

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
FOR A BUDGET WORKSHOP
HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2009**

Present: Margaret Robertson, Supervisor
Bruce Baldwin, Councilmember
Monte Wasch, Councilmember
Allen Livermore, Councilmember

Absent: Karl (K. B.) Chittenden, Councilmember

Recording Secretary: Colleen Teal, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Robertson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and the flag salute followed a moment of silence.

2010 TENTATIVE BUDGET:

General Discussion:

There was a general discussion about the 2010 budget including the fact that there will be no cost of living increases in Social Security benefits for the next couple years; any decisions on salaries and wages needs to be applied across the board; the amount of the Library budget; and the amounts of the LVPA Fire Company and Ambulance budgets.

The town board requested that the Library and LVPA Ambulance budget be broken out from the total General budget on both the Summary page (page 1) and the Historical Summary page (page HS.1) on all future budgets. These two items are significant but get buried in the town budget and this will better portray the allocation of the town budget monies.

LVPA FIRE AND AMBULANCE:

A motion was made by Councilmember Wasch, seconded by Councilmember Baldwin, and approved (Supervisor Robertson abstained; Councilmember Chittenden absent) to send a letter to the Lebanon Valley Protective Association that, due to fiscal constraints, the budgets for both the fire company and the ambulance service will be held to the amount budgeted in 2008: for the fire company, this amount is \$179,443 and for the ambulance service, this amount is \$142,426. The board requested that Town Clerk Teal notify the LVPA in writing and as soon as possible to afford them an opportunity to review their budgets before their meeting with the town board on the 27th.

SALARIES AND WAGES:

A motion was made by Councilmember Wasch, seconded by Councilmember Baldwin, and approved unanimously (Councilmember Chittenden absent) to hold all salaries and wages at 2009 levels.

EQUIPMENT AND CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES:

The town board noted that they intend hold all .2 and .4 accounts to the 2009 levels unless the amount requested for the 2010 budget was less than the 2009 budgeted

amount.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR (A-1220.12):

It was noted that the compensation for this position was implemented when a non-town board member filled the position several years ago. Prior to that there has never been additional compensation to a board member for holding this position.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wasch, seconded by Councilmember Baldwin, and approved unanimously (Councilmember Chittenden absent) to eliminate the additional compensation for the position of Deputy Supervisor.

TECHNOLOGY:

It was noted that based on the recommendation of Technology 4 All, two computers should be replaced in 2010: the Deputy Town Clerk's and the Zoning Enforcement Officer's. This is reflected in slight increases in account A-1410.2 and A-8030.2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next budget workshop is scheduled for Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Building.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Wasch and seconded by Councilmember Livermore to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Teal, RMC
Town Clerk