

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---JUNE 10, 2025---7:30 PM REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING---TOWN HALL

Present: Supervisor Edward Lentz, Councilman Scott Fickbohm, Councilwoman Melaina Woodbeck, Councilman Brian Ryther, Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith, Town Clerk Charlene Wells, Assessor Pamela Dyn-Gohde, Residents Gioya Fennelly, Robert Schenfeld, Lenny & Laurie Melillo

Supervisor Edward Lentz opened the regular monthly meeting at 7:30 PM. A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilman Brian Ryther and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to approve the minutes for the May 13, 2025 regular meeting as drafted.

Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith advised that the repairs haven't been started yet on the 2018 Freightliner. He is pushing them to get started so we can get it back in service. We will be getting about \$23,000.00 more in CHIPS funding this year than last year. Supt. Smith is going to stick with the paving plan he had planned. He got pre-approval from the State for the purchase of a mower that the Board had talked about previously using CHIPS funds. The next anticipated purchase would be for a new 10-wheeler. The highway committee is recommending the purchase of the Mower-Max. The beam work is being started on Turnbull Bridge. Then the crew will put on the new deck, with paving to follow. He noted that employee Barry Braunius is back at work and he hired a new guy as MEO, who is working on his CDL. Supt. Smith advised that he has to go and recheck the status with the new radio tower. He has not had any answer from Robert O'Brien about a new tower lease with the County. Supervisor Edward Lentz will contact the County about terms for a new lease agreement. Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith advised that he is happy with our current dust control policy, adding that we need some dry days to be able to apply the product. The County wide shared services plan has been completed and a copy will be forwarded once all towns have signed.

Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson noted that the repair cost total is at \$32,111.00, which includes the \$3,000.00 towing bill. Supt. Donald Smith noted that he will be meeting with Trout Unlimited about a few culvert projects on Parker Road and Stahl Road which they may be able to get him funding for. The Highway Committee is recommending the purchase of a MowerMax for \$303,410.62 which is under a Sourcewell contract. An alternative Mathis tractor that he looked at was about \$100,000.00 more and had features we didn't need. He estimated it would last us for 20 years and has a one-year warranty. Councilman Brian Ryther had seen the machine when it was brought to the shop and felt it was the right machine for the job we need it for. The company will come out and train the men on the equipment when it is received. A motion was made by Councilman Brian Ryther, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to approve the purchase of a new MowerMax tractor for \$303,410.62 using CHIPS funds.

County Rep. Meg Kennedy was not present due to being at a NYSAC meeting. DCO Keegan Holt was not present since he was working. Supervisor Edward Lentz noted that he had picked up a stray dog and brought it to the SSPCA while the DCO was on guard duty. He got a tour of the new facilities which he advised were state of the art. He further noted that he and the DCO went to look at Silver Streak Kennels, 129 Bourne Hill Road, Morris which is used by Morris and Maryland as their shelter. They have a satisfactory inspection report from NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets. They do not have a vet on staff, so any dog needing medical care would have to be taken by the DCO to a vet. They only would hold dogs for the mandatory 5-9 days. We will have to see if the SSPCA would take the dogs for adoption after the mandatory hold is completed. They don't have an entry code like the SSPCA for after hours, so the DCO will

have to alert the kennel owners if after hours. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilman Scott Fickbohm and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to authorize the Supervisor to work out a contract with Silver Streak Kennels to start July 1, 2025 for shelter services. They have advised that they will not charge the extra fee like the SSPCA started in 2025, only per dog fees.

There was no new news from the CSC Committee. Supervisor Edward Lentz responded to Robert Schenfeld's concerns on the town hall solar project that were brought up last month. Revolution Solar advised the Supervisor that they would fix any problems if they arose from the installation on the roof. Councilman Brian Ryther had taken a water sample from the Town Hall kitchen to be tested. It came back negative for contaminants. He couldn't get a leak sensor installed since it needed cell service to monitor it. Councilman Scott Fickbohm noted that Wharton Creative will be coming to see where the new park sign will be going. He is currently looking for estimates for automatic generators for the town hall. Supervisor Lentz will help him draft an RFP. He also advised to contact Art Klingler at NYSEG for our electric information. Councilman Scott Fickbohm inspects the playground regularly. He will install caps on uncapped pipes.

The new website townofnewlisbonny.gov is up and running. We need to check on getting .gov email addresses for at least the hwy. supt, supervisor and town clerk. Supervisor Lentz noted that Spectrum has installed a new modem and will be fixing the outside cable line. He got a box from them today and will be getting the cable phone lines set up soon. Verizon has fixed the town hall lines, but when it rains, they go out.

Financial reports were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Councilman Scott Fickbohm, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 4 Ayes/ 1 Abstention (Councilwoman Melaina Woodbeck) to transfer \$75.43 from Contingent Account #A1990.4 to Justice Contractual #A1110.4 to cover bills. Supervisor Edward Lentz showed his projected revenues and appropriations and noted that a quick look at our fund balances show they are a bit better than he had originally budgeted. The Board reviewed the bills prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilman Scott Fickbohm and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to pay General Fund bills #87 through #99 for a total of \$3,716.32 and Highway Fund bills #61 through # 67 for a total of \$7,670.00 and the Board also approved paying General Fund bills #100-102 for a total of \$397.85 which were submitted at the meeting. Supervisor Lentz paid General Fund bills #79 through #86 for a total of \$102,462.93 and Highway Fund bill #68 for \$2,286.30 with prior Board approval. The facility committee will look into the cost to purchase rugs for the town hall as the cost for the rug service has jumped from \$45.00 per month to \$70.00 per month.

The Board reviewed the Dust Control Policy, Playground Policy and Town Justice Office Policy. No changes were made to the Dust Control Policy or Town Justice Office Policy. The Board discussed the inspection wording in the Playground Policy and will make minor adjustments to do routine inspections instead of a certain number of inspections. The Building Checklist which is used for all projects needing a county building permit will be updated to add the 25 setback from property lines and the change from seasonal roads to minimum maintenance roads.

Lenny Melillo commented that the Town Hall building needs to be washed. He suggested hiring a professional service this time as they do a great job. The Facility Committee will look into having the building professionally washed. With no further comments or business, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 8:45 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk