

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD—FEBRUARY 12, 2013 REGULAR MEETING---7:30 PM---TOWN HALL

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilwoman Connie Chase, Councilmen Edward Lentz & Robert Eklund, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Residents: Sue Smith, Ed George, Tom Riso, Joe Gregory, James Gregory, Cindy Scott, Andrea Denekamp Absent: Councilman Glen Noto

Supervisor Taylor opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 4/0 to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2013 public hearing, organizational meeting and regular monthly meeting and the January 22, 2013 special meeting on the highway barn as written.

The Planning Board met on February 4, 2013 and recommended approval of Subdivision application #01-13 for Lu-Ann Chykow. The application was sent to the County Planning Dept. for review because the original parcel was over 50 acres and part of it borders on the Town of Burlington line. The County reviewed the application and referred it back to the Town, finding no significant impact. After further review, a motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to classify Subdivision application #01-13 as an unlisted action and issue a Negative Declaration, finding no significant impact. A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to approve Subdivision application #01-13 for Lu-Ann Chykow for a simple, 16 acre subdivision on tax map #143.00-1-1.00 on Quinlog Road.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker advised that he has learned that Morton Buildings, who we purchased our storage building from, would come in and give us an estimate for upgrading it for full time usage. He was also approved to have F.L. Hall come and check out the roof and give us an estimate for any needed repairs for that. Councilman Eklund noted that we should have the framing checked out also before we think about putting any money into upgrading the storage barn. Tom Riso stated he would be willing to be there when the contractors come to look at the storage building.

The pickup has been having a short in the electrical system involving the lights. He wants to keep the present pickup for using with the salter and would like to get a new one for running for parts and other odd jobs. The Board approved him to get the specifications ready for a new pickup and to check State contracts to see if they have any pickups available that he would be interested in.

Williamson Law Book Company of Victor, NY will be coming on Thursday morning to show us their highway superintendent software program. Cindy Scott is working on developing a simple program using QuickBooks. After we decide what program we want to use, we will have to get specs for a new computer for the highway supt.

Supervisor Taylor reported that Kevin Ritton spoke at their last Supervisor's Assoc. meeting. The County does not have enough emergency supplies for us to count on using. The Red Cross may have some if they don't send them out elsewhere. Councilman Eklund noted that it may be smart to have both the Town Hall & Firehouse as emergency locations, not having everything in one spot. The radio stations are computerized on the weekends, so they aren't reliable for giving out emergency information. We have a generator hookup at the town hall, but we'll have to check to see if the generator we have would be sufficient. Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker suggested that we may want to have a generator to run the repeater so that they can maintain radio contact during an emergency. Supervisor Robert Taylor and Councilwoman Connie Chase will work on an outline for an emergency plan. We will then see if we can get a few firemen to work with us on a plan so we can replace the 1994 plan that we have.

We received notice that the 8th Annual Earth Festival will be held on Saturday, April 13th at Milford Central School from 11AM to 3PM. The Army Corp of Engineers sent notice that they approved Terrill Gregory to discharge fill into less than .10 acres of wetlands for her backyard of her proposed home site under general permit #29. We received several notices pertaining to our Hazard Mitigation Plan from the County. We need to keep track of our time, costs, mileage & supplies used on any project

that comes under the plan. We will check with the County to see that we are all up to date with our documents.

We have received an inventory of our Town roads completed by Southern Tier East Regional Development Board at no cost to the Town. They prepared different maps, listings of roads, information on culverts, etc. They also provided it on CD.

Sue Smith reported that the CPIC has set April 13th as a town wide cleanup day. They are leaving it up to the Board to carry it out, including advertising and finding volunteers. They feel that the Town Board should focus on economic development in the Town. They have been getting a run-around from the State concerning the trails in the Texas state land. Councilman Lentz volunteered to help Andrea Denekamp with this. The CPIC will be changing their meetings to the last Monday of the month, with the next one being on Monday, March 25th at 7:00 PM.

Councilman Edward Lentz will try to set up a meeting with New Lisbon business owners to get their input on what the Town can do to help promote business in the Town. Supervisor Taylor will contact Attorney Tillapaugh to get a sample law to allow a business tax exemption.

Supervisor Taylor will be attending the Association of Towns Conference in NYC. He noted that they voted to remove one of their resolutions relating to preserving land use authority for natural gas drilling because it was confused with their resolution on home rule. NYSERDA has a grant program which will cover 75% of the cost of "green" installations. Supervisor Taylor will look further into this to see if our new lights in the office end of the town hall would qualify. The grant has an April 20th deadline.

The Town Board reviewed the bills prior to the start of the meeting. A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to pay General Fund bills #26 through #37 for a total of \$4,363.30 and Highway Bills #15 through #32 for a total of \$13,555.22. Supervisor Taylor paid General Fund bills #18 through #25 for a total of \$2,388.84 and Highway Bills #33 & #34 for a total of \$9,647.42 with prior Board approval. The Supervisor's monthly report was submitted to the Board.

Councilwoman Connie Chase conducted an audit of Town Clerk/Tax Collector Charlene Wells using the State Comptroller's guidelines. The Board reviewed the audit and a motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Edward Lentz to accept the audit as completed by Councilwoman Connie Chase. Councilman Edward Lentz will be completing the audit of the Justice office tomorrow and Councilman Robert Eklund will do the Supervisor's office on February 27th.

Victor & Nadine Lasher no longer want to mow the cemeteries. They would consider still mowing the Town Hall & Park if we wanted to split up the mowing jobs. The Board discussed whether to leave as a part-time seasonal town employee (\$11.00 per hour) or go to a contract. If we did a contract the person would have to have their own insurance. After discussion, it was decided to leave as a part-time seasonal employee for now with both cemeteries and town properties together. Ray Gorton of Garrattsville has advised that he would be interested in the position. The Board decided they should advertise for the position on our website and the Pennysaver. All interested applicants should respond before the March 12th meeting.

With no further business, a motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to adjourn at 8:55 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk