

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE NEW LEBANON TOWN BOARD
ON 2012 PRELIMINARY BUDGET
HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2011**

Present: Margaret Robertson, Supervisor
Bruce Baldwin, Councilmember
Doug Clark, Councilmember
Karl (K.B.) Chittenden, Councilmember

Absent: Councilmember - vacant

Recording Secretary: Colleen Teal, Town Clerk

Others Present: Donna Smith, Deputy Supervisor
Jeff Winestock, Highway Superintendent
Cissy Hernandez, Building Department Administrator
Kent Pratt, ZEO/CEO
Kathy Murnane, Rep. to CC Office for the Aging
Matt Murnane, Planning Board Member
Tammie Darcy, Tax Collector
Jessica Byrne, Town Justice
Kevin Fuerst, Town Historian
Robert Smith, Planning Board Member
Matt Larabee, Rep. to CC Traffic Safety Council
Gail Heinsohn, Reporter
Several members of the public

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Robertson called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING:

Town Clerk Teal provided the Town Board with proof of publication and posting of the public notice as follows:

TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET
OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
FOR THE YEAR 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PRELIMINARY BUDGET of the TOWN OF NEW LEBANON for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012, including general town funds, highway funds, and fire protection district funds, has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, where it is available for inspection by any interested persons during regular Town Clerk office hours. The Preliminary Budget for 2012 has also been posted on the town website (www.townofnewlebanon.com) and can be viewed or downloaded from the website.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon shall hold a public hearing on said Preliminary Budget on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall for the purpose of receiving public input on the proposed Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year 2012.

The following are the proposed 2012 salaries of the Elected Town Officers of the Town of New Lebanon:

Supervisor	\$8,290
Councilmembers (4)	\$2,000 each

Town Clerk	\$34,192
Highway Superintendent	\$54,060
Town Justices (2)	\$10,360 each
Tax Collector	\$10,300

By order of the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon
Colleen Teal, Town Clerk
11/1/11

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following people spoke opposing the adoption of the 2012 Preliminary Budget:

Donna Smith – should be no raises, bookkeeper position, park needs work, building maintenance not funded;

Hazel Dewey – should be no raises, CEO/ZEO position, cut LVPA;

Kevin Fuerst – no increase at all for historian;

Phil Brown – no increase at all for historian; and

Rocky Brown – no increase at all for historian.

The following people spoke in favor of the adoption of the 2012 Preliminary Budget:

Kathy Murnane – jobs, duties, laws and rules changed; providing services that people have wanted and asked for.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, a motion was made by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Chittenden, and approved to close the public hearing at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Teal, RMC
New Lebanon Town Clerk