

**Town of Lisbon  
Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 9,2022  
Lisbon Town Hall**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

B. **Call to Order** by Deputy Supervisor Putney

C. **Roll Call:** Deputy Supervisor Nathaniel Putney                      Councilmember Jeffrey Dumas  
Town Clerk Alberta Hyde    Councilmember Robert McNeil  
Highway Superintendent Michael Baldock                              Councilmember Ron Bush  
Absent Supervisor William Nelson  
Also Present: Assessor Steven Teele, CEO Marc McDonell, Campground Director Todd Miller,  
Historian Nancy LaFaver, Highway Employee Adam Duvall

D. **Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Councilmember McNeil seconded by Councilmember Dumas to approve the minutes of the February 9,2022 Board meeting. Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion carried.

E. **Reading of Correspondence:** Town Clerk Hyde stated that the Town Board had received a letter from Linda Brander,9111 Co RT 27 Lisbon. Ms. Brander is asking the Town Board to pass a resolution to stop the passage of "The All-Electric Building Act" Discussion followed with the Town Board in agreement.

**F. Approval of Audited Claims:**

General: \$92,265.75	Highway: \$129,458.20
Water: \$965.66	Sewer: 5,059.95
T&A: 809.54	Total: \$228,559.10

Moved by Councilmember McNeil seconded by Councilmember Dumas to approve payment to bills Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion carried.

G. **Public Comment Period:** Deputy Supervisor Putney recognized Town of Lisbon Historian Nancy LaFaver. Ms. LaFaver attended the Town Board meeting to bring awareness to the Town of Lisbon's 221<sup>st</sup> Anniversary which was March 6,2022. Ms. LaFaver gave information on the History of the Town of Lisbon and read from a book containing the minutes of the first Town Board meeting. Ms. LaFaver invited everyone to contact her or stop by the Town Clerks Office to look through the Historical items of Lisbon.

**H. Budget Review:**

- 1- Supervisor Nelson e-mailed the February 2022 financial reports
- 2- Councilmember McNeil and Deputy Supervisor Putney will be contacting the Justice Court to schedule the Justice Court audit for 2021.

**I. Reports of Departments:**

Highway Superintendent:

- 1- The Highway crew has been assisting with an outside company on the trouble with a couple of the sewer pump stations. A report and a list of what more is needed to keep them running until the capital project will be forward to the board.
- 2- Facebook comments regarding the Highway have been an issue again. Attorney Nash reminded the Town Board it is not appropriate for Town Officials to comment on Facebook
- 3- Highway crew has been extremely busy/ putting in long hours due to weather events and major break downs with two of the older trucks. This is all contributing to the Highway's expense's going up.
- 4- DANC has hired a new employee Ryan Skiff to fill in as the WQ Operator for the Water/Sewer when needed.

Town Clerk: Town Clerk Hyde reported that everything is running smoothly in the Clerk's Office

Code Enforcement Officer:

- 1- CEO attended the Northern Adirondack Code Enforcement conference; a lot of useful information was given.
- 2- New Construction is down compared to other years
- 3- Town of Waddington reached out to the Town of Lisbon regarding fees for Solar Projects
- 4- There is talk of the Governor passing a law which would override the Town of Lisbon's local law regarding Tiny homes, more information will be given when available.

Assessor: Discussion held regarding exemptions, both commercial and residential.

Motion by Councilmember Bush seconded Councilmember McNeil to except the reports from all departments Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion carried.

**J. Reports from Boards and Committees**

Planning Board:

- 1- Two Solar Projects in the works on Co Rt 27 and North Road
- 2- No update currently on the Digester project
- 3- Caparra Polaris/Indian Site Plan Application is on the agenda for March 14,2022

Recreation Committees:

- 1-Back stop on Recreation Field has become a safety issue and needs to be fixed or replaced.
- 2-Discussion had regarding the recreation committee contacting the Fireman and or Campground Director about using their fields for the Town's Recreation Lacrosse program.
3. Recreation committee is requesting a reserve fund be set up for money raised by the committee
- 4- Recreation committee would like to advertise for someone to run the concession stand

Museum: Historian LaFaver asked about a reserve Fund for the Gazebo project at the museum.

**K. Action Items**

1-Resolution approving the submission of the 2021 OSC AUD to the Town Clerk for filing and making available to the Public Moved by Councilmember McNeil seconded by Councilmember Dumas Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion Carried

2-Resolution approving the ARPA funds for use as approved by the Department of the Treasury for the Lisbon American Legion to be used to offset revenue lost during the 2020-2021 pandemic Moved by Councilmember Bush seconded by Councilmember McNeil discussion followed: Councilmember Bush stated he agrees to the resolution but suggested that the Town Board ask Town Department's and citizens of the Town for input on use of ARPA funds. Then the Town Board can determine how to allocate the ARPA funds. Councilmember Dumas agreed and added at that point there could be additional funds for the American Legion. Roll call vote Deputy Supervisor Putney yes, Councilmember McNeil yes, Councilmember Dumas yes, Councilmember Bush yes, Motion carried.

**L. Old Business:**

1- Update requested on the Town of Lisbon Medical Center. Councilmember McNeil stated that he would contact Claxton Hepburn Hospital and request that they send someone to the April 13,2022 Town Board meeting to discuss the plans for the Clinic. Town Clerk Hyde will forward a copy of the Lease agreement to Attorney Nash for his review.

2- Discussion had regarding the Town's current issue with having no IT support. Motion by Councilmember Dumas seconded by Councilmember Bush to advertise for sealed bids to be accepted by the Town and opened at a Town Board meeting from qualified technology vendors Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion carried

3- Attorney Nash stated that the Town Board meeting scheduled for March 10,2022 between the Town Board, CSEA Union and The Highway Employees is cancelled and rescheduled for March 30,2022 at 1 Pm in the Town Hall due to Supervisor Nelson having to be out of Town on unforeseen family issues. Discussion followed: Councilman Bush and Councilman Dumas disagreed on canceling the meeting stating the Highway Employees have been waiting to express their concerns regarding the negotiations, due to other issues the meetings have been canceled in the past, it has been almost a year since the last contract expired. This is not good for the moral of the Towns Highway Department to keep delaying. Highway Employee Adam Duvall questioned the statement from Attorney Nash saying that the meeting is cancelled. Mr. Duvall is on the negotiation committee representing the Highway employees and has been in contact with the CSEA Union who is waiting to hear from him regarding the status of the meeting for March 10,2022. Mr. Duval stated that Attorney Nash works for the Town of Lisbon but that the CSEA Union works for the Highway Employees and should not cancel a meeting without first speaking with them. Mr. Duvall added that Supervisor Nelson has already heard at previous meetings the concerns the Highway employees have with what is being offered in the new contract. This meeting was set up for the rest of the Town Board to be informed and should go on as scheduled. Councilman Bush and Councilman Dumas agreed the meeting should go on with no decisions made till the whole Town Board is present. Councilman McNeil stated that the Town Board has five members and that they all need to be at this meeting to hear and discuss the issues. Deputy

Supervisor Putney asked Attorney Nash legally what should happen. Attorney Nash stated that he did not feel that the Town Board should meet with the Highway Department without Supervisor Nelson since he is the only Board member that has been negotiating with the Highway Department from the beginning. Attorney Nash added the meeting can legally take place but that he would not be participating. Deputy Supervisor Putney asked for a roll call regarding holding the meeting. Roll call: Deputy Supervisor Putney no, Councilmember McNeil no, Councilmember Bush yes, Councilmember Dumas yes Meeting is rescheduled till March 30,2022 at 1 PM.

M. **Adjourned:** Moved by Deputy Supervisor Putney to adjourn at 7:40 PM seconded by Councilmember Dumas all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Alberta L Hyde, Town Clerk