

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
ON THE 2017 PRELIMINARY LVPA BUDGET
HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2016**

Present: Colleen Teal, Supervisor
Dan Evans, Councilmember
Chuck Gerald, Councilmember
Mark Baumli, Councilmember
Kevin Smith Sr., Councilmember

Recording Secretary: Tistrya Houghtling, Town Clerk

Others Present: Cynthia Creech, Deputy Supervisor, Court Clerk,
Rec. Commission, CAC & ZRC Member
Gregg Gilliland, LVPA
Ben Wheeler, LVPA
Bob Waters, LVPA
Ed Godfroy, LVPA
Ted Salem, ZBA & ZRC Member
Doug Banker, Broadband Committee Member
Several Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER:

The public hearing on the 2017 Preliminary LVPA Budget was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Teal.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Town Clerk Houghtling read the following public notice aloud:

TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE LVPA 2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND
THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PRELIMINARY BUDGET of the TOWN OF NEW LEBANON for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017, 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 NYS Route 22, New Lebanon, New York, where it is available for inspection by any interested persons during regular Town Clerk office hours. The Preliminary Budget for 2017 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 the Lebanon Valley Protective Association's 2017 Preliminary Budget on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 NYS Route 22 for the purpose of receiving public input on said budget.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon shall hold a public hearing on the Town of New Lebanon's 2017 Preliminary Budget on

Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 NYS Route 22 for the purpose of receiving public input on said budget.

The following are the proposed 2017 salaries of the Elected Town Officers of the Town of New Lebanon:

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| Supervisor | \$17,772 |
| Councilmembers (4) | \$2,000 each |
| Town Clerk | \$36,997 |
| Highway Superintendent | \$60,541 |
| Town Justices (2) | \$10,716 each |
| Tax Collector | \$10,600 |

The following is the proposed amount for 2017 for the Lebanon Valley Fire Protective Association:

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| SF-1 | \$108,160 |
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By order of the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following people spoke regarding the adoption of the 2017 Preliminary LVPA Budget:

Doug Banker stated that he has followed what has been done and he has been speaking with a lot of people in the community about the LVPA portion of their budget. Most of the people he has talked to, once they understand what is going on, have been very supportive of the idea of improving the transparency of their finances and getting their capital funding on a better footing. He thinks that a lot of people are supportive of the idea of having a new firehouse once their finances and capital funding are more transparent.

Councilmember Smith Sr. stated that members of the Town Board have gotten together with the LVPA more times since the current Town Board has been here than entire Town Boards in the past. They are working great together. The LVPA has changed their format of breaking down the bills more. It is a work in progress. The LVPA has always provided the financial information. There has never been misappropriation of funds. There have been questions about the building fund and which account it should be in. There is a lot we are looking into. He looks forward to going through the process to get all the money where it should be and getting the LVPA what they need. He appreciates that we can take a break from funding capital this year, regroup and work on getting everything documented correctly.

Ed Godfroy stated that the Board of Directors of the LVPA would like to thank Supervisor Teal and Councilmember Smith along with the rest of the Town Board for a very open and helpful budget process. With that said, the LVPA will accept this year's budget with the understanding that it is a work in progress. As they work together through all the New York State mandates, they hope that this new line of communication continues.

Supervisor Teal stated that it has been a very positive process this whole year and she has learned a lot. It has been a very positive experience and she appreciates the great team work and communication that has occurred.

All persons wishing to be heard, having been heard, a motion was made by Supervisor Teal, seconded by Councilmember Smith and approved unanimously to close the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tistrya Houghtling
New Lebanon Town Clerk