



**TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 10, 2008**

Fern Larochelle, Jr., At Large 2010
Charles Smith, At Large 2008
Michael Bowie, At Large 2009
Gina Mason, District 1 2010
Janet Henry, District 1 2009
Dale Crafts, District 2 2010
Norma Wells, District 2 2009

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. The Chairman, Norma Wells, called the meeting to order at the Lisbon Community School and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 10:03AM.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Wells, Smith, Bowie, Mason, Henry, and Larochelle. Councilor Crafts was excused. Also present were Stephen Eldridge, Town Manager; Dr. Shannon Welsh, Superintendent of Schools; Prudence Grant, School Committee Chair; Deborah Danuski, School Committee Member; Traci Austin, School Committee Member; Faye Ingersoll, School Committee Member; Janice Comber, School Committee Member; and approximately 120 citizens in the audience.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BUDGETS

The Chairman explained the rules, procedures, and read her opening statement. Mr. Eldridge presented the Municipal Budget, highlighting Lisbon's School and Municipal infrastructure needs. Dr. Welsh presented the School Budget and briefly explained the three different budgets presented to the Council (the original 1.9% budget, the 3% budget cut, and the 5% budget cut).

Several residents in favor of keeping art, music, foreign language, and the sports programs. Edward Wall requested the town's insurance contract go out to bid this year. Cindy Bonsey said Lisbon has an excellent art program at the High School and that it would be a shame to lose it. She mentioned science materials were important for our youth to have and that the violin was the up and coming instrument this year and urged the Council to think carefully about those cuts. A few students spoke in favor of keeping art, music, foreign language, and the sports programs, commenting that Lisbon students have Greyhound pride inside. Jonathan Carsley pointed out that Lisbon ranked somewhere around 10% on its MEA scores eight years ago as compared to 50% last year. He pointed out that these educational cuts will adversely affect the quality of education and that it would take a long time to repair the damage done. He said he could not do his job properly without strong leaders and that principals make this possible.

After several other residents spoke supporting increases, the public hearing ended at 12:25PM. Councilor Wells announced the Council would take a ten-minute recess and then reconvene its meeting to discuss the budget with the School Committee and invited the public to attend if they wished.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

VOTE (2007-69) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Mason moved

That the following Order authorizing the issuance of general obligation securities for the Town of Lisbon, Maine, in an amount up to but not to exceed \$431,000.00, for the purposes of: 1) the purchase of Public Works equipment; 2) the purchase of technology equipment; and 3) repairs,

renovations and improvements to the Marion T. Morse School, be and hereby is adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Lisbon in accordance with the following:

Section 1. That a sum up to, but not to exceed, \$431,000.00 is hereby appropriated for the purposes of: 1) the purchase of Public Works equipment; 2) the purchase of technology equipment; and 3) repairs, renovations and improvements to the Marion T. Morse School.

Section 2. That, for the purpose of financing the aforesaid appropriation, authorization is hereby given to incur indebtedness by the issuance of general security obligations in an amount up to, but not to exceed, \$431,000.00, pursuant to, and under the provisions of the Charter of the Town of Lisbon, Section 6.09.

Section 3. That any and all bonds, notes and other securities issued pursuant to this Ordinance may be payable in serial form in annual installments, which need not be equal, or under such payment terms or conditions as may be in the best interest of the Town, but which shall be calculated to extinguish the entire debt at majority.

Section 4. That the term of any general obligation securities issued under the within Order shall not exceed ten (10) years.

Section 5. That the proceeds of any general obligation securities issued pursuant to this Order shall be used only for those purposes specified in Section 1 above.

Section 6. That any proceeds of the general obligation securities issued not used for the purposes specified in Section 1 shall be applied to repayment of the principal and/or interest of any such general obligation securities.

Section 7. That the Municipal Officers, being the Town Council of the Town of Lisbon, may borrow money temporarily by the issuance of notes in anticipation of the issuance of general obligation securities, subsequent to the authorization of the general obligation securities by the voters of the Town of Lisbon.

Section 8. That the Municipal Officers of the Town of Lisbon shall determine the date or dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate or rates, place of payment, form, or any other details of each of the securities and, if applicable, notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of the securities.

Section 9. That any and all general securities and/or notes issued by the Town pursuant to Section 6.09 of the Charter of the Town of Lisbon and pursuant to the provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. § 5772(7), shall be signed by the Treasurer of the municipality and countersigned by a majority of its Municipal Officers.

Section 10. That any such securities and/or notes authorized to be issued hereunder be subject to call for redemption with or without premium at the election of the Town, before the dates fixed for the final payment thereof, in accordance with the provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. § 5772(6).

Section 11. That any and all general obligation securities and/or notes issued pursuant to this Order and to Section 6.09 of the Charter of the Town of Lisbon shall be general obligation securities of said Town.

Section 12. That the Treasurer of the municipality has prepared, signed and attached hereto, the Financial Statement required under the provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. § 5772(2-A).

SO ORDERED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Lisbon this 10th day of May, 2008, and be it FURTHER ORDERED by the Town Council of the Town of Lisbon that this Order be submitted to the voters in accordance with the requirements of Section 8.11(b)(2) and under the provisions of Section 8.25(b) of said Charter, the submission to the voters to occur at the election scheduled for June 10, 2008.

And,

That the following Order authorizing the issuance of general obligation securities for the Town of Lisbon, Maine, in an amount up to but not to exceed \$325,000.00, for the purpose of a Town-wide property revaluation, be and hereby is adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Lisbon in accordance with the following:

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Section 3. That any and all bonds, notes and other securities issued pursuant to this Ordinance may be payable in serial form in annual installments, which need not be equal, or under such payment terms or conditions as may be in the best interest of the Town, but which shall be calculated to extinguish the entire debt at majority.

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Order passed - Vote 5-1 (Against: Henry)

The Council discussed the budget in detail with the School Committee. Councilor Wells suggested putting back into the budget those positions talked about during the Public Hearings. Councilor Bowie suggested bonding the school's capital such as items like the scrubber and modular and placing them on the November 2008 ballot. Dr. Welsh agreed and suggested doing a big bond that included all of the Lisbon High School's building needs, including the addition. Dr. Welsh said she wanted to minimize the impact on students as much as possible. After much discussion, the Council agreed informally (4-1-1) to have the School Committee add \$180,000 back into their budget for music, art, sports, and foreign language. The Council encouraged the School Committee to eliminate two professional days if possible and to find additional funds to keep taxes down.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2007-69) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Mason moved to adjourn at 1:54 PM.
Order passed - Vote 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Twila Lycette, Council Secretary
Town Clerk, Lifetime CCM

These minutes are not verbatim. Cassette tapes are filed in the Town Clerk's Office.