

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---SEPTEMBER 22, 2020---7:30 PM
SPECIAL MEETING ON 2021 TENTATIVE BUDGET---TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE

Present: Supervisor Edward Lentz, Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, Councilman Brian Ryther, Councilwoman Flo Loomis, Councilman Bill Whitaker, Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith, Town Clerk Charlene Wells

Supervisor Edward Lentz opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. Councilman Bill Whitaker questioned about reconsidering opening up the use of the Town Hall for small meetings such as his tractor club board of directors. The Board discussed the idea of allowing more uses at the Town Hall. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays/ 1 Abstention (Councilman Whitaker) to allow small group meetings (no social gatherings or food) of up to 15 people, as long as they can be fit in the schedule to allow several days apart for cleaning.

Richard and Laura Mahoney of 109 Evans Road have requested a setback variance for the purpose of setting up a carport on their property. They originally asked for a setback to 18 feet, but Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith advised that he did not want to see a structure in the highway right-of-way. The Mahoneys agreed to ask for a setback to 25 feet, which would be about in line with their home. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Brian Ryther, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to grant a setback variance to 25 feet to Richard and Laura Mahoney for the purpose of setting up a carport at their property at 109 Evans Road.

Supervisor Edward Lentz presented his 2021 Tentative Budget to the Board. All agreed that they did not want to see any increase in Town taxes due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the economic situation it has caused. We are also unsure if the County's Budget will be able to stay under the tax cap and may be an increase for property owners. The Board reviewed the items in the budget line by line and made some adjustments. The Town Clerk/Collector did not ask for a raise, but the Board asked her to leave so they could discuss her salary. Upon her return, a motion was made by Councilman Brian Ryther, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to give the Town Clerk/Collector a 2% raise. Highway employees and the Hwy. Supt. were figured with a 2% raise. The Board agreed to put in \$200.00 for each hwy. employee for work related clothing/shoes as a thank you bonus. Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith noted that he has to order all new road signs to get them to be the mandated six-inch letters at a cost between \$10,000.00-\$15,000.00. \$25,000.00 is being earmarked in General Fund for a building reserve and \$25,000.00 in Highway Fund for an equipment reserve. Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson suggested an idea to add to an equipment reserve by putting in any money made from surplus sales. Seeing as NYS is suggesting they will withhold 20% of our CHIPS/PAVE NY/EWR funds this year, Supervisor Lentz is only budgeting 80% of anticipated CHIPS amount in the 2021 budget. With concerns for carrying over unused CHIPS money to next year, it was discussed to put in for all of our funds by including part of the cost of the 2019 Freightliner. The Hwy. Supt. can then use some of these funds to purchase his stone for his next year's chip sealing and paving projects.

After further review and discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilman Bill Whitaker and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to adopt the revised 2021 Tentative Budget, staying at 0% tax increase, as the 2021 Preliminary Budget. The Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on the 2021 Preliminary Budget on October 13, 2020 at 7:30 PM, prior to the regular monthly meeting. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilman Bill Whitaker and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to adjourn at 9:04 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk