

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---2026 MONTHLY MEETING

September 08, 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. Also: Lenny Melillo, Keith Woodbeck, Meg Kennedy (county rep), Pamela Dyn-Gohde (Assessor, Land Use Officer), Ed Lentz Sr. (Budget officer) and Keith Begany.

Supervisor Brian Ryther opened the 2026 Monthly meeting at 7:30PM.

Brian Ryther opened with a Thank you to Glenn Chase for redoing the WW II roll call sign. Also, a thank you to Robert Schenfeld and Don Smith for helping to hang the sign in the Community Hall.

A Motion was made by Amy Dill, seconded by Nancy Martin-Mathewson to accept the August 11, 2026 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried 5 Ayes / 0 Noes.

Highway Business: Don Smith reports that the New Holand Tractor is working after a fuel mix up happened. Maintenance was preformed to change out incorrect fuel and service. Tires and Rims have been purchased for Truck #19. Gross Road paving is complete; shoulders and Chip Sealing is scheduled to be completed by Monday. Guide rails have been completed for Jones Road. Personnel are short due to one employee's resignation. Shared services, paving and shouldering is ongoing. No resident complaints this month. Nancy Martin Mathewson reports her numbers for 2026 repairs are looking good so far. 2026 \$ 32,500.00 (with tow bills) 2025 \$36,000.00 and 2024 31,000.00. These were the numbers as of August 11, 2026. The recent purchase of new tires and rims will of course make this increase.

Floor open to public: Keith Begany inquired where we purchase the sand and gravel from and would it be cheaper to have it brought in. Don Smith answered with most purchases come from Pittsfield or Hartwick which is the most cost effective and definitely cheaper for our highway crew to haul our own products.

County Rep. Meg Kennedy: Meg reports Veterans Services has received \$109,000.00 from NYS Joseph Dwyer Grant. This grant is used for peer-to-peer support. It helps Veterans get out into the community. Information is available on-line. She will also look into our shared service agreement paper work with Otsego County as to why we have not received any completed paperwork.

Budget Officer Report: Ed Lentz Sr. reported the he has been working on the 2027 Budget numbers in preparation for the September 29,2026 Budget Meeting. He provided a brief over view of number and where and why he came up with them. The budget time line is as follows, tentative budget to Town Clerk 9/25/2026, Town Board reviews Tentative Budget and adopts Preliminary Budget 9/29/2026 @ 7:30 pm, Notice of Public hearing on Preliminary Budget to got out by 10/06/2026, Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget 10/13/2026 @ 7:30 pm, with Adoption of Final Budget on 11/10/2026 @ 7:30pm.

Committee Updates: Nancy Martin-Mathewson reports that the Climate Smart committee is still working on maintaining Town of New Lisbon's Bronze status for Climate Smart Community. Currently waiting on info from Buell Fuel.

Robert Schenfeld reported that the WW II sign has been hung in New Lisbon Community Hall. Frost Proofing outside valve is still on his to do list.

Dog Control Officer: Keegan Holt reports nothing to report, quiet month.

Land Use Officer: Pamela Dyn-Gohde reports it has also been a quiet month. Waiting on removal of shed on Richard Schaffer Property. She has also been studying the laws.

Supervisor Updates: Brian Ryther reports that Otsego County has completed the Hazard Mitigation Plan. A resolution was offered by Nancy Martin-Mathewson seconded by Amy Dill to adopt the Otsego County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Carried 5 Ayes and 0 Noes. Gilbert Lake has submitted the SEQR Full Environmental Assessment Form to complete the Gilbert Lake Beach Parking, Pavilion Parking and Dump Station improvements project. The project outcome will improve access to the recreational facilities. Town of New Lisbon Website has updated the building checklist. The Town has received a direct deposit for “Temporary Municipal Assistance”. Town of Hartwick has reached out to Town of New Lisbon Attorney Will Green regarding an accident the Hartwick Fire District had with their firetruck while enroute to a structure fire in the Town of New Lisbon. Hartwick was advised that Garrattsville Fire Company, Inc is not a fire District and they will need to be reached out to separately.

Site Plan Review: Town Attorney, Will Green is in receipt of the towns updated site plan. His office will put the plan together and will be reviewed at the October meeting.

Approve Paying Bills: Scott Fickbohm made a motion, seconded by Amy Dill to pay the General Fund vouchers #126 - #128 and #134 totaling \$1675.96 and Highway Fund Vouchers #109 - #115 totaling \$76,430.47. Motion was carried 5 Ayes 0 Noes.

General Fund vouches #129 - #133 totaling \$1204.08 and Highway Fund voucher #116 totaling \$1538.98 were paid prior to Town Board Meeting with prior Town Board Approval.

Open Floor to Public: Keith Begany stated he would like a sign for “dead end” placed on his road. Highway Superintendent stated it is on the list for when he submits a large sign order. Also, Keith inquired about a stop sign to be placed at the end of the town hall driveway.

Adjourn: Nancy Martin-Mathewson made a motion to adjourn at 8:38pm seconded by Robert Schenfeld. Motion carried 5 Ayes 0 Noes

Melaina J. Woodbeck, New Lisbon Town Clerk