**TOWN OF LISBON**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**DECEMBER 11, 2019**

1. SEQR – for a Local Law Repealing Local Law No. 3 of the year 2019

Councilmember Ronald Bush made a motion seconded by Councilmember Nathanael Putney to close the Public Hearing at 7:10 PM. Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

**TOWN OF LISBON**

TOWN BOARD MEETING

# DECEMBER 11, 2019

**LISBON TOWN HALL**

**Present:**

Supervisor James Armstrong Councilmember Nathanael Putney

Deputy Clerk Jane Brown-Flack Councilmember Robert McNeil

Highway Superintendent Michael Baldock Councilmember Alan Dailey

William Dashnaw Councilmember Ronald Bush

Absent: Attorney Charles Nash, Town Clerk Donna McBath

Guests: Kari Tremper, Alberta Hyde, William Nelson, David Forsythe, Patrick Farrand, Michael O’Neil, Anthony Foti, Thomas Haynes, Krista LaRock Wells

1. **Meeting called to order by Supervisor Armstrong Order**

Supervisor James Armstrong called the monthly meeting to order at 7:10 PM

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Approval of Local Law # 5**

Councilmember Alan Dailey made a motion seconded by Councilmember Ronald Bush to approve the Local Law # 5 of the year 2019. Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

1. **Guest—Kari Tremper—DANC**

Ms. Tremper spoke on the GIS Web-Based Hosting Agreement between the Development

Authority of the North Country and the Town of Lisbon. It is time to renew the agreement.

The system is used daily by town officials.

Councilmember Alan Dailey made a motion to approve the new agreement with DANC, seconded by

Councilmember Ronald Bush. Ayes—5 Nays—0

1. **Guest—Thomas Haynes—DANC**

Mr. Haynes spoke regarding the hydrant flow testing for the Water District. The system is

operating the way, it was designed to operate and is functioning the way it should. Hydrants H6 and H8 need to be replaced. Discussion followed regarding the lack of water pressure at homes in the District. Mr. Haynes would like a list of the homes which have complained of low pressure. A booster pump might be an option but would cost approximately $300,000.00. Mr. Haynes has not seen another design like this. He believes the system was built in 1985 and was paid for by St. Lawrence County. Questions were raised about the feasibility of testing the

water pressure of each house in the Water District. Mr. Haynes needs to complete more testing

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Con’t Guest Thomas Hayes - DANC

and put the report together. He hopes to have a draft to the Board by February with a complete

presentation in March.

1. **Guest—Thomas Manley**—not present
2. **Report from Legislator David Forsythe**

Negotiations are ongoing with the City of Ogdensburg regarding sales tax distribution. The

Board of Legislators is trying to achieve consensus. Discussion took place.

Fifteen Day Discovery Reform will be an issue in the new year.

Mr. Forsythe sat in on a webinar with the International Joint Commission. Water levels on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River will probably be the same in 2020 as they were this year.

Matt Denner is the new Emergency Services Director.

There has been an uptick in the number of children in need of services from DSS.

1. **Guest—Patrick Farrand—Lisbon Central School Superintendent**

Mr. Farrand presented a formal request to the Board to enter into a three-year contract for snow plowing, snow removal, and sanding for the parking areas, driveways, and walkways of the Lisbon Central School District property in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined. Questions were raised regarding the wording about sidewalks and doorways. Mr. Farrand stated that the school’s custodial staff does an excellent job keeping the sidewalks and doorways cleared, so the Town employees would not be required to do that. It was suggested that the base contract price should reflect an increase each year: 2019-2020 $18,000; 2020-2021 $18,500; 2021-2022 $19,000. Mr. Farrand stated that he would have to take those figures

back to the LCS Board, but he feels that they will be amenable to those prices.

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes—November 20, 2019 Meeting**

Mr. Dashnaw had a correction to the minutes—Item 14, third paragraph should read as follows: Highway Superintendent Baldock questioned why the town was buying trucks outright, when the town could go in a 3-year plan and pay three payments for the truck & equipment? *Attorney Nash stated that it had to do with the specs.* Superintendent Baldock continued that it would lighten up the budget for equipment, knowing that this amount of payment would be easier to budget than trying to come up with the full amount for a truck. Mr. Dashnaw recommended that the town not go in debt. Highway Superintendent Baldock was told to cut back. This would be the only way Highway Superintendent Baldock would think to do with keeping the fleet updated.

Councilmember Alan Dailey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Nathanael Putney, to approve

the meeting minutes as corrected. Ayes—5 Nays—0

1. **Approval of the Town Clerk’s report for November 2019**

Councilmember Robert McNeil made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Alan Dailey, to approve the

Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2019. Ayes—5 Nays—0

1. **Approval of the Justice Report for November 2019**

Councilmember Robert McNeil mad a motion, seconded by Councilmember Alan Dailey, to approve the

Justice Report for November 2019. Ayes—5 Nays—0

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

Councilmember Ronald Bush made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Alan Dailey, to approve the Abstracts and Town Supervisor’s Report. Ayes—5 Nays—0

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| a. General | $57,875.79 |
| b. Highway | $95,979.52 |
| c. Sewer | $2,962.61 |
| d. Water | $898.06 |
| Total | $157,715.98 |

1. **Report from Highway Superintendent Michael Baldock**

Highway Superintendent Baldock stated that the Salt Barn has been completed and is in use. A

2001 truck threw a clutch, and a 2007 truck just broke down and had to be towed in. Munson

Miller of Miller’s Greenhouse generously donated a Christmas tree for the Town Hall. The

Highway employees set up the tree and put lights on it as well as the Town Hall.

1. **Guest—Anthony Foti**

Mr. Foti had questions and concerns regarding a property he is considering buying, the former

bus garage. He stated that the Town had an agreement with a former owner about the

water/sewer fee costing approximately $2,500.00 per year. Mr. Foti is asking for that fee to be

adjusted. It was suggested that Mr. Foti should come back to the Board after he takes

ownership of the property in question. Discussion took place.

1. **Guest—Krista LaRock Wells—Homecoming Committee**

Mrs. Wells asked if the Committee could have a budget from the Town so they could plan for

2020. There is $10,000 in the budget for Celebrations, but not all of that goes towards

Homecoming. The Committee has raised $4,500 already. Discussion followed. Mr. Dashnaw

reported that the Committee spent about $8,000 on Homecoming 2019, and donations

amounted to about $3,800.

1. **Report from all Liaisons for Committees**
2. Recreation—Councilmember Nathanael Putney reported the Committee would be meeting tomorrow.
3. Campground—Michael O’Neil, Campground Director, reported that Jeff Buckingham is doing a lot of work on set-up for Lights on the River. Councilmember Robert McNeil reported that the Beach/Campground Committee has an end of year report with recommendations. Mr. O’Neil would like to see an access point for canoes and kayaks. Discussion took place.
4. Planning Board—Councilmember Ronald Bush reported that there has been no meeting.
5. Animal Control—Report in Town Clerk’s office.
6. Museum—No report
7. Homecoming—Supervisor Armstrong reported that the Committee is hard at work.
8. **New Business**

No new business

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1. **Old Business**

Mr. Dashnaw stated that there was a question about why we are buying trucks. He also stated

that we don’t want to go into debt. According to Mr. Dashnaw, it has to do with the way the

specs were written. He stated that the Comptroller’s Auditor, Larry Petrie, says it is unusual to

see that type of arrangement. He checked with Attorney Nash who said we should be careful

because it is a lease/purchase, and leases must be bid. Mr. Dashnaw said that it was all in the

May 2019 Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Alan Dailey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Robert McNeil, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. Ayes—5 Nays—0

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Brown-Flack

Deputy Town Clerk