

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---NOVEMBER 12, 2013---7:00 PM
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING---TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE

Present: Supervisor Robert Taylor, Councilwoman Connie Chase, Councilman Edward Lentz, Councilman Robert Eklund, Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker, Clerk Charlene Wells, Residents: Edward George, Sue Smith, Donald Smith, John Pegg, Joe Gregory, Nick Lasher, Don Smith, Jim Denekamp, Richard Dennis
Absent: Councilman Glen Noto

Supervisor Robert Taylor opened the regular monthly meeting at 7:30 PM. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 4/0 to accept the minutes for the October 8, 2013 public hearings and regular monthly meeting and the October 9, 2013 special meeting as written.

Hwy. Supt. Bill Whitaker advised that he had completed and filed the paperwork to receive \$150,768.27 in CHIPS reimbursement. There will be approximately \$16,000.00 in CHIPS funds rolled over to next year when he plans to work on Vibbard Road and East Turtle Lake Road. The little backhoe has a valve problem which could cost \$4000.00 to \$5000.00 to fix. Dave Galley, who has knowledge of this type of equipment, is going to look at it and see what he thinks. Councilman Robert Eklund noted that we have to check and make sure he has insurance if we hire him to do repairs. Supt. Whitaker further noted that he is fixing an air tank hole and muffler system on his truck. He is estimating we will get approximately \$30,000.00 in repair funds from FEMA for the summer storms flooding. We may be able to upgrade the tubes on Parker Road and Goddards Road to box culverts if we can get FEMA funds. Councilman Edward Lentz questioned if we should make a list of sites which have flooding issues and work on remedies. Supt. Whitaker noted that he goes with bigger sizes when he replaces culverts. Councilman Edward Lentz had Scott Fickbohm come out to look at erosion on Bell Hill Road to see what he thought could be done. Possibly heavy stone fill could be placed where the hill is washing out. Scott suggested we may need to have an engineer look at the site. Trees are in danger of falling as the roots are exposed. Hwy. Supt. Whitaker was asked to contact the property owners to see if we could cut down the trees that were in danger of falling. He will also ask Geoff Scott to look at the site and give us some ideas and maybe the name of a good engineer if he thought we should use one. Discussion was held on beaver dams and the potential problems they could cause. They are hard to get rid of and hard to prepare for possible breaks.

Richard Dennis of Double D Contracting noted that they should be done with the storage barn addition by the end of next week. He noted that we had ordered garage doors with openers, but there was no electric to operate them. He questioned if the Board would like for him to run a few outlets for them off of the existing line that goes to the storage barn. He estimated it would cost about \$600 to \$700.00 to do the minimal electric work to put in a few outlets or approximately \$2000.00 to put in a 200 amp service with a few outlets. After discussion, a motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 4/0 to hire Richard Dennis to install a 200 amp service for the storage barn addition with outlets at an approximate cost of \$2000.00.

Edward George noted that the flag on the Garrattsville flag pole was in bad shape. Supervisor Robert Taylor advised that he did have a new flag to put up. Councilman Robert Eklund will get together with Ed George to get it put up and take care of the old one.

Sue Smith questioned what was happening with the roof repairs on the hwy. garage. Upstate Spray Foam advised that it got too cold to get it done this season. They will plan on doing it in the spring for the same price. The next meeting of CPIC will be on November 26th at 7:00 PM.

Supervisor Robert Taylor noted that he attended a meeting with North America Transmission about their plan for adding a second power line along the Marcy South route. It was noted that the NYS Public Service Commission has determined there is a need for more electric downstate and they asked four companies to submit plans for doing this. NAT was looking for ideas to get citizens to help them. They are willing to come talk to the Board and residents. The size of the existing Marcy-South right-of-way was questioned. (100-160 feet??) Councilman Eklund will contact NAT. Supervisor Taylor noted that he asked them to come to a Supervisor's Assoc. meeting. If we wanted the Association of Towns to consider a resolution about the power line, it would have to be a broad subject, like the Town's having input in tower sighting. Councilman Lentz suggested that perhaps we could ask Peter Manning to look into the power line issue for us.

We received two options from CDPHP for medical insurance in 2014. Plan 301 is most similar to what we now have and would have monthly premiums of \$580.36 Single, \$1160.72 for Employee plus one, and \$1654.03 for Family. Plan 310 has monthly premiums of \$501.80 Single, \$1003.60 for Employee plus one and \$1430.14 for Family. This plan has higher RX payments and a \$1000.00 deductible. Per the Affordable Care Act, we have to provide a pediatric dental plan for all kids under 19 that are covered under the Town insurance. The cost for the required pediatric dental is \$15.20 per kid per month. After further review, a motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to accept the offer from CDPHP for Plan 301 with monthly premiums of \$580.36 for Single, \$1160.72 for Employee plus One, and \$1654.03 for Family, plus \$15.20 per month for each child covered by the required dental plan.

A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 4/0 to authorize Supervisor Robert Taylor to attend the Assoc. of Towns annual conference February 16th-19th, 2014 in NYC and to be our voting delegate.

The Board reviewed the bills prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Connie Chase, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to approve paying General Fund Bills #203 through #218 for a total of \$4,083.73 and Highway Fund Bills #152 through #168 for a total of \$41,135.96. Supervisor Taylor paid General Fund bills #198 through #202 and Highway Fund Bill #169 for a total of \$6,544.83 with prior Board approval. The Supervisor's monthly report was submitted to the Board.

Clerk Charlene Wells reported that she ordered a fireproof file like the assessor's through Office Max but they canceled the order because the price was dock-to-dock and we don't have a loading dock. The cost for the same file would be \$300.00 more through Office Max with the increased shipping cost. We have received equipment through records grants in the past so the Clerk thought she might try that to get some fireproof files and a record safe. Our liaison with the State Archives advised that they are putting priority on shared services grants and technology grants. If we wanted to apply for a grant for microfilming we would have a better chance. She didn't feel we would have any chance of getting file cabinets or a safe. The Clerk has found a safe for \$1844.00 through Global Industrial. This safe would have almost 2 times the storage space of the file cabinet we were going to get. The cost includes shipping and bringing in the office. The same safe through Office Max would cost approximately \$2700.00. She advised that she should have approximately \$1500 to \$1600 left in her accounts which would cover most of the cost of the safe. A motion was made by Edward Lentz, seconded by Robert Eklund and carried 4/0 to authorize the Clerk to purchase the Mesa Fire Safe from Global Industrial for \$1844.00.

Supervisor Robert Taylor noted that he increased the amount for the Senior Citizens by \$100.00 because they requested the increase so they could go on a trip next year. With no other changes, a motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to adopt the revised 2014 Preliminary Budget as the 2014 Final Budget. Supervisor Taylor filed the required paperwork with the State Comptroller showing we were under the percentage allowed, with \$14,484.00 available for carryover next year.

The Clerk advised the Board that the dog census is almost completed. 63% of residents returned their census cards which resulted in 320 dogs counted. DCO Liz Fish visited 150 residents who did not return their cards and counted 152 more dogs. The total dogs counted was 472. Last year we licensed 213 dogs and so far this year we've done 427. The total cost of the dog census was \$704.85. We received \$465.00 in revenue from the census which when added with the dog fines which were collected made the cost of the census nothing but the time of the Clerk & DCO.

A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Edward Lentz and carried 4/0 to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and include the Town Clerk at 8:50 PM. A motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to close the executive session and return to regular session at 9:00 PM. With no further business, a motion was made by Robert Eklund, seconded by Connie Chase and carried 4/0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk