

NEW LISBON TOWN BOARD---2026 Special Meeting on 2027 Tentative Budget

September 29, 2026---TOWN HALL, GARRATTSVILLE

Present: Supervisor Brian Ryther, Deputy Supervisor/councilwoman Nancy Martin-Mathewson, Councilman Robert Schenfeld, Hwy. Supt. Donald Smith, Town clerk Melaina Woodbeck, Budget Officer Ed Lentz. Absent: Councilwoman Amy Dill and Councilman Scott Fickbohm. Residents: None

Supervisor Brian Ryther opened the Special Monthly meeting at 7:41pm.

The Board reviewed the 2027 Tentative Budget as prepared by the Budget Officer, Ed Lentz. The Board reviewed the budget line by line. Ed Lentz proposed a tax increase of 4.03%. Highway Supt was increased to \$67,922.00, Town Clerk to \$20,496.00, all of which reflect a 3% increase. Town Councilperson and Town Supervisor salary remained at the 2026 rate. The Board discussed the insurance buy out for the fulltime highway employees. We currently (2026) offer \$5360.00 per year, paid in two payments. It was agreed to increase the amount to \$5789.00 annually which reflects approximately 2/3 of what the Town would have to pay for their insurance for 2027. Budget Office, Ed Lentz noted this is a best guess at this time as health insurance numbers have not come in yet for 2027. Ed Lentz also stated the Town is still waiting on the remaining \$6000.00 of the Federal Tax Credit.

A Motion was made by Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Robert Schenfeld, to accept the 2027 Tentative Budget as presented and adopt it as the 2027 Preliminary Budget and to hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday October 13, 2026 at 7pm prior to the Regular Monthly Meeting. Motion was carried with 3 Ayes, 0 Noes and 2 Absent.

Brian Ryther = Aye

Nancy Maritn-Mathewson = Aye

Robert Schenfeld = Aye

Scott Fickbohm = Absent

Amy Dill = Absent

Motion to adjourn @ 8:30 pm made by Nancy Martin-Mathewson, seconded by Robert Schenfeld. Motion carried 3 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent

Melaina J. Woodbeck, New Lisbon Town Clerk