

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---FEBRUARY 8, 2022---7:30 PM REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING---TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE

Present: Supervisor Edward Lentz, Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, Councilman Brian Ryther, Councilwoman Flo Loomis, Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith, Town Clerk Charlene Wells, Land Use Enforcement Officer Tom Riso, Assessor Pamela Dyn-Gohde, Co. Rep. Meg Kennedy-- Absent: Councilman Bill Whitaker

Supervisor Edward Lentz opened the regular monthly meeting at 7:32 PM. A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilman Brian Ryther and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to accept the minutes for the January 11, 2022 organizational meeting and regular monthly meeting as written.

Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith advised that the 2008 is back from being repaired. The 2009 Freightliner has had some issues. He found out the air filters are obsolete and he needs to get a new bed chain which will be over \$4,000.00. The 2021 Ford has a cracked windshield, but he will wait until spring to replace. Henderson has asked for a \$7,000.00 increase in the price they quoted us for outfitting the new truck. After looking at the original paperwork, Supervisor Edward Lentz will send them a letter advising that we don't accept the increase. Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith suggested that if we could get a USDA grant, we should put it towards the new truck and see how our funds are later for upgrading the excavator or getting a new grader. He attended a class with Vestal Paving on how they make their products. He noted that their oil is only 60-65% oil, with the rest being comprised of water and soaps to make it sprayable. He watched a video from Cornell on truck safety and what to do if we have an accident.

Supt. Donald Smith noted that the lumber we will need for Bell Hill Bridge repairs has gone up. He's not sure if the price will come down, or if it will be available if we wait. He got prices of \$11,522.00 from Curtis Lumber and \$9,452.00 from Munson's. A motion was made by Councilman Brian Ryther, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to authorize the Hwy. Supt. to go ahead and get the lumber he needs for the Bell Hill Bridge repairs at the best prices he can get. Supt. Smith also requested Board approval to purchase a load of culvert pipes, which have also gone up in price. He would like to order 10-18 inch x 20 ft, 20-15 inch x 20 ft, 5-24 inch x 20 ft and bands which he would use for driveways and have in stock for emergencies. A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilman Brian Ryther and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to authorize the Hwy. Supt. to order a load of culvert pipes estimated at \$9,189.02. Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson reported that repair costs are stable at this point.

Supervisor Edward Lentz noted that the engineer is getting closer to having our bid documents ready to send to USDA. He advised USDA about our concern that bids will come in higher than our estimate. They advised that they have ways to help us out if that happens. He further noted that the Highway Committee suggests that we switch our fuel bidding to the calendar year. Supervisor Edward Lentz will contact Reese-Marshall to see if they would be interested in extending our bid for the rest of the year or bid for a half year in July. There was no public comment.

County Rep. Meg Kennedy noted that the Community Events Grant will be opened again using \$50,000.00 from bed tax funds. The application will be on the County website from February 11th to March 11th, 2022. The County Board has allocated some of the rescue funds; \$700,000.00 towards tourism and \$575,000.00 for finishing the tiny house project at the meadows complex. The Village of Cooperstown has asked for funds for work on Doubleday field, including adding public restrooms. Money has been transferred to do an EMS Strategic Plan. She further noted that in order to have a Healthcare Consortium we would need 2000 subscribers and they figure with the County and Towns they would only have about 1100. They would have to see if any neighboring counties would be interested in joining in with us. The Office for the Aging will be giving away free N95 masks and at home test kits for seniors. They will be at the Boys & Girls Club in Oneonta on February 17th from 11 am-1:00 pm, at the Clark's Sports Center on February 18th from 11:00 am-1:00 pm and at the Richfield Spring Community Center on March 2nd from 10 am-11:30 am.

The Garrattsville Fire Company & Emergency Squad submitted their annual summary for 2021. The Fire Dept. had 34 calls including 10 Mutual aid calls, 2 grass fires, 1 welfare check, 8 trees/wires down, 2 controlled burns, 3 landing zone set ups, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 mud slide, 3 automatic alarms and 3 standby coverages at the station. The membership list of 20 fire and 9 EMS (4 on both) was reviewed by the Board. In 2021 the EMS squad had 183 call responses by members for 457.5 hours. With meetings,

drills, training and ambulance maintenance added in they totaled 661.5 hours for the year. The EMS incentives have helped increase participation per Lenny Melillo.

Land Use Enforcement Officer Tom Riso noted that our increase in the tax base due to new construction has been steady over the years. Supervisor Edward Lentz noted that he had asked the County Code Office to come out and check out the Parker Road property we have had complaints about. The 644 Gardnertown Road site is slowly getting cleaned up. Councilwoman Flo Loomis noted that junk is accumulating near the corner of County Hwy. 15 and 14 and asked Tom Riso to check it out.

Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson reported that the CSC Committee has 87 points completed. They are working on finishing up 4 more actions which would give them 137 points. This would give them a cushion over the 120 points needed for submission. She will ask Amy Wyant to review the paperwork before making the submission.

The Town Board had no questions on the RFP for insurance quotes drafted by Supervisor Edward Lentz. He will send out to agents and we will post on the website. He noted that he met with a NYMIR representative. They will only give one quote for us to one agent. Supervisor Lentz added that he was made aware by Maureen Dill that there is a help line (211) but the information on it is out of date. Co. Rep. Kennedy will check with County departments and see if they can provide updated information for the 211 help line. Our sales tax receipts from the County have been up from previous amounts.

A letter was received from Reese-Marshall advising that there is a state mandate to change all Fuel Oil to B5 effective July 1, 2022. Our next bid will have to be for B5 Fuel oil instead of #2 Fuel oil. The Governor signed a bill phasing in a requirement for all heating oil sold in the state to contain 20% biodiesel.

Supervisor Edward Lentz submitted a new draft of Local Law #1 of 2022 for Driveway placement with the town specifications in the law instead of referring to NYS DOT specifications. He will add an appeals clause. By having the specifications in the law, it spreads the responsibility around with the Hwy. Dept. and Town Board. A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin Mathewson, seconded by Councilman Brian Ryther and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on March 8, 2022 on proposed Local Law #1 of 2022, a local law Governing the Placement and Location of Driveways and Other Access Roads that Enter Upon or to Highways Owned or Maintained by the Town of New Lisbon.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilman Brian Ryther and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to approve the 2022 Poll Site Agreement with the Otsego County Board of Elections for using the New Lisbon Town Hall as our town polling site. The Primary Election would be held on June 28, 2022 and Election Day is November 8, 2022.

The Board had received the monthly financial statements for review. A motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to approve paying General Fund bills # 19 through #30 for a total of \$21,398.28 and Highway Fund bills #18 through #31 for a total of \$16,568.67. General Fund bills #15 through #18 for a total of \$406.34 were paid by the Supervisor with prior Board approval.

Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith noted that the 4-H club would be interested in staining the picnic tables in the Town Park if the Town would purchase the stain. The Board had no problem with providing the stain for the 4-H club to stain the picnic tables.

With no further public comment and no further Town business, a motion was made by Councilman Brian Ryther, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to adjourn at 8:43 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk