

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD—DECEMBER 9, 2025—7:30 PM REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING—TOWN HALL

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

Supervisor Edward Lentz opened the regular monthly meeting at 7:31 PM. A motion was made by Councilman Scott Fickbohm, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to accept the minutes for the November 11, 2025 regular monthly meeting as drafted.

Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith advised that they have got the new frame on the 2018 Freightliner. They received some wrong parts, so they are waiting for the correct ones. The new 2025 truck hopefully will be here by the end of the year. They still have to put the sander on it. The other equipment is okay, with normal little repairs. He noted that he has to order updated safety supplies and new dump bed locks for the trucks for use when the dump boxes are raised. The Board okayed putting out an RFP for bridge materials for the bridge over Stoney Creek as it can take months to get the materials. Supt. Smith suggested that it might be good to purchase a machine to make hydraulic hoses in house as they are always chasing all over looking for ones. He will check with the Cornell Local Roads Program to see if they would be able to send someone out to help assess what needs to be done on Jones Road rather than hire an engineer.

The fire alarm system at the new garage had issues and the company came out for a service call. Since then, the Nitrogen Dioxide detectors keep going off which turns on the exhaust fan. The error code says that the sensors are out of date. They are supposed to last 4-5 years and we have only had the system for 2 years. It will cost \$1200.00 to replace the sensor units. Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith noted that USDA required this system. He will do some more checking and see if the sensors have a date and then we can go back to the company. Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Matheson reported that our 2025 repair costs were \$46,137.00 compared to \$43,185.00 in 2024. Vehicle milage is way up in 2025 at 33,633 compared to 24,326 miles in 2024. Supervisor Edward Lentz commented that we should look into grants for getting an electric vehicle and charging station, possibly a pickup, or a different type of vehicle.

Councilman Brian Ryther and Supervisor Edward Lentz attended a meeting on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. They will meet with the Hwy. Supt. later this week to cover issues that need to be addressed in the plan. The Town Hall fire inspection was done by the Otsego County Code Office. Tara from Fargo Alarms suggested that while the current alarm system is functioning, it should be upgraded as it is old. Robert Schenfeld commented that he has been seeing content from another New Lisbon on the unofficial Facebook page so maybe we should add New York to the title.

George & Kristina Brett were present and shared a letter they had sent to their neighbors, Clair and Kayla Tompkins about the disruption to their lives caused by the Tompkins' corn drying operation. They advised that the grain dryer is approximately 80 meters from their house and is extremely loud and causes their home to vibrate. It is being run late into the night which disrupts their sleep and quality of life. They feel that there should have been some kind of site plan review before the operation was started. They had no problem when the old barn was replaced but this addition is impacting their day-to-day life. They are afraid it could draw rats and will decrease their property value. Supervisor Edward Lentz advised we will look into whether they should be

doing a site plan and the Board hopes that something can be done to mitigate the issue as much as possible.

One bid for fuel products was received from Buell Fuels as follows: Summer Diesel-\$.07 differential, fluctuating price of \$2.4059 or fixed price of \$2.6050, Winter Diesel-\$07 differential, fluctuating price of \$2.5150 or fixed price of \$2.7650, Gasoline-\$10 differential, fluctuating price of \$1.8455 (no fixed price), Fuel Oil-\$15 differential, fluctuating price of \$2.3855 or fixed price of \$2.6510, Propane--\$.40 differential, fluctuating price of \$1.3710 or fixed price of \$1.5140 and \$199.00 for each service contract. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilman Brian Ryther and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to accept the fixed price of \$2.6050 for Summer Diesel, the fixed price of \$2.7650 for Winter Diesel, the fixed price of \$2.6510 for Fuel Oil, the fixed price of \$1.5140 for Propane, the fluctuating price of \$1.8455 (\$.10 differential) for Gasoline and the \$199.00 for each of the four service contracts.

Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson reported that she will check with her contacts and see where NYS is with grants for future projects. She would like to see more community volunteers to serve on the Climate Smart Communities Committee. She will watch for the tax form to become available that we need to apply for a credit for the town hall solar installation.

Councilman Scott Fickbohm submitted four pricing options from KK Electric for a generator for the town hall. 1. Kohler 20kw generator without concrete pad-\$14,975.00. 2.Kohler 20kw generator with concrete pad-\$16,175.00. 3.Kohler 24kw generator without concrete pad-\$28,332.00. 4.Kohler 24kw generator with concrete pad-\$30,132.00. The previous estimate received was from JD Electrical Contracting for a Generac 26kw generator for \$15,750.00 plus \$685.99 for cold weather package option. He has a third quote coming from Center State Propane. The Board will have to review the options and decide what is needed and then put out an RFP due to the price of the equipment. No further work has been done in the park/playground due to the weather. Councilman Fickbohm noted that Frisbee golf around the perimeter may be something that would be well used and he will look into it in the future.

Supervisor Edward Lentz advised that the Town had received a 30-day extension to provide a municipal opinion on George Knarich's (dba Knarich Family Farm LLC) cannabis microbusiness application. Mr. Knarich has advised that he is selling his interest to Brian Denovio and will not be operating the business from his property. The State has replied that Mr. Denovio is listed as a true party of interest on the application, but the proposed location is at Mr. Knarich's address. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilman Scott Fickbohm and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to send a letter to the state that while the Town is not against a cannabis business, there seems to be a difference with what the application says and what the applicant has told us and there should be 100% transparency with what is truly going on with this application.

The NYS Comptroller's office changed how one item was reported on the 2024 Annual Financial Report so an updated document was received. The financial reports show that overall finances are in good shape, with a few accounts needing adjustments. Supervisor Edward Lentz noted that he estimates the fund balance for general and highway funds will be close to a million dollars. A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Councilman Scott Fickbohm and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to make the following appropriation changes: 1. Increase DA 5110.4 general repairs contractual by \$352.93. Transfer from DA 5142.4 Snow contractual. 2. Increase DA 5130.4 Machinery Contractual by \$3,402.32. Transfer from Snow Salary DA5142.1. 3. Increase DA 5130.44 -Truck 2018 Repairs by \$7,812.60. Transfer from DA 5142.1 Snow Salary. 4. Increase A1110.4 Justice Contractual by \$990.48. Transfer from A1990.4 Contingent. 5. Increase SL5182.4-Street Lights by \$3.99. Transfer from A1990.4-

Contingent. 6. Increase A1220.4-Supervisor Contractual by \$128.48. Transfer from A1990.4-Contingent.

The Board reviewed the bills prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Brian Ryther, seconded by Councilman Scott Fickbohm and carried 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays to approve paying General Fund bills #187 through #203 for a total of \$8,736.77 and Highway Fund bills #138 through #152 for a total of \$20,972.73. Supervisor Edward Lentz paid General Fund bills #183 through #186 for a total of \$633.06 with prior Board approval.

The Town Board scheduled the 2026 Organizational meeting for Friday, January 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. The public hearing on the 2026 Fire Protection Contract with the Garrattsville Fire Company will be held at the Town Hall at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, followed by the regular monthly meeting.

Robert Schenfeld asked what interest rates the Town was getting. Supervisor Edward Lentz advised we have been getting about 4% from Community Bank who had previously agreed to match CLASS interest rates. SFCU has also agreed to match CLASS rates if we go with them.

Town Clerk/Collector Charlene Wells and Supervisor Edward Lentz were thanked for their years of service to the Town. With no further comments or business, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 8:55 PM.

Signing off as New Lisbon Town Clerk; Charlene R. Wells