

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE NEW LEBANON TOWN BOARD
ON LEBANON VALLEY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION'S REQUEST
TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2015**

Present: Michael Benson, Supervisor
Bruce Baldwin, Councilmember
Dan Evans, Councilmember
Chuck Gerald, Councilmember
Matthew Larabee, Councilmember

Recording Secretary: Colleen Teal, Town Clerk

Others Present: Cynthia Creech, Deputy Court/Assessor's Clerk
Jack Nevers, Town Justice
Ted Salem, ZBA Member
Eileen Evans, Bookkeeper/Confidential Secretary
Gregg Gilliland, LVPA President
Ed Godfroy, LVPA
Jesse Brown, LVPA
Tobiah Black, Reporter for *The Columbia Paper*
Several members of the public

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Benson called the public hearing to order at 6:50 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:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

LVPA'S REQUEST TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board shall convene and conduct a public hearing on January 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 Route 22, New Lebanon, New York 12125 for the purpose of considering the Lebanon Valley Protective Association Inc. (LVPA) amendment of its certificate of incorporation to permit it to operate as a charitable tax-exempt corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and that notice thereof shall be given by the Clerk as required by law. A copy of the Certificate of Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation of Lebanon Valley Protective Association Inc. is available for public review in the office of the New Lebanon Town Clerk during regular office hours.

Colleen Teal
Town Clerk
12/15/14

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following people had questions on the proposed change:

Jagat Pandy addressed the Town Board asking on what basis they are applying for tax-exempt status; if it was not done before, why is it being done now?

Ed Godfroy, former LVPA President, responded to Mr. Pandey's inquiry noting that they are classified as a tax-exempt entity but they are seeking to change the classification from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3). As a 501 (c)(4), there are grants, loans and other applications that they cannot apply for.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, a motion was made by Councilmember Larabee, seconded by Councilmember Gerald, and approved to close the public hearing at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Teal
New Lebanon Town Clerk