

## **NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD—SEPTEMBER 24, 2024—7:30 PM SPECIAL MEETING ON 2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET—TOWN HALL**

Present: Supervisor Edward Lentz, Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, Councilman Brian Ryther, Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith, Town Clerk Charlene Wells

Absent: Councilman Scott Fickbohm, Councilwoman Laura Curtis

Supervisor Edward Lentz opened the special meeting on the 2025 Tentative Budget at 7:38 PM. Salaries were figured with a 3% increase or \$250.00 minimum increase. Hwy. salaries were figured at a \$1.00 increase to \$25.00 per hour. The state minimum wage for 2025 will be \$15.50 per hour.

With projected medical insurance premiums increasing by 11%, the Board will switch to the bronze plan for the Tentative Budget, pending any further input from agent Kevin Morse. RFPs sent out for a financial audit came back with a low bid of \$14,000.00 from Mostert. The Board agreed to keep the tax increase at a 2.5% increase (approximately \$19,525.00 increase over the 2024 budget).

After reviewing each item, discussing options and making amendments, a motion was made by Councilman Brian Ryther, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 3 Ayes /0 Nays to adopt the revised 2025 Tentative Budget as the 2025 Preliminary Budget and to hold a public hearing on it on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, followed by the regular monthly meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM by acclamation.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk