

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD—SPECIAL MEETING—APRIL 30, 2025—TOWN HALL

Present: Supervisor Edward Lentz, Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, Councilman Brian Ryther, Councilman Scott Fickbohm, Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith, Town Clerk Charlene Wells,
Residents: Gioya Fennelly, George Knarich, Theresa Burdick, Nancy Moen
Absent: Councilwoman Melaina Woodbeck

Supervisor Edward Lentz opened the special meeting at 7:03 PM. He has been working on a grant application for upgrades to the Town Park which had been previously submitted to Board members for review. It has to be submitted by May 2, 2025. He has received dozens of emails in support of the grant from community members. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilman Brian Ryther and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to approve Resolution #3-2025, supporting and authorizing submission of an application for a grant through the Municipal Parks and Recreation (MPR) Grant Program for upgrades to our community park including resurfacing the basketball court, a new backstop and park sign. If we get the grant, we would have to put in 10% of the project cost. (approximately \$4,000.00) Theresa Burdick noted that the Morris Rec Youth Sports group would be willing to do fundraisers to help cover our share. Justice Glen Noto voiced his full support of the grant as he used the park over the years with his girls. George Knarich also voiced his support of the project. Supervisor Edward Lentz noted that when reviewing our Comprehensive Plan, it mentioned we should have a capital improvement plan for all town properties.

Gates-Cole Associates submitted quotes for the Town's insurance package. The current policy with HCC/Tokio Marine was for \$34,481.00. Three quotes were submitted with all coverages comparable to our expiring policy. From HCC/Tokio Marine--\$38,922.00, from NYMIR--\$36,621.00 and from Glatfelter--\$32,390.00. They also suggested adding a separate Cyber policy for \$2,100.00. Supervisor Lentz noted that he didn't have much time to check, but three towns that he did contact all have a Cyber policy. The 2025 Budget has \$37,785.00 budgeted for insurance. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Brian Ryther, seconded by Councilman Scott Fickbohm and carried 4 Ayes/ 0 Nays to accept the lowest quote from Glatfelter for \$32,390.00 for our insurance package with the additional Cyber policy added for \$2,100.00.

Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith has been having issues finding new employees. He has a person who has no experience, but is willing to try to get a CDL license. He could hire him as a MEO at \$20.00 per hour, but he couldn't operate the big trucks. He would be given a certain timeframe to get a CDL. Some towns are paying for the CDL course and requiring a certain number of years of employment in return. 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 be able to make an offer to a new employee as a MEO, with hopes he will get a CDL license and move up to HMEO. Theresa Burdick asked the Hwy. Supt. if he could put some stone fill at the bottom of the roadway up to the Town Park. He stated that he can put some gravel there. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM by acclamation.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk