**TOWN OF LISBON**

TOWN BOARD MEETING

# FEBRUARY 13, 2019

**LISBON TOWN HALL**

**Present:**

Supervisor James Armstrong Councilmember Robert McNeil

Town Clerk Donna McBath Councilmember Ronald Bush

Highway Superintendent Michael Baldock Councilmember Alan Dailey

Councilmember Nathanael Putney

Absent: Attorney Charles Nash

Guest: Stephen Wallace, Pat Green, Kenneth Putney and Legislator David Forsythe

1. **Monthly Meeting Called to Order**

Supervisor James Armstrong called the monthly meeting to order at 7:00 PM

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Guest –**

Stephen Wallace asked if action was taken after the executive session. He had overheard Code Enforcement Officer Marc McDonell make a statement to a board member concerning the sand at the shooting range. Supervisor Armstrong stated that there was no action taken after the executive session as the meeting had been adjourned.

Patrick Green had concerns regarding of the American Flag, on the budget that the town had adopted in November 2018 and on plowing the Lisbon Highway

roads.

1. **Report from Legislators – David Forsythe –** Legislator Forsythe stated that the County Planning Boardhad two different grants to replace septic system. One was on the restricted area of geography, no restriction on income; the other was no restriction area of geography with restriction of low income in St. Lawrence County.

Legislator Forsythe informed the town board members that the Assembly had a resolution stating Resolution Opposing New York State Assembly will A01413, “An Act to Amend The General Municipal Law, in Relation to Prohibiting Firearms as Prizes in any Game of Chance”

**RESOLUTION # 4 of 2019**

**OPPOSING NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL a01413, “AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, IN RELATION TO PROHIBITING FIREARMS AS PRIZES IN ANY GAME OF CHANCE”**

**February 13, 2019**

**WHEREAS,** gun clubs in St. Lawrence County and elsewhere in New York State exist and operate in compliance with the laws of the State, and

**WHEREAS,** the raffling off of firearms in a traditional and time-honored means for the gun clubs to raise money that is used to find the operation of the clubs, and

**WHEREAS,** Assembly Bill A01413 prohibits such fund-raising, inasmuch as the bill states that “No…firearm…shall be offered or given as a prize in any game of chance”, and

**WHEREAS,** such a prohibition is an attempt ~~by the Democratic members of the New York State Assembly to drive the gun clubs of New York State out of existence and~~ so **to further** deprive the citizens of New York State of their 2nd Amendment rights,

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators oppose State Assembly Bill A01413, “An Act to Amend the General Municipal Law, in Relation to Prohibiting Firearms as Prizes in any Game of Chance”, and urges the Assembly to withdraw the Bill, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Ken Blackenbush, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Patricia Ritchie, and Senator Elizabeth Little.

Note: Changes made at Committee are reflected in strikeouts and bolds.

Councilmember Bush made a motion seconded by Councilmember Dailey to approve Resolution # 4 of OPPOSING NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL a01413, “AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, IN RELATION TO PROHIBITING FIREARMS AS PRIZES IN ANY GAME OF CHANCE” as stated. Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Legislator Forsythe informed the board that the county was accepting applications for an EMS Director.

Legislator Forsythe informed the board that the RVRDA grant application was being accepted.

Legislator Forsythe informed the board that there will be three fishing tournaments in St.

Lawrence County this year. They will be located in Waddington, Massena and at Clarkson University.

1. **Assessor Stephen Teele** – Assessor Teele informed the board members that the Enhance Star application will be due by March 1, 2019 for renewal. Starting January 1, 2020 people will receive notice from New York State government for renewal as the Assessor will not be taking the application.

Assessor Teele stated the Town of Canton had hired a new assessor and had asked Assessor Teele to remain with the Town of Canton for two weeks. By the middle of March, Assessor will be changing his work hours with the Town of Lisbon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from

8:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

1. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2019**

Councilmember McNeil made a motion seconded by Councilmember Dailey Meeting Minutes

for January 9, 2019 with corrections of page 5 item 16

Tax Cap – Mr. Dashnaw informed the board that the Library had not filed a Chapter ~~4414~~

414 to be on their own.

Also, Designations, last page, public works – remove Scott Skiff name.

. Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

1. **Approval of the Town Clerk’s Report for January 2019**

Councilmember McNeil made a motion seconded by Councilmember Dailey to approve Town Clerks Report for January 2019. Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

1. **Approval of the Justice Report**

Councilmember McNeil made a motion seconded by Councilmember Dailey to approve the Justice

Report. Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

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1. **Approval of the Budget Transfers for January**

Councilmember McNeil made a motion seconded by Councilmember Dailey to approve the Budget

Transfers.

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| **TRANSFERS** | | | | | | |
| **TO** | **GENERAL FUND** | **AMOUNT** |  | **FROM** | **ITEM** | **AMOUNT** |
| **13552.01** | **Justice Ce** | **289.00** |  | **1355.4** | **Assessor CE** | **$289.00** |

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

10. **Approval of Abstracts and Town Supervisor’s Report**

Councilmember McNeil made a motion seconded by Councilmember Dailey to approve the Abstracts and Town Supervisor’s Report. Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

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| a. General | $42,185.24 |
| b. Highway | $151,637.36 |
| c. Sewer | $1,031.10 |
| d. Water | $476.36 |
| Total | $195,330.06 |

1. **Report from Highway Department Superintendent**
2. Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds – Discussion was held.

Councilmember Dailey made a motion seconded by Councilmember Bush to approve the Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds. Ayes – 5 Nays - 0

1. Christmas Lights

Highway Superintendent informed the board members that the Christmas Lights that were hung for Christmas were wearing out and needed to be replaced. The board recommended that the town get a proposal on six hanging lights to be discussed at the March 13, 2019.

1. Salt Barn – The grant had been approved by the state with a contract number. Highway Superintendent Baldock presented a Scope of Services from Tisdell Association of the engineer and oversite building for the foundation and salt barn for the total cost of $16,000.00. Highway Superintendent Baldock requested for an approval to hire Tisdell Association for the engineering and oversite building the foundation and salt barn.

Councilmember Bush made a motion seconded by Councilmember Dailey to approve the hiring of Tisdell Association for the engineering and oversite building for the foundation and salt barn.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

1. Pumphouse at the campground – Door was blown open and the pipes were frozen and broken. Water was turned off and the door was closed. Pipes and building needed

repairs before opening for the camping season.

1. **Report from all Liasons for committee**
2. Recreation – Councilmember Putney and Councilmember McNeil – no reports
3. Campground – Councilmember McNeil and Councilmember Dailey – no reports
4. Planning Board – Councilmember Bush and Councilmember Dailey – no reports
5. Animal Control Report – Located in the Town Clerk’s office
6. Museum – Councilmember Putney and Councilmember Dailey – no reports
7. Homecoming Committee – Supervisor Armstrong and Councilmember Putney – no reports

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**13. New Business**

A. Hanging Plants – Town Clerk McBath asked if the board was interested in purchasing hanging plants form Megan Bowdish again this year. The board suggested that the town check with Millers Green house and get prices. **14. Old Business**

1. Local Law #3 – A Local Law Providing for the Removal and Storage of

Vehicles. Discussion was held concerning a new local law concerning removal and storage of vehicles that were parked on the road. The board had decided to do a local law.

1. Shooting Range lease agreement on the Sand Road. Discussion was held concerning the lease contract of the shooting range on the Sand Road. Some board members stated that they wanted to know how often DOCCS would do a cleanup during the 10-year lease agreement. The board members also wanted a date stated in case the lease was broken when would Department of Correctional Facility do a cleanup? After a lengthy discussion, a vote was held.

Councilmember Dailey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McNeil to ask Supervisor Armstrong to sign the lease between the Town of Lisbon and Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. Ayes – 3 Nays – 2

Vote was passed.

1. Property Tax Cap – Financial Advisor William Dashnaw informed the board that since the Hepburn Library had not filed a Chapter 414 the library was still under the Town of Lisbon budget. With the Library’s budget calculated in the town’s budget, the town budget exceeded the 2% tax cap. The State of New York will be fining the Town of Lisbon $1,047.00. It was suggested that when the Hepburn Library should pay this

fine.

1. **Executive Session –** No executive session
2. Shooting Range
3. **Adjournment**

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna McBath,

Town Clerk