

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF  
THE NEW LEBANON TOWN BOARD  
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER §40 OF THE TOWN OF NEW  
LEBANON CODE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BEST VALUE CONTRACTS  
UNDER THE TOWN'S PROCUREMENT POLICY  
HELD ON MAY 10, 2016**

**Present:** Colleen Teal, Supervisor  
Kevin Smith Sr., Councilmember  
Dan Evans, Councilmember  
Mark Baumli, Councilmember  
Chuck Gerald, Councilmember (arrived 6:57pm)

**Recording Secretary:** Tistrya Houghtling, Town Clerk

**Others Present:** Thaddeus Flint, *The Eastwick Press*  
Ellyn Gaydos, *The Columbia Paper*  
Several members of the Public

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Supervisor Teal called the public hearing to order at 6:55 p.m.

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING:**

Town Clerk Houghtling read the following public notice out loud:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON  
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA**

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER § 40 OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON  
CODE CONCERNING THE AWARD OF BEST VALUE CONTRACTS UNDER THE TOWN'S  
PROCUREMENT POLICY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board has proposed a local law entitled *Awarding Contracts For Best Value* that will provide the Town Board greater flexibility in awarding contracts by authorizing the award of certain purchase contracts, including contracts for service work, on the basis of best value. Enactment of this legislation provides additional procurement options to the Town in ways that may expedite the procurement process, result in cost savings and providing better value to the town. The "best value" standard for selecting goods and services vendors is critical to efforts to ensure that taxpayers obtain the highest quality goods and services at the lowest potential cost, while also ensuring fairness to all competitors. Taxpayers are not well served when a public procurement results in low initial unit costs but ultimately may result in overall expenditures higher than anticipated due to factors such as inferior quality, poor reliability and difficulty of maintenance. Best value procurement will provide much-needed

flexibility in obtaining important goods and services at favorable prices. A copy of said proposed law is available for public review in the office of the New Lebanon Town Clerk during regular office hours and is available on the town website at [www.townofnewlebanon.com](http://www.townofnewlebanon.com).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon said proposed local law will be held at the Town Hall at 14755 Route 22 in New Lebanon on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016, at 6:55 p.m. and that an opportunity to be heard will be given to those favoring or opposing the passage of said proposed law.

Tistrya Houghtling  
Town Clerk  
04/15/16

***PUBLIC COMMENT:***

Supervisor Teal opened the floor to public comment. No one spoke favoring the enactment of this local law. No one spoke opposing the enactment of this local law.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, a motion was made by Supervisor Teal, seconded by Councilmember Baumli, and approved to close the public hearing at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tistrya Houghtling  
New Lebanon Town Clerk