

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD—AUGUST 9, 2022---7:30PM REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING---TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE

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

Supervisor Edward Lentz opened the regular monthly meeting at 7:35 PM. A motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilman Brian Ryther and carried 3 Ayes/ 0 Nays to accept the minutes for the July 12, 2022 regular meeting as written.

Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith advised that the mower keeps breaking and he is having a part made because it is no longer available. He noted that we need to get a new one that is more suited for what we're using it for. The new truck should be here in two to three weeks. He would like Board approval to surplus the 2008 Volvo as soon as the new truck arrives. A motion was made by Councilman Brian Ryther, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 3 Ayes/ 0 Nays to authorize the Hwy. Supt. to surplus and put the 2008 Volvo truck on the auction site as soon as he receives the new truck. After discussion on whether or not to set a minimum bid for the 2008 Volvo, a motion was made by Councilman Brian Ryther, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 3 Ayes/ 0 Nays to set a minimum bid of \$15,000.00 for the 2008 Volvo to help recoup part of the repair costs spent this year.

Bell Hill Bridge and Coles Bridge have been repaired and are now open. Instead of having to dispose of the old deck boards from Bell Hill Bridge which he felt had no value, he asked the Board's approval to surplus them so he could give them to a town landowner who had asked about them. A motion was made by Councilman Brian Ryther, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 3 Ayes/ 0 Nays to surplus the old bridge deck boards and authorize the hwy. supt. to dispose of them at his discretion. With the bridges done, chip sealing of roads will start hopefully next week. Four contractors came to the 8/3/22 pre bid meeting for the new hwy. garage. Bids are due in by August 19, 2022. Supt. Donald Smith advised that he got an estimate of \$490.00 from KK Electric to put a generator hookup on the Morton building so we will have it available to run the fuel pumps. A motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilman Brian Ryther and carried 3 Ayes/ 0 Nays to approve hiring KK Electric to place a generator hookup on the Morton building at an estimated cost of \$490.00.

Out of the \$366,000.00 in state funds that we will receive, \$110,000.00 is scheduled for bridges, \$130,000.00 for paving and \$126,000.00 could go towards the new truck. For the new truck, we can get a \$20,000.00 USDA grant, \$69,000.00 USDA loan, \$126,000.00 from CHIPS this year and pay out \$21,000.00 ourselves and put that in for CHIPS reimbursement next year. A motion was made by Councilman Brian Ryther, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 3 Ayes/ 0 Nays to accept the USDA \$20,000.00 grant and \$69,000.00 loan toward the new Freightliner truck. The attorney will be drafting a formal resolution for this.

Dan Vibbard complained about the mess of junk cars and a burned camp trailer at 231 East Turtle Lake Road. Land Use Enforcement Officer Tom Riso will go take a look at it. Another complaint has been filed about the Fuchs property on Pegg Road. Apparently after suffering a fire at their Morris property, more stuff has been accumulating on their Pegg Road property. Councilman Ryther had spoken with Mr. Fuchs the last time a complaint was filed. According to the site plan review approval, all items covered under the scrap processor approval were to be shielded from public view. Supervisor Edward Lentz will send a letter to landowner Terri Fuchs and business owner Gerald Fuchs. The 644 Gardnertown property that we have been trying to get cleaned up is now up for sale by the mortgage holder.

County Rep. Meg Kennedy advised that Code Officer Joe Roberts has been staying on the mortgage holder of 644 Gardnertown Road to get the mess all cleaned up. Out of the County's 11 million dollars in ARPA funds, they have allocated giving \$50,000.00 to each town in the County for eligible projects. Sales tax is up from last year, but part of that is most likely due to the increased cost of gas. The new County Administrator is on the job and Rep. Kennedy feels he will be a great fit. The Otsego County fair has asked for funds. Their attendance was down this year, but the number of animal exhibits increased. Keith Darragh is now the head of the Code Enforcement Office and Tammie Harris is now the head of the Planning Department. Supervisor Lentz asked if the County was planning on switching to electric vehicles. Co. Rep. Meg Kennedy responded that they lease cars from Enterprise and no plan has

been made to switch to electric vehicles yet. She will check with Rob O'Brien about putting out for cell tower leases on the radio tower we use. Supt. Donald Smith noted that the location is actually one of the highest elevations in the County. Land Use Officer Tom Riso asked Rep. Kennedy about seeing if the aerial photos of properties could be updated as they are from 2018. She will look into it. Lenny Melillo noted that he uses an app on his phone, OnX, which shows properties and costs only \$29.00 per year.

Land Use Enforcement Officer Tom Riso noted there are five large projects underway and many smaller "pre-built" structures have been brought in. The CSC Committee has resubmitted their application for bronze status with the state and are awaiting the results. Supervisor Edward Lentz noted that our Temporary CON with the state to be able to contract with the Village of New Berlin for backup EMS coverage is due to expire. We will not be able to get an application in for a Permanent CON in time, so we will have to reapply for a Temporary CON.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilman Brian Ryther and carried 3 Ayes/0 Nays to transfer \$94.29 from Contingent account #A1990.4 to Assessor Contractual #A1355.4 to cover bills. Monthly financial reports were submitted to the Board. Supervisor Edward Lentz noted that we have a better than expected increase in fund balances which will hopefully offset increases in the 2023 Budget due to inflation.

The Otsego County Planning Dept. sent back Subdivision application #3 for Richard Eldridge with no County impact found. Part 2 of the Short EAF was reviewed for Site Plan #1-22 for Bismarck Iniquez and Subdivision #3-22 for Richard Eldridge and a motion was made by Councilman Brian Ryther, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 3 Ayes/ 0 Nays to determine the two proposed actions will not result in any significant environmental impacts.

The bills were available for the Board to review prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilman Brian Ryther and carried 3 Ayes/ 0 Nays to approve paying General fund bills #136 through #151 for a total of \$12,421.10 and Highway Fund bills #93 through #106 for a total of \$105,663.38. General Fund bills #131 through #135 for a total of \$800.15 were paid by the Supervisor with prior Board approval.

With no further public comment or town business, a motion was made by Councilman Brian Ryther, seconded by Councilwoman Flo Loomis and carried 3 Ayes/ 0 Nays to adjourn at 8:44 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk