

# **NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---SEPTEMBER 20, 2023—7:00 PM SPECIAL MEETING ON 2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET---TOWN HALL**

Present: Supervisor Edward Lentz, Councilman Bill Whitaker, Councilman Brian Ryther, Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, Councilwoman Flo Loomis, Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith, Town Clerk Charlene Wells, resident Bruce Page (left early)

Supervisor Edward Lentz opened the meeting at 7:05 PM with the presentation of his 2024 Tentative Budget. The Board reviewed each item and made some adjustments. Insurance was increased to cover the new highway garage. Salaries were figured with a 3% raise or \$250.00 minimum increase. Minimum wage will be \$15.00 per hour in 2024. The fire department would like to do a two-year contract again. A 3% increase was figured for this year and will be for the second year. Supervisor Lentz figured the highway salaries at \$23.50 per hour. Councilman Brian Ryther felt we should go to \$24.00 per hour to keep our positions comparable to the County. After discussion, all agreed to that figure. Funds have been earmarked for reserves for a revaluation, updated comprehensive plan, bridges, and equipment.

After further review and revisions, a motion was made by Councilman Brian Ryther, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 5 Ayes/0 Nays to adopt the revised 2024 Tentative Budget as the 2024 Preliminary Budget and to schedule a public hearing on it for 7:00 PM on October 10, 2023, prior to the regular monthly meeting.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Flo Loomis, seconded by Councilman Bill Whitaker and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to adjourn at 8:15 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk