

**NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---AUGUST 10, 2010---7:30 PM  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING---TOWN HALL**

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilmen Robert Eklund, Edward Lentz, Connie Chase, Glen Noto (late), Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Co. Rep. Steve Fournier, Don & Harriet Collison, Joe Gregory

Supervisor Taylor opened the regular meeting at 7:30 PM. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to accept the minutes for the July 13, 2010 regular meeting and July 23, 2010 special meeting as written.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker reported that work on Turnbull Bridge is to begin on Monday. He will post detour signs, with a 35 mph speed limit on Kane & Backus Roads and 15 mph on Coles Bridge Road. They are prepping the end of Jones Road for paving. Louis Colburn was hired as a fulltime hwy. employee. Pete Chase is working part-time as a computer consultant and driver training instructor.

Highway bills #118 through #130 for a total of \$11,389.67 were audited and approved for payment by the Board.

Don & Harriett Collison advised that the Methodist Conference attorney has not heard from our attorney. Supervisor Taylor has not been able to get hold of him, but will continue to try to get hold of him to take care of this.

Co. Rep. Steve Fournier noted that the County Board will begin working on the 2011 Budget soon. An RFP has been put out for a contractor to provide baseline road surveys, road use agreements, etc. The Town can join in after the County picks a contractor. Rep. Fournier felt that it would be better to take core samples of roads when we know that they are going to be used, not just a random sampling. Hwy. Supt. Whitaker stated that he would use random core samplings as a verification of the condition of our roads and they would be a good reference for him. Councilman Eklund does not want to see the Town give control over our roads to the County. He felt that our road preservation law met our needs and he would have to see what type of law the County comes up with before making any changes. Co. Rep. Fournier noted that the County is moving towards the idea of handling our own garbage. If they do nothing, it would be likely that a large garbage hauler would take over the county's trash removal. He did note that MOSA is working better and they are trying to get the tipping fee down. At this point, it looks like the County won't have to pay a GAT fee of \$22.00 per ton.

We received a copy of a resolution that was passed by the Town of Barker in Broome County to support horizontal drilling in the Marcellus Shale formation. Supervisor Taylor will advise them that the New Lisbon Town Board is not in favor of supporting this position at this time.

The New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services sent notice that our Final 2010 Equalization Rate is 43.00, up from 42.68 last year. Only Cherry Valley has a lower rate than us.

There will be a Land Use Training Conference at Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, NY on Saturday, October 2, 2010 from 8:30 AM to 3:00PM.

Supervisor Taylor will be sending out budget estimate forms which will need to be returned to him by August 25<sup>th</sup>. We will hold the 2011 Tentative Budget meeting on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010. We will hold a public hearing on the 2011 Preliminary Budget at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 before the regular meeting. The final 2011 budget will be adopted at the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 regular meeting. It was decided to hold the regular September monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:30 PM.

Supervisor Taylor requested that the highway men make a list of what they would like in a new highway barn. They will also go look at other barns. It was discussed that we would probably need to hire a consultant to help us look for grants and oversee the process of building a new highway barn, which would probably be a two year process. Edward Lentz will check with OCCA and Cornell and Robert Eklund will check with Otsego Electric for their input on solar and "green" technology. Supt. Whitaker will

contact the Board when they get their list ready and a building meeting will be set up. Councilman Lentz questioned if the County would be interested in leasing space from us. Supt. Whitaker noted that if we had to build a bigger barn to also hold County equipment, we probably wouldn't be able to build on the present site. He wouldn't want to mix our materials with the County's materials.

Supervisor Taylor noted that in many places where drilling occurs, small trailer parks are set up for workers. He felt that we may need to look into a mobile home law if our site plan regulations wouldn't cover this. The State Comptroller's office will have a representative at the August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Supervisor's Assoc. meeting to go over town budget responsibilities.

A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to pay General Fund bills #157 through #164 for a total of \$1,670.11. Supervisor Taylor paid bills #151 through #156 & Hwy #131 for a total of \$15,461.72 with prior Board approval.

We have not heard back from the Attorney on the cell tower agreement. Councilman Lentz will check with some other towns that have agreements. Supervisor Taylor has not sent out the RFP for a revaluation because he felt we need to have other towns involved to get a better price and to get more companies interested.

The Butternut Valley Alliance will hold a Harvest Festival on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the park behind the firehouse in Morris.

A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Glen Noto and carried 5/0 to rent two tables, at a cost of \$20.00, at the Garrattsville Fire Company's Barbeque on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

It was agreed to have the Town Clerk draft a simple email policy for the Board to review. The state budget included changes to dog licensing. As of January 1, 2011, the Town will be responsible to mail out dog license renewals. We will keep all of the money, except that which is collected for the Animal Population Control Fund. A new dog law will have to be adopted before 1/1/2011 to meet all of the new requirements. The Board reviewed a list of changes and made decisions on what will be added to our new dog law. The Clerk will send the information to Attorney Tillapaugh to have him work on revising our dog law.

The Town Board and Planning Board will meet on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 8:00 PM to go over the site plan regulations to see if we need to make any further changes.

With no further business, a motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 5/0 to adjourn at 9:27 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk