

# **NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---PUBLIC HEARING & MONTHLY MEETING**

**January 13, 2026---TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE**

Present: Supervisor Brian Ryther, Deputy Supervisor/councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, Councilwoman Amy Dill, Councilman Robert Schenfeld, Councilman Scott Fickbohm, Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith, Town clerk Melaina Woodbeck, Assessor Pamela Dyn-Gohde. Also: Lenny Melillo, Laurie Melillo, and Barry Leonardo and Keith Begany

## **Public Hearing**

Supervisor Brian Ryther opened the Public Hearing on 2026 Garrattsville Fire Co., Inc fire contract at 7:00PM.

1. Public given the opportunity to ask questions or give comments. No input from Public.
2. Public Hearing closed at 7:15 pm

## **Regular Monthly Meeting**

Regular Monthly Meeting called to order @ 7:15 pm

1. Motion made to adopt the Garrattsville Fire Co., Inc. 2026 Fire Contract by Amy Dill, seconded by Bob Schenfeld. Carried 5 Ayes 0 Nay
2. Motion made to accept the Dec. 9, 2025 monthly meeting and January 2, 2026 organizational meeting minutes by Amy Dill seconded by Nancy Martin-Matthewson, carried 5 Ayes 0 Nays.
3. Highway....
  - Truck 18, making progress as time allows with winter weather upon us.
  - Truck 26, hoping for delivery end of this week
  - Truck 09, not working, Town of Laurens is covering some of New Lisbon Roads.
  - Truck 23, replaced hydraulic valve and change 2 tires and rims.
  - Pick up trucks, Cameras have been installed, 2023 has been repaired at Williams Tire and Auto
  - Vehicle repair and milage is up about 50% over 2024
  - CHIPS: hoping for an increase, Paving, Truck #26, and Stony Brook Bridge Repairs
  - Bids for bridge repair: \$11,508.75 from Pickets and \$10,547.74 from Munsons. Motion made by Amy Dill, seconded by Bob Schenfeld to accept Bid from Munsons, carried 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.
  - Highway Garage....
  - CO detector in boiler room and truck bay needing replacement.
  - Bob Schenfeld found replacement sensors and everything needed to install and calibrate so system should function properly from Zoro. Don Smith to order.
  - The 284 agreement will need to be amended- will discuss at next monthly Meeting.
4. Open Floor to Public.
  - KeithBegany, a resident for High Street, asked about changing to Solar Street Lights to Help with cost of street lighting. Nancy Martin-Matthewson will

Check in this. He also inquired about name plates for Town Board Members for easy identification at monthly board meetings. Keith also asked about a Dead End sign for High Street. Don Smith told him he has installed 3 different signs but they keep disappearing with 6 months of installation. Don Smith said he would put it on the list for replacement.

5. Meg Kennedy- county rep.

Meg mentioned there will be a Community Event Grant opening on 1/21/26 Through 2/20/26. Top Grant is \$2000.00

Otsego Soil and Water is taking applications for a \$1000.00 grant for trail Building, education, habitat, etc.

6. Committee Updates & assignments...

Facilities Committee...Bob Schenfeld & Scott Fickbohm

Scott is still looking into generator quotes & Bob will look Into batteries with solar panels.

Highway Committee...Brian Ryter & Nancy Martin-Matthewson.

Climate Smart Community...Nancy Martin-Matthewson & Amy Dill

7. Board of Review...

Ed Dawyot has passed away. We will need to find a new member.

8. DCO Report...

Keegan Holt has nothing to report this month.

Kennel contract...A motion was made by Bob Schenfeld and seconded by Nancy Martin-Matthewson to accept Silver Streak Kennel Contract for housing any stray dog for the 2026 year with Susquehanna SPCA as a backup for any dog needing longer term stay. Carried 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

9. 2026 Polling Site Agreement...

Motion was made by Bob Schenfeld, seconded by Scott Fickbohm to accept the 2026 Polling Site Agreement with Otsego County listing Town Clerk, Melaina Woodbeck as the contact person, carried 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

10. Supervisor Updates...Brian Ryther

1 person has interest in the Land Use Officer. Brian stated we need to discuss what the qualifications need to be for this position. No further discussion at this time.

11. NYS Retirement Admin needed...

Amy Dill made a motion, seconded by Nancy Martin-Matthewson to appoint Town Clerk, Melaina Woodbeck as admin. Carried 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

12. Town Attorney...

Bob Schenfeld made the motion to appoint Will Green as the attorney for The Town of New Lisbon, motion was seconded by Scott Fickbohm carried 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

13. Raising credit card limit to \$5000.00

Motion was made by Scott Fickbohm, seconded by Nancy Martin-Matthewson to raise the Credit Card limit to \$5000.00 for the Supervisor Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent. Motion was carried 5 Ayes 0 nays.

14. Audit Committee Assignments...

Bob Schenfeld to Audit Town Clerk

Amy Dill to Audit Supervisor

Nancy Martin-Matthewson to Audit Judge

15. Historian....

After 40 dedicated years of being the Town Historian, Virginia Schoradt has Submitted her resignation. Her annual report is completed and ready to be Submitted by Melaina Woodbeck. We will need to find a new Historian.

16. Financial Review...

The monthly financial report was submitted to the Board. The Board Audited the bills prior the meeting. A motion was made by Scott Fickbohm, Seconded by Nancy Martin-Matthewson and carried 5 Ayes and 0 Nays to Approve paying the General Fund bills #1 through #16 for a total of \$5621.98 and Highway Fund bills #1 Through #12 for a total of \$26,753.46. Past Supervisor Ed Lentz paid Dec 2025 bill # 204 Through #208 for a total of \$771.16 and Highway Fund bill #153 for a total of \$1538.98 for a total of \$ 1538.98 with prior Board approval. 2025 Town Clerk Annual report was submitted to all board members for review.

17. Motion was made by Nancy Martin-Matthewson, seconded by Scott Fickbohm to Adjourn at 8:20 pm and carried 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Melaina J. Woodbeck, New Lisbon Town Clerk