harris of the Planning Dept. being the Coordinator. Rep. Kennedy noted that Amy Wyant, the Clean Energy Community Coordinator for MVEDD will be reaching out to Towns who have CSC committees to look into working together to get a CFA grant. In regards to PACE financing for commercial properties who install energy efficient features, this will now be administered by Otsego Now instead of the County. Meg noted that she attended a meeting with McFarlan & Johnson, a firm hired to do a study of the I-88 corridor to look for properties within five miles which would be good for development. She was disappointed that they would be using GIS surveys, not actually walking the properties. The Energy Task Force has been gathering data. Co. Rep. Kennedy added that it is moving ahead slowly, with a lot of expectations from all sides. She added that in order for it to work all sides must work together. Councilwoman Flo Loomis asked how Hartwick's Clean Sweep day went. Meg responded that they were happy with the results. They collected 600 tires from residents, which the Town pays to get rid of.

Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson gave an update on the CSC Committee. They definitely would like more people to join the committee. They discussed having a table at the fireman's barbecue. They were discussing ways to keep things out of the waste stream and thought they might make up a handout of ways to properly dispose of items to cut down on the trash sent to landfills. Other ideas discussed were a complete streets policy, changing streetlights to LEDs and fleet management. It may be a good idea to get together with other town's CSC Committees to compare notes.

Supervisor Edward Lentz completed a review of our finances and felt that we were in good shape so far this year. We got notice from Gates-Cole Associates that our insurance policy renewal came in at a \$75.00 increase from last year. The building coverage amounts and hwy. truck & equipment values were reviewed. It was questioned if we are covered for replacement values or market values, which Supervisor Lentz will check on. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilman John Pegg and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to accept the insurance renewal from Gates Cole Associates at \$75.00 over last year, with Supervisor Lentz checking on the insured values.

In regards to grants, the rehab grant application was submitted. We can keep adding people to our waiting list while we wait to hear if we get the grant. A grant application was submitted to set up a cycling course in town and hold a bike race. We would put up cycling route signs, share the road signs etc. and hold a race if we get the \$4,500.00 grant. Stacey Kazacos has submitted the grant application to apply for \$1000.00 to put up signs on the Texas Schoolhouse State Forest Walking Trail. There is a Consolidated Funding Application due July 26th, 2019 if anyone has any ideas for that.

Discussion was held on changing the meeting date in August. Supervisor Edward Lentz noted that Chuck Williamson of Butternuts Beer & Ale is interested in doing more music festivals. Supervisor Lentz has provided a letter of support from the Town for the concept of holding a music festival. The Otego County Office for the Aging has advised that they have not been getting enough people in for the Senior Meals on the last two Wednesdays of the month at the Town Hall and may be in danger of having it closed down. They were going with needing at least 12 and have cut that down to 9 this past winter. We need ideas to increase the involvement with the New Lisbon Senior Group and Senior Meal Site. Land Use Officer Town Riso noted that there were no new starts on building projects and that Otsego Electric is bringing their new lines in Town for their broadband.

We have had a recent incident and it has happened previously that property has been subdivided without Planning Board review. Clerk Charlene Wells has called the County Clerk's office about this before and was told that if a person brings in a legal document for filing that they file it. We need to find out how we can stop subdivided land from being processed without local approval. Supervisor Edward Lentz will contact the landowner in the newest incident. Our Town Attorney has advised that we can make them complete the paperwork after-the-fact.

The bills were available for the Board to review prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to pay General Fund bills #88 through #105 for a total of \$9,709.72 and Highway Fund bills #64 through #77 for a total of \$13,241.94. General Fund bills #83 through #87 and Highway Fund bill #78 for a total of \$5,356.66 were paid with prior Board approval. The Supervisor's monthly report was submitted to the Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 5 Ayes/0 Nays to reappoint Robert Taylor to a new five-year term on the New Lisbon Planning Board effective June 1, 2019. The Board discussed the planning board training requirements of four hours each per year. With the lack of adequate local planning seminars, the Town Board also approved the use of local agricultural and environmental seminars for training credits.

With no further comment or business, a motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to adjourn at 9:12 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk

