

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD—JULY 29, 2025

SPECIAL MEETING—TOWN HALL

Present: Supervisor Edward Lentz, Councilman Scott Fickbohm, Councilman Brian Ryther, Councilwoman Melaina Woodbeck, Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith, Town Clerk Charlene Wells, Justice Glen Noto

Supervisor Edward Lentz opened the special meeting on the 2018 Freightliner at 7:08 PM. Instead of being repaired, the 2018 Freightliner has now been totaled by the insurance company because of the new repair estimate. They will give us \$189,000.00 and keep the truck or give us \$169,000.00 if we keep the truck. To order a new truck will cost about \$365,605.26 and take about a year to get. Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith advised that we can't afford to not replace the truck because if another truck goes down, we cannot handle the winter plowing and sanding demands. The Board discussed if we should keep the 2018 Freightliner which would cost us \$20,000.00. It was discussed that the plow equipment, motor & transmission (with only about 54,000 miles) and other parts were worth more than \$20,000.00. We could use for parts or sell parts we don't need. Councilman Fickbohm asked if we could put the plow equipment on a new truck to save money. Supt. Smith responded that it may be possible if he ordered a new truck. He advised that Tracy has a truck already built which would be available this fall for \$330,363.00. He would need to add a sander costing about \$10,000.00. It is not exactly what he would order, but it would be acceptable to him and would get us a truck this winter. Supervisor Edward Lentz noted that he had reached out to area banks and so far, only heard back from SFCU that their rate for a loan would be 9-10%. He is going to apply to USDA with hopes of being able to get a \$50,000.00 grant and loan for up to \$146,355.26. He believes their interest rate is at 4.5%. We could use some CHIPS money, but that would take away from road projects. Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith noted that we would have to make a decision about purchasing the stock truck from Tracy by the August 12th meeting, if it is still available by then. He noted that they would work on seeing if the 2018 can be fixed if they get it back and should be able to do most work over time themselves. He would have to remove the box to see if it sits flat and would have to get new rails from Freightliner. If they can get it repaired it would allow us to have a backup truck. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Brian Ryther, seconded by Councilman Scott Fickbohm and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to keep the 2018 for \$20,000.00 less in insurance money. Supervisor Edward Lentz will pursue getting a grant and loan from USDA for the Board to review. We have a new contact person to work with at USDA.

In other business, a motion was made by Councilman Brian Ryther, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to approve paying General Fund bill #112 for \$32,589.75 for our insurance package with Glatfelter which renewed in May 2025.

Justice Glen Noto commented that he had received several compliments on the Town Board and Hwy. Dept. and wanted to share that. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilwoman Melaina Woodbeck and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Charlene R. Wells, New Lisbon Town Clerk