

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---JULY 9, 2019---7:30 PM REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING---TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE

Present: Supervisor Edward Lentz, Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, Councilman Robert Eklund, Councilwoman Flo Loomis, Clerk Charlene Wells, Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith, Assessor Pamela Dyn-Gohde, Co. Rep. Meg Kennedy, Residents Barbara & Don Smith, Barry & Sandra Braunius, Edward George, Mert Hull, Tom Riso, Jennifer Smith & Son, Keith Woodbeck--Absent: Councilman John Pegg

Supervisor Edward Lentz opened the regular monthly meeting at 7:30 PM. A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilman Robert Eklund and carried 4 Ayes/0 Nays to accept the minutes for the June 11, 2019 regular meeting as written.

Fuel bids were only received from Reese-Marshall this year as follows: Diesel---\$.14 differential or \$2.21 gal. fixed price, Winter mix Diesel---\$2.36 gal. fixed price, Unleaded Gas---\$.19 differential over tank price, Kerosene (for Firehouse)---\$.14 differential or \$2.42 gal. fixed price, Fuel Oil---\$.14 differential or \$2.28 gal. fixed price and \$200.00 for each of our four service contracts. No price was received for propane. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 4 Ayes/0 Nays that based on the good service we had from Reese-Marshall this past year and the uncertainty of what could happen in the market, to accept the fixed prices of \$2.21 gal. for Diesel, \$2.36 gal. for Winter mix Diesel, \$2.42 gal. for Kerosene, \$2.28 gal. for Fuel Oil, the \$.19 differential for Unleaded Gas and \$200.00 per service contract from Reese-Marshall of Norwich, NY. We will check on the propane for the town hall kitchen stove.

Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith reported that the new engine is in the roller and it is working and almost ready to go. They have been helping other towns with their paving projects. We will seal ours in August. The stone & paving costs can be submitted for reimbursement. The bad spot on the roof of the highway garage was fixed by Upstate SprayFoam. The training that the County will do for the highway dept. in the fall will include sexual harassment to meet the new standards. The Morton building construction project is complete and we received our certificate of compliance. Supt. Smith noted that he would like to look at getting heat in the building before winter.

Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith stated that he would like to keep Warren Card Spur Road open all year instead of being a seasonal road. We currently plow each end. He advised that he has plowed it himself in the past as he is a main property owner on the road. He advised that it would be easier to just plow the whole thing, instead of just the ends and that it would benefit emergency services to keep the whole road open. He has received opposition to this idea from adjacent land owner Wendy Goodspeed. Supervisor Edward Lentz noted that it is the Hwy. Superintendent's decision to make but that Supt. Smith wanted to get a recommendation from the Board. Supervisor Lentz also said that he had spoken to Mrs. Goodspeed and thought she would attend tonight to make her case against keeping the road open all winter. She told him that it is a narrow road, very close to her house which could cause problems. She felt it could create a dangerous situation if not maintained properly and there would be more traffic. Resident Don Smith commented that it is a pretty quiet road and there should be no problem with keeping it open and it would be beneficial to emergency services. Councilman Robert Eklund commented that it made sense that it would be easier to plow the whole thing. Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson added that it would be safer for the plow driver to plow the whole thing than to have to plow in the ends and then back out. Since there is no immediate need for a decision, the Board decided to wait until next month to make a recommendation on this issue and to give Mrs. Goodspeed another chance to talk to the Board.

Highway equipment repair costs through June 2019 were about \$31,000.00 compared to \$74,000.00 at this time last year. We received notice that we would be receiving about \$30,000.00 in extreme winter recovery money from the State. The County Hwy. 14 bridge near Balcom Road has received a yellow flag, but this is the County's bridge to fix not ours. The Town of Laurens has sent in a one-year shared service agreement. It was decided to hold off signing it as Supervisor Edward Lentz noted that he would like to start a new shared service agreement in 2020 so that we hopefully could get an incentive payment from the State for half of the money we saved by doing shared services with other towns.

Tom Riso asked when the hwy. dept. would be doing dust control. Supt. Donald Smith advised that hopefully they would be ready to do it in a few weeks. Edward George commented that he was glad to hear positive stuff happening and that things are getting done.

Co. Rep. Meg Kennedy brought some items on ticks & Lyme disease. She noted that the County Planning Dept. put in a letter of support for the CSC grant to help CSC towns meet the program goals. The AIM funding was cut by the state to smaller towns like us, but will be funded by internet sales tax. The County will get the internet sales tax and pay out \$313,000.00 to the towns (our share has been \$5400.00) and they expect to have an additional \$75,000.00 to \$125,000.00 for the County.

Mert Hull gave the 2nd quarter report for the Garrattsville Fire Company. In the 2nd quarter they put in 495-man hours on non-fire things such as meetings, training, parades, etc. They had 88-man hours on fire & rescue calls. Everything is going well, but they can always use more volunteers. Keith Woodbeck added that it is harder to get crews during the daytime hours. The State also makes it harder with all of their requirements. Supervisor Edward Lentz noted that the State is working on getting some incentives to help get more volunteers. He has got a meeting scheduled this week with other surrounding towns and New Berlin to discuss the EMS shortage and see what can be done to improve and hopefully help keep New Berlin, who handles a lot of calls for us, active.

Land Use Enforcement Officer Tom Riso noted that new construction has been slow and he is currently watching several projects. Assessor Pamela Dyn-Gohde advised that she will not be in for her hours next week as she will be at a training class. Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson noted that the CSC committee has not met yet this month. They are working on educational flyers to hand out. Supervisor Edward Lentz noted that he had not received a contract from NYSEG to switch the streetlights to LEDs. Councilwoman Flo Loomis noted that she has not yet met with Martha Clarvoe about Hartwick's Clean Up Day.

A review of the Supervisor's monthly financial report showed that everything is looking good so far. A motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 4 Ayes/0 Nays to transfer \$210.30 from DA9060.8 (Health Insurance) to DA9055.8 (Disability) to cover the bill to The Hartford for Paid Family Leave.

Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith is going to order first aid kits for the hwy. trucks and Supervisor Edward Lentz made a motion, seconded by Councilman Robert Eklund, which carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to purchase one first aid kit for the Town Hall at an estimated cost of \$142.29. Councilman Robert Eklund thought we should have Narcan in our first aid kits. After further discussion on the issue it was decided that Councilman Eklund will check with the Otsego County Dept. of Health and Supervisor Lentz will check with our Attorney about the issue.

The County has announced that pre-application forms for a Microenterprise Assistance Grant must be in by July 19th, 2019. This is mostly for low to moderate income small businesses with five or less employees and may be used for equipment, inventory, etc. OCCA is developing a stake-holder based watershed management plan for the Butternut Creek Watershed. They will be holding a meeting on this on July 17th at 6:30 PM at the New Lisbon Town Hall. Butternuts Beer & Ale is holding a music festival at their brewery on July 19th-21st.

Supervisor Edward Lentz along with Pete Chase and Lenny Melillo went to look at the Garratt monument. It definitely is leaning. It is in five sections which appear to be only held together by friction. It will most likely have to be moved and a foundation poured to hold the weight of the pieces. Supervisor Lentz is still going to have Gary Norman look at the stone about cleaning it and get his input.

Anyone who is available can come help out with staining the playset in the town hall playground on Saturday, July 13th at 9:30 AM. An overall inspection will also be completed.

Supervisor Edward Lentz has found out that the Town Board, acting as the local Health Board can order a clean-up and bill the occupants at the 644 Gardnertown Road site that he has been trying to get someone to help clean up. He will check on this with our Attorney.

The bills were available for the Board to review prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to pay General Fund bills #128 through #139 for a total of \$1,938.72 and Highway Fund bills #91 through #97 and #99 through #104 for a total of \$58,190.85. General Fund bills #124 through #127 and Highway bills #98, #105 and #106 for a total of \$41,206.86 were paid with prior Board approval. The Supervisor's monthly financial report was submitted to the Board.

Edward George asked Co. Rep. Meg Kennedy for an update on the issue of getting a cell carrier on our EMS tower. She advised that the County has re-released for bids for management of all Otsego County towers. The first time the company was not interested in having to utilize all towers. The Town Board was thankful for the County trying to help us out with getting cell service, as we have not been successful on our own. Tom Riso commended Otsego Electric Cooperative for the work they are doing in bringing internet to the area. Councilwoman Flo Loomis added that we should send a letter thanking them for providing this service for their customers. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to adjourn at 8:58 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk