

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---NOVEMBER 12, 2019---7:30 PM REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING---TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE

Present: Supervisor Edward Lentz, Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, Councilman Robert Eklund, Councilwoman Flo Loomis, Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith, Town Clerk Charlene Wells, Assessor Pamela Dyn-Gohde, Co. Rep. Meg Kennedy, Councilman-elect Bill Whitaker, Residents Scott & Wendy Goodspeed, Lenny Melillo Absent: Councilman John Pegg

The regular monthly meeting was opened at 7:32 PM. A motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilman Robert Eklund and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to accept the minutes for the October 8th, 2019 public hearing and regular meeting as written.

The presentation from the Census Bureau was postponed until next month. Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith advised that the new truck should be here this week. They converted the wing on the 2009A Freightliner and it is working well. The 2008 Volvo was serviced by Burr Truck. Hwy. Supt. Smith advised that he was not happy with the service at Burr Truck, feels they don't stand behind their work, and is going to look for somewhere else for service. The 2018 Freightliner is working okay. The loader is still functioning. He is researching a tank for applying dust control and working on drafting a written dust control policy. He is waiting for input from the NYSDEC and Army Corp of Engineers on the Gross Road culvert project. The Hwy. garage roof is still leaking and he has had no luck in getting Upstate Spray Foam to respond to his calls and neither has Supervisor Edward Lentz. It was discussed to have Supervisor Lentz send a letter to them. The new heater in the Morton building is working well. He is waiting on Stan Leonard to install the new lights. Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson advised that our vehicle expenses were at \$46,670.00 compared to \$127,706.00 the previous year.

Scott and Wendy Goodspeed were present to voice their objection to Blue Jay Hollow Spur Road/Warren Card Spur Road being turned into a full-time road. Their house is about nine feet from the road and it has been a seasonal road since they moved in their house in 2005. They noted that the road gets a lot of traffic with a lot of speeders. They feel that the road is too narrow to be opened in the winter with snow banks making it more like a one lane road. If not sanded properly someone could hit their house. Wendy Goodspeed added that her bushes were trimmed by the stop sign on their end of the road, but nothing was done to clear around the stop sign on the other end of the road. She noted that the plow truck turned around on Co. Hwy. 16 and went back up the road. It had been previously stated that by having it open the plow trucks wouldn't have to back in or turn around in the main road. They also noted that they read that fire & ems equipment weren't supposed to go on roads under 19 feet wide. Since it has already been decided to keep the road open year-round, they asked that it be considered to make it a one-way road going towards Card Road. Supervisor Edward Lentz noted that we would have to check into if a one-way road is possible, if there is a width limit for fire & ems vehicles and if we could perhaps widen the road before considering making any changes with the road.

Lenny Melillo noted that the new fire tanker should be delivered in January 2020. The ambulance has been out of service waiting on an exhaust filter. Lawrence Worden advised that the neighbor's sheep were loose again and in his back yard. He wants to see this ongoing problem solved before an innocent animal gets hurt. Supervisor Edward Lentz will check and see if there are any NYS Agriculture and Markets laws which might pertain to keeping proper fences.

The Planning Board met on November 4th, 2019 and recommended approval on a simple subdivision for Robert & Claire Taylor. This subdivision had been approved in 2015, but the sale fell through and it was never filed. The new lot includes the barn and will remain agricultural. After further review and upon completing the EAF and issuing a negative declaration, a motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to approve simple subdivision #1-2019 for Robert & Claire Taylor and Nicholas & Tonya Barnes on tax map #159.00-1-25.01, subject to County Planning Dept. review.

Co. Rep. Meg Kennedy noted the County will be finalizing their 2020 Tentative Budget this week. A public hearing will be held on December 4th, 2019 on the proposed Local Law to have a County Administrator, with a vote expected at that meeting. There will be two public informational meetings on November 14th & 19th on the County Administrator issue. Separate glass and cardboard are now accepted at the Northern Transfer Station. They are looking to find ways to reduce the cost of recycling. There will now be a fee of \$12.00 to get rid of televisions, monitors and large-commercial grade electronics. Other

electronics will remain free. Co. Rep. Kennedy noted that she and Supervisor Lentz attended a meeting in Cazenovia with Soil & Water and farmers about improving water quality and reducing run-off. The jail needs a new roof and inmates are currently being housed elsewhere.

Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson advised that the CSC Committee is slowly moving along. They are hoping to get a meeting with Amy Wyant, Clean Energy Community Coordinator of the Mohawk Valley Region.

Supervisor Edward Lentz advised that he got a price quote of \$1180.00 for a flagpole for the corner lot. A premium solar light for the top would be \$125.00. The cost for removing the old pole was estimated at \$550.00 to \$1250.00 and the installation cost for the new pole was \$1850.00. After discussion, it was decided to find a local contractor to take down the old pole and install the new one and a motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to purchase a flagpole from Flagpoles, Etc. for a cost of \$1180.00 and the solar light for \$125.00.

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to make the following appropriation changes to cover bills: 1. Increase A1620.41 (Community Hall Contractual) by \$1268.00. Transfer \$900.00 from A1010.4 (Town Board Contractual) and \$368.00 from A1110.4 (Justice Contractual). 2. Increase DA5130.2 (Machinery-Equipment) by \$98,159.18. Transfer \$4,500.00 from A1420.4 (Attorney Contractual), \$800.00 from A1620.42 (Community Hall Repairs), \$1,062.15 from A1910.4 (Insurance), \$1,837.83 from A1990.4 (Contingent), \$1,000.00 from A8020.4 (Planning Contractual), \$8,845.00 from A9060.8 (Health Insurance), \$7,400.00 from A9060.81 (Health Insurance-deductible), \$2,350.00 from DA9060.8 (Health Insurance), \$8,000.00 from DA9060.81 (Health Insurance-deductible), \$2,364.20 from DA5110.1 (General Repairs-personal service), \$20,000.00 from DA 5110.4 (General Repairs-Contractual), \$35,000.00 from DA 5130.4 (Machinery Contractual) and \$5,000.00 from DA 5142.4 (Snow Removal Contractual).

It was noted that new computers are needed for the Supervisor, Hwy. Supt. and Assessor. If not able to get done this year, money was included in the 2020 Budget. The new truck will be submitted for partial reimbursement in the Spring 2020 from CHIPS carryover. The Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan Implementation Committee is working on a way to get ag products through sourcewhatsgood.com.

We received information from MVP about renewing our current medical insurance plan with them. We currently only have three employees on the plan as two have opted to go on their spouse's plan. There have been no complaints from employees on how the new plan is working. Supervisor Lentz noted that we have used about 50% of the deductible amount to date. The rates are increasing by 4.3%. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to renew our current medical insurance plan with MVP for 2020 at the rates of \$612.44 Single, \$1224.88 Double, and \$1745.45 Family. Supervisor Lentz will work out the employee contribution for 2020.

David Green, an Edmeston Councilman, has been doing our website work for free since we started it. He is retiring from the Edmeston Board and has offered to continue our website work for \$599.00 per year. Other options would be our computer tech Steve Lawton could set up a site and do the work at his rate of \$55.00 per hour. We received a brochure from North Shore Solutions who would set up a website for a one-time fee and then offer plans from \$520.00 to \$850.00 per year. There are many companies that offer website services. Clerk Charlene Wells noted that she has been happy working with David Green and since he has done so much for us at no cost and he is a small local business, she would recommend that we continue with him for next year. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to hire David Green for website services for 2020 at a cost of \$599.00.

Clerk Charlene Wells brought up that New York State passed legislation that waived the State's portion of the fee for a marriage license (\$22.50) for active duty military. The Town has the option of waiving the Town portion of the marriage license fee (\$17.50). Even though she couldn't remember ever issuing a license for a person in the military, she suggested that the Board should consider waiving the fee so that we would be consistent with other Towns and show support for those in the military. A motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to pass Resolution #8 of 2019, waiving the Town portion of the fee for a marriage license for active duty military.

Supervisor Edward Lentz advised that he was still working on the EMS issue. As of now it looks like our contract amount with the Village of New Berlin would be for \$7,900.00. Attorney Michelle Kennedy will be helping us to get our Certificate of Need. Supervisor Lentz suggested that he would like to include money in the Fire Department Budget to start a local incentive program for volunteers. He suggested putting in \$2,500.00 in the 2020 Budget which would be given to the volunteers based on the number of calls that they made during the year.

The Board discussed the 2020 Preliminary Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to amend the 2020 Preliminary budget to include the funds for the 3 new computers, \$75,000.00 for a loan for part of the cost of a new loader and the \$2,500.00 for the Fire Dept. budget for a local incentive program and to adopt the revised 2020 Preliminary Budget as the 2020 Final Budget.

A motion was made by Supervisor Edward Lentz, seconded by Councilman Robert Eklund and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to appoint Laura Child to the vacant position on the New Lisbon Board of Assessment Review. Her term will expire 9/30/2023.

The bills were available for the Board to review prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilman Robert Eklund and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to approve paying General Fund bills #193 through #206 for a total of \$3,117.24 and Highway Fund bills #154 through #165 for a total of \$230,335.95. General Fund bills #188 through #192 and Highway Fund bills #153 and #166 for a total of \$15,818.08 were paid with prior Board approval. The Supervisor's monthly report was submitted to the Board and reviewed.

With no further business and no further comments from the floor, a motion was made by Councilman Robert Eklund, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to adjourn at 9:40 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk