

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---NOVEMBER 11, 2014 REGULAR MEETING---TOWN HALL---7:30 PM

Present: Councilwoman Connie Chase, Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilmen John Pegg, Joseph Gregory & Robert Eklund, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Co. Rep. Edward Lentz, Residents: Ed George, Donald Smith, Sue Smith, Tom Riso

Supervisor Robert Taylor opened the regular monthly meeting at 7:28 PM. A motion was made by Joseph Gregory, seconded by John Pegg and carried 5/0 to accept the minutes for the October 14, 2014 Public Hearing and Monthly Meeting as written.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker advised that he had turned in his CHIPS paperwork for a total of \$98,515.23. This figure included \$28,555.38 for using our trucks & trucking expenses. He could not include the sealing bill from Suit-Kote because it had not been paid and copies of cancelled checks are now required to be submitted with the paperwork to prove that the work has been done and paid for by the Town. He noted that he did do some work on Parker and Bardin Road because he had some extra stone. He plans on doing Parker Road next, but it may take two years to complete the whole road. Supt. Whitaker advised that our sand is all drawn in. The plow fronts are on the trucks. He noted that we have had more truck troubles with two being towed for repairs. He doesn't have a lot of faith in our equipment. Talking with other towns, it seems like newer trucks are unreliable also. He is going to go to Fort Drum to look at what surplus vehicles are available. He would still like to get the cement floor in the addition this year.

County Representative Edward Lentz noted that they are busy working on the County budget, hoping for no tax increase. The money that would have been spent subsidizing the Manor will cover Manor related expenses, management raises, roof repairs, road repairs, etc. He noted the ongoing discussion about possibly closing down Elm Park Church as a meal site and combining that with Nador Towers. Cornell Cooperative Extension has asked for additional funds. There is talk of closing the Cooperstown DMV, or cutting the hours at both the Oneonta & Cooperstown sites. Online and mail registration take away work from the local offices. The County Clerk is protesting the change which would cut out two of her employees. She says they will cut out handling dealer work which brings in approximately \$70,000.00 per year if the Cooperstown office is closed. Co. Rep. Lentz also noted that the DA's budget is to include funds for an investigator position. He noted that minor traffic tickets would enter into traffic diversion court where the fine would have to be paid, the person would have to take a defensive driving class, there would be no points issued and the County could take in an additional \$250,000.00.

Edward George commented that working as an election inspector in other towns, he has seen what facilities other towns have and he is thankful for our nice town hall building. He would like to see another light pole outside towards the driveway area. He also noted that he was happy with the service he received from the Office of the Aging.

Councilman Joseph Gregory found information about a grant for fire equipment which he thought the fire company could try for. The deadline is December 5th.

Supervisor Robert Taylor noted that our regular meeting day today is also Veteran's Day and we should all be reminded to be thankful for Veterans' service.

We received renewal options for health insurance for 2015 from Kaationrondack Benefit Planning. The rate from CDPHP for 2015 is 6.97% higher than 2014. The two options from Excellus Blue Cross-Blue Shield would be an increase of 8.57% or 9.43%. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to accept the rates of \$623.41 for single, \$1,246.82 for employee & spouse, \$1,059.80 for employee & children and \$1,766.72 for the family plan through CDPHP for 2015 Health Insurance.

Supervisor Robert Taylor noted that he decided to send our information into the Assoc. of Towns electric savings program to see if we could get any savings. We are not committed to joining by sending in our information. Councilman Robert Eklund noted that he thinks that one of the drawbacks from this program is they are pushing for more natural gas usage. Also, the prices we would get would only be good for two years and then we would have to renegotiate. Councilman Edward Lentz added that with MEGA, we would get a fixed price. Supervisor Taylor also noted that he attended a Greenhouse Gas Inventory Program in Richfield Springs. There is no cost to have them come and find out what greenhouse gases we're generating. He also noted that the firehouse phone line was okay, it

was a problem with the phone. He will contact Town & Country Tree to get an estimate for trimming the pine trees in front of the Town Hall.

We received notice that the Red Cross is consolidating smaller chapters to provide better service and save money. We are in the Mohawk Valley Chapter in the Eastern Region.

The County sent notice of our 2015 Worker's compensation rates. We have a decrease of \$851.64 from this year, down to \$11,312.05 for 2015.

The Board reviewed the bills prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Joseph Gregory, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to pay General Fund bills #196 through #207 for a total of \$6,165.38 and Highway Fund bills #182 through #200 for a total of \$81,273.68. Supervisor Robert Taylor paid General Fund bills #192 through #195 and Highway Fund bill #201 for a total of \$7,006.54 with prior Board approval. The Supervisor's monthly report was submitted to the Board.

We have not received an update on our court case with Yogi Bear Campground from Attorney Martin Tillapaugh. Discussion was held on unfunded mandates and ways to help the fire company. Tom Riso commented that the City of Oneonta was going to hire a consultant to look at their fire dept. needs. Maybe we should consider that idea.

No further changes were made to the 2015 Preliminary Budget. The budget contains an overall \$10,000.00 increase in amount to be raised by tax, with a tax rate of \$6.72. A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/1 (Joseph Gregory-NO) to adopt the 2015 Preliminary Budget as the 2015 Final Budget.

A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Taylor and carried 4/0 (Robert Eklund abstained from voting) to authorize Councilman Robert Eklund to attend the 2015 Assoc. of Towns Annual Conference in NYC in February 2015.

We have received a request from Time Warner Cable to renew our franchise agreement with them before it expires in March 2015. A public hearing on the renewal needs to be held. We will check and see if they can attend the December 9th, 2014 meeting and we will schedule the hearing for that night.

With no further business, a motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 5/0 to adjourn at 8:37 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD—SPECIAL MEETING—NOVEMBER 25, 2014—10:00 AM

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilmen Robert Eklund, Joseph Gregory & John Pegg, Councilwoman Connie Chase, Clerk Charlene Wells

Supervisor Robert Taylor opened the special meeting at 10:00AM that he called upon the request of Butternut Golf, LLC owner Tony Condurso. Mr. Condurso is changing the management at the golf course/restaurant and is applying for a new liquor license in his name. He is requesting the Board consider waiving the normal 30 day notice period so that he can apply for the new liquor license as soon as possible. After further discussion, a motion was made by Robert Taylor, seconded by Joseph Gregory and carried 5/0 to waive the normal 30 day waiting period for notifying the Town of a liquor license application for Tony Condurso of Butternut Valley Golf, LLC as per Resolution #01-14.

With no further business, a motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 5/0 to adjourn at 10:03 AM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk