

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2011**

Present: Margaret Robertson, Supervisor
Doug Clark, Councilmember
Bruce Baldwin, Councilmember

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

Recording Secretary: Colleen Teal, Town Clerk

Others Present: Jeff Winestock, Highway Superintendent
Darcy Poppey, Town Justice
Jessica Byrne, Town Justice
Several Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Supervisor Robertson.

HIGHWAY:

Highway Superintendent Jeff Winestock addressed the Town Board regarding the new truck and the damage to Shaker Road. There was a general discussion about both with the board noting that they want to see the details of the financing on the truck and they want to see progress on reimbursement from Shaker Museum for the damage to Shaker Road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Baldwin, and passed to enter an executive session at 9:24 a.m. to discuss particular personnel issues. The board invited Justice Poppey to attend the session and she declined.

A motion was made by Supervisor Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Baldwin to close the executive session and re-open the public meeting at 9:45 a.m.

JUSTICE COURT:

There was a general discussion with the Town Board and the Judges regarding the distribution of duties among the clerks and the overall operations of the court.

GENERAL BUDGET CONCERNS:

Councilmember Clark noted his concerns with the budget. The board is trying to hold it tight. We are working with government employees; some rise to the occasions and take care of what needs to be done; some are overpaid and do not perform all of their duties. He noted the importance of job descriptions noting that we dropped the ball and it needs to be picked up again. It is hard to hold anyone accountable when there are no job descriptions.

Councilmember Baldwin noted that the board needs to speak with the assessor regarding various issues.

The town board recommended moving Constable compensation under Justices to better reflect the cost of operating the court.

2012 BUDGET:

The following adjustments were made to the 2012 Tentative Budget:

General Fund Appropriations:

Justices: Personal Services: Deputy Clerk (A-1110.14): increase to \$5,525;

Supervisor: Personal Services (A-1220.1): decrease from \$8,456 to \$8,290;

Take savings of \$166 and move to:

Police and Constable: Personal Services (A-3120.1): increase to \$4,166.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldwin and seconded by Councilmember Clark to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Teal, RMC
New Lebanon Town Clerk