

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD—SPECIAL MEETING—JUNE 25, 2012
3:30 PM—TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE

Present: Councilmen Edward Lentz, Robert Eklund, Connie Chase, & Glen Noto, Supervisor Robert Taylor, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Also: Joe & Jim Gregory, Donald Hull, Lenny Melillo

Supervisor Taylor opened the special meeting at 3:30 PM. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possible purchase of the used 2001 International truck from the Town of Newport.

Councilman Edward Lentz noted that he and Councilman Robert Eklund had met with Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker to discuss options on purchasing a new or used truck. Hwy. Supt. Whitaker felt that this used truck fit his needs and he did not feel that we needed to replace a tandem truck for probably five years. They agreed to have a mechanic go and look over the used truck and give us a report. Dave Miller of Old Road Truck Repairs did the inspection and overall felt that the truck appeared to be well maintained and was worth buying. He gave a detailed list of items and noted three repairs which would have to be made.

Councilman Robert Eklund stated that he listened to what residents had noted at the last meeting about the differences with an automatic transmission. The reason for wanting a 4 wheel drive was for safety reasons, but would that be defeated by having a truck with an automatic transmission? Hwy. Supt. Whitaker felt that it would be an adjustment, but he felt that because the truck has a higher cab and hood that that would be more of an adjustment. They will have time to get use to the truck before winter and he would still use chains on it whenever the conditions warranted it.

Councilman Glen Noto questioned if this truck would be just for the winter season. Hwy. Supt. Whitaker noted that the truck does come with a dump box so he can use it all year long. His intention would be to have this truck for Louie's route and then Louie's present truck would be a spare. Having a spare would be a big help if a truck goes down during the winter season.

Hwy. Supt. Whitaker further advised that he did see the maintenance records and it was cared for regularly. The Town of Newport wanted to get rid of this truck to use the money towards getting a ten wheeler which they don't have.

Lenny Melillo noted his concerns that if there was a problem with the transmission it could cost up to \$20,000.00 to replace. He suggested that we have a company like Allison Automatic do a transmission check before we purchase the truck. They can even perform the testing on site. The Board agreed that this would be a good thing to do.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to purchase the used 2001 International truck from the Town of Newport, on the condition that they allow us first to do the transmission test and if it passes the test we would purchase for \$60,000.00.

A motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 5/0 to authorize the Supervisor to pay a 10% (\$6,000.00) deposit (refundable) to hold the truck while we have the transmission test done if that's what the Town of Newport wants, and to authorize the Hwy. Supt. to spend up to \$1500.00 to have the transmission test done.

Supervisor Taylor noted that he and Councilwoman Connie Chase will meet with Dog Control Officer Shawn Patrick before the next meeting to go over issues and problems. His current appointment expires 6/30/12. Councilman Lentz noted that he thought that the DCO should come and talk to the entire Board. With there still being complaints about his service, maybe his job duties should be defined and a job description be drafted. He could give a copy of his job description to people when they expect him to do more than he has to.

The County Bridge on County Hwy. 16 near the Town Hall has been torn out and a new one is being constructed. It is anticipated to be done in August and cost \$474,000.00.

The Southern Tier East Regional Planning Development Board is going to conduct a local road condition survey for us. With the assistance of the Hwy. Supt. they will compile the data and prepare the report. This will all be done at no cost to the Town as it is being funded through a federal program.

With no further business, a motion was made by Glen Noto, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to adjourn at 4:10 Pm.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk