

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---2026 MONTHLY MEETING

July 14, 2026---TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE

Present: Supervisor Brian Ryther, Deputy Supervisor/councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, Councilman Robert Schenfeld, Councilman Scott Fickbohm, Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith, Town clerk Melaina Woodbeck. Councilwoman Amy Dill absent Also present from public Glenn Chase and County Rep Meg Kennedy

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Brian Ryther @ 7:30 pm. In recognition of the passing of Virginia Schoradt, long time Historian for the Town of New Lisbon, a moment of silence was observed.

1. A motion was made by Nancy Martin-Mathewson and seconded by Robert Schenfeld to accept the June 9, 2026 minutes from the regular monthly meeting as previously submitted. 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent
2. Highway business; Superintendent Pick up has had new brakes installed, the 284 agreement will need to be revised to \$143,000.00 as the cost of paving material has increased. The increase is \$40,000.00. A motion was made to accept the new amended 284 agreement by Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Robert Schenfeld carried by 4 Ayes, 0 Noes and 1 absent. Engineer from Cornell has been out to look at Jones Road and suggests road signs stating "Road Narrows" and to put up guard rails. Highway Dept remains fully staffed at this point. Don Smith also stated that he has had a complaint about someone digging up road while removing scrap. Don let him know he has no jurisdiction over anyone digging up road way and law enforcement must be called by complainant to file a report. Nancy also brought to everyone's attention that our cost of repairs has gone down.
3. Open Floor to Public; Glenn Chase asked if Board can do anything about slowing down traffic going through town. Brian Ryther stated he would reach out to Otsego County Sheriff Dept and see if we could borrow the speed sign to put in town and also ask if they could provide any extra patrol in town. Don Smith has given the WWII honor roll to Glenn Chase, he wanted to know if the Town Board would like it refurbished. The Board stated that yes, they would like to see it refurbished and hung up in Town Hall for display.
4. County Rep Meg Kennedy; Meg brought several updates regarding short term rentals, Veterans services, cooling station Etc. See attached sheet for more info.
5. Budget Officer 6-month update; Ed Lentz Sr. was unable to attend but sent email stating we appear to be doing fine against 2026 Budget. He estimates at the end of 2026 we should have total of (A and DA) unassigned fund balance of about \$950,000 to \$1 Million of which 281K are earmarked for reval, comp plan, bridges, equipment and loan repayment. The Budget for 2027 is going to be difficult due to inflation. Budget Timeline: Budget Officer submits Tentative Budget to Town Clerk 9/25/2026, Town Board reviews Tentative Budget and adopts Preliminary Budget 9/29/2026, Notice of public hearing on Preliminary Budget 10/06/2026, Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget 10/13/2026, Adopt Final Budget on 11/10/2026. A motion was made by Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Robert Schenfeld, to accept the proposed Budget dates as presented. Motion carried by 4 Ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.
6. Garrattsville Fire Co. Inc Quarterly report: 12 calls for a total of 106 Man hours with an average of 6 members present per call. There was also 99-man Hours completed for training on Monday night for the 2nd Quarter of 2026.

7. Committee updates; Facilities Committee, Robert Schenfeld asked about replacing the furnace in the upper firehouse with Propane. He will seek out quotes for replacement.

Brian Ryther asked about getting the Town Hall power washed. Who and how to get this done. Possibly a work day. Climate Summit, Nancy Martin-Mathewson and Amy Dill attended a meeting in Utica, NY. Nancy reports it was a very inspiring meeting. They learned of possibilities for Grants. Nancy would like to find funding for insulation for Town Hall through Climate smart community.

8. DCO Report; Director from Gilbert Lake called Brian Ryther stating he is very happy with our DCO Keegan Holt as he was very helpful and professional in helping to find the owner of a lost dog at the State Park.
9. Land Use Enforcement Officer update; Set back law at corner of County 17 and East Turtle Lake Road is in the process of being addressed.
10. Supervisor Updates; Brian Ryther reports town board is in receipt of the DEC Notice for the Balcom Sand and Gravel, Applicant Parker Excavating & Gravel Co. Inc. to expand the life of the mine from 19.1 acres to 30.2 acres. Brian also reports that appropriated fund Balance correction was made to correct where truck # 25 was paid from. A motion was made by Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Robert Schenfeld to move \$1000.00 from DA5110.1 to DA9055.81 to cover the cost of Paid Family Leave Act, motion was carried with 4 Ayes/ 0 noes 1 absent. Robert Schenfeld is going to contact the Website design company about how to build an email list for town to get information out to residents.
11. Site Plan Review; nothing to report
12. Approve paying bills; Scott Fickbohm made a motion, seconded by Nancy Martin-Mathewson to pay Highway fund vouchers #88 - #100 totaling \$39178.87 and General Fund vouchers #98 - #102 and #111 totaling \$1478.44 motion was carried 4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent. Highway Fund vouchers #101 Totaling \$ 1637.98 and General Fund #103 - #110 totaling 954.90 were paid prior to meeting with prior board approval.
13. Open Floor to Public; nothing to report
14. Adjournment; Nancy Martin-Mathewson made a motion to adjourn regular monthly meeting @ 8:25pm seconded by Robert Schenfeld, motion carried 4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent.

Melaina J. Woodbeck, New Lisbon Town Clerk