

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON  
FOR A BUDGET WORKSHOP  
HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2009**

**Present:** Margaret Robertson, Supervisor  
Bruce Baldwin, Councilmember  
Allen Livermore, Councilmember

**Absent:** Karl (K. B.) Chittenden, Councilmember  
**Absent:** Monte Wasch, Councilmember

**Recording Secretary:** Colleen Teal, Town Clerk

**Others Present:** Jeffrey Winestock, Highway Superintendent

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Supervisor Robertson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and the flag salute followed a moment of silence.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

There was a general discussion about the freezing of the salaries and wages of the town employees at the 2009 rates. Issues noted included the following:

- Mr. Winestock is the second longest sitting Highway Superintendent in Columbia County at this time;
- He is a working Superintendent although the law states that he does not have to do this;
- To replace him working on the roads would require another highway employee at the least; another alternative would be to hire a Deputy Superintendent for a minimum of thirty-five hours per week and full health benefits;
- Mr. Winestock is on call 24/7, 365 days a year; he rarely goes away and if he does, he is in touch with the highway department; and
- Mr. Winestock usually checks the roads himself after hours which means the town is not paying overtime.

**HIGHWAY FUND:**

There was discussion about a broken and welded frame on one of the town trucks; the need to replace this truck; and capital reserve monies for highway including the salt shed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next budget workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Building. The agenda will include the LVPA Fire Company and the LVPA Ambulance Service.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldwin and seconded by Councilmember Livermore to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Teal, RMC  
Town Clerk