

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

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

Recording Secretary: Tistrya Houghtling, Town Clerk

Others Present: Cynthia Creech, Deputy Supervisor, Court Clerk,
Rec. Commission, CAC & ZRC Member
Ben Wheeler, LVPA
Gregg Gilliland, LVPA
Bobby Waters, LVPA
Ed Godfroy, LVPA
Jeff Winestock, Highway Superintendent
Robert Smith, Ethics & Planning Board Member
David Farren, CAC Member
Peg Munves, CAC Member
Jessica Byrne, Town Justice
Jack Nevers, Town Justice
Phyllis Hulbert, NL Rep to CC Office for the Aging
Michael Blatt, Planning Board Member
Thaddeus Flint, Reporter for *The Eastwick Press*
Several members of the public

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Supervisor Teal. A moment of silence was followed by the flag salute.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the **October 5, 2016 Budget Workshop; October 11, 2016 Special Meeting; October 11, 2016 Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law Amending Sign & Poster Control; October 11, 2016 Regular Meeting; October 26, 2016 Special Meeting; and October 26, 2016 Budget Workshop** were reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor Teal, seconded by Councilmember Smith and approved unanimously to accept the above noted minutes as typed.

FINANCIAL:

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Teal provided the public and TB members with a copy of the Supervisor's Report as of October 31, 2016. A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Evans and approved unanimously to accept the Supervisor's report.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Cynthia Creech stated that in her quest to get traffic to slow down on Cemetery Road, there was a ticket given on Cemetery Road the other day to a high school student going 62 mph in a 30 mph zone. Councilmember Smith stated that speeding is a big problem on Cemetery Road and there are people walking with babies, dogs, etc. on that road and cars are going way too fast. He has had numerous people complain to him about the speeding issue on Cemetery Road. Cynthia Creech also stated that Chris Gibson was given the Columbia County Climate Leadership Award for addressing climate change as a serious issue. She stated that the farmer's market in Hillsdale has an average of 500 people weekly attending their market and it brings increased revenue to the other businesses in town as well. She stated that New Lebanon will be having two winter farmer's markets in the newly renovated buildings on the corner of Route 20 and West Street (across from Angel's Trumpet) on Sunday, November 13th from 11am – 3pm and Sunday, December 11th from 11am – 3pm.

Jagat Pandey stated that he would like more information as he sees that the Justice Department is making money for our Town but the Town Board and Supervisor are not paying much attention to the Justice Department. He would like to get more information from the Justice Department as to why they think that they are not properly represented by the Town Board and Supervisor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bond Resolution for Highway Truck Purchase:

Supervisor Teal stated that we have a bond resolution for the truck which is the authorization that we need in order to go out for the bond on the truck. This is not the actual financing itself but rather the process needed to get us there. After speaking with bond counsel about a few different options, it makes the most sense to wait until 2017 to execute the bond as that will make the first payment due in 2018 but we will take the deposit out of the 2017 budget.

TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
RESOLUTION NO. 20
DATED NOVEMBER 8, 2016

BOND RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 8, 2016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A TRUCK WITH DUMP BODY AND PLOW AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$102,195, THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON, COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$82,195 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon in the Town of New Lebanon, Columbia County, New York (the "Town") (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all of the members of the Board) as follows:

SECTION 1. The specific purpose (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") to be financed pursuant to this resolution is the acquisition of a 2016 Ford F-550 4 X4 truck with dump body and plow for highway

department purposes. The estimated maximum cost of said purpose is \$102,195 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 28 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is fifteen years.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the aforesaid purpose constitutes a Type II action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined under SEQR not to have a significant impact on the environment.

SECTION 3. The Town Board plans to finance a portion of the cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$82,195, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law. The remaining cost of the project in the amount of \$20,000 is expected to be financed from other available funds.

SECTION 4. It is hereby determined that the proposed maturity of the obligations authorized by this resolution will not be in excess of five years from the original date of issuance of such obligation.

SECTION 5. Current funds are not required to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds authorized by this resolution or any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds.

SECTION 6. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations.

SECTION 7. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of the Town a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due and payable.

SECTION 8. Subject to the terms and contents of this resolution and the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 63.00, inclusive, of said Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and the renewals of said notes and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said serial bonds, and said bond anticipation notes (including without limitation the date, denominations, maturities, interest payment dates, consolidation with other issues, and redemption rights), the power to determine to issue said bonds providing for substantially level or declining debt service, the power to determine to issue said bonds as statutory installment bonds, and the power to sell and deliver said serial bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign any serial bonds issued pursuant to this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of said serial bonds, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the corporate seal of the Town to any of said serial bonds or any bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal.

SECTION 9. The Town Supervisor is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 10. The validity of said serial bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money; or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with; and
- (3) An action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or
- (4) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

SECTION 11. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in The Eastwick Press and The Columbia Paper, both being newspapers having a general circulation in the Town and hereby designated as the official newspapers of the Town for such publication.

SECTION 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon, Columbia County, New York was convened in public session at the Town Hall, 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, on November 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Teal, and, upon roll being called, the following members were:

PRESENT:

Colleen Teal	Supervisor
Mark Baumli	Member
Dan Evans	Member
Chuck Gerald	Member
Kevin Smith, Sr.	Member

ABSENT:

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Smith Sr., seconded by Councilmember Evans, to wit;

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The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Colleen Teal	VOTING Aye
Mark Baumli	VOTING Aye
Dan Evans	VOTING Aye
Chuck Gerald	VOTING Aye
Kevin Smith, Sr.	VOTING Aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Town Registering on Auctions International for the sale of surplus equipment:

Councilmember Evans made a motion to authorize Supervisor Teal to register the Town of New Lebanon on Auctions International for the sale of surplus equipment. Councilmember Baumli seconded that motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Gerald - Aye
Councilmember Smith - Aye
Supervisor Teal - Aye
Councilmember Evans - Aye
Councilmember Baumli - Aye

1999 International - Surplus:

Supervisor Teal stated that after looking at what similar trucks are selling for at the online auction, we are not going to be getting close to what we originally thought for the 1999 International on the online auction and are probably looking at less than what the bids came in at. We have to decide if we want to go out to auction or go out to bid again on it. She stated that we could put it on the online auction with a minimum bid and then if we don't get the minimum bid, we can go back out to bid on it.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to put the 1999 International out to bid on the online auction with a \$5,000 minimum bid for a set time to be determined by the Town Supervisor. Councilmember Evans seconded that motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Gerald - Aye
Councilmember Smith - Aye
Supervisor Teal - Aye
Councilmember Evans - Aye
Councilmember Baumli - Aye

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignation – NL Rep to the CC Office for the Aging:

Supervisor Teal stated that we have received a resignation from Phyllis Hulbert for the New Lebanon Representative to the Columbia County Office for the Aging. She stated that we need to accept her resignation, with extreme regret as she was doing a phenomenal job.

Supervisor Teal made a motion to accept the resignation of Phyllis Hulbert for the New Lebanon Representative to the Columbia County Office for the Aging. Councilmember Evans seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Teal presented Phyllis Hulbert with a certificate of appreciation for her dedicated and distinguished service in serving the Town of New Lebanon.

Re-appointments:

Supervisor Teal made a motion to re-appoint Bruce Shenker as the New Lebanon representative to the Columbia County Environmental Management Council which is a two year term to expire 3/31/2018. Councilmember Evans seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Teal made a motion to re-appoint Sharon Moon to the Board of Assessment Review which is a five year term to expire 9/30/2021. Councilmember Baumli seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of P/Z Clerk Trainee:

Supervisor Teal made a motion to appoint Lisa Henry as the P/Z Clerk Trainee at a rate of \$12.25 per hour not to exceed 20 hours in 2016. Councilmember Smith seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Deputy Court Clerk Trainee:

Supervisor Teal made a motion to appoint Jennifer Grant McKeon as Deputy Court Clerk Trainee at a rate of \$12.25 per hour with the hours to be split between the Deputy Court Clerk and the Deputy Court Clerk Trainee and the total pay of the two positions not to exceed what remains in the budget in 2016 for the Deputy Court Clerk (A-1110.14). Councilmember Smith seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Advertise for Vacancies for January appointment:

Supervisor Teal made a motion to advertise for all board positions with terms expiring or vacancies as of 12/31/2016 and schedule any interviews for the beginning of the December Town Board meeting. Councilmember Smith seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

LVPA Contract:

Supervisor Teal stated that the LVPA contract will need a public hearing. She is shooting for December 1st for a draft contract which might be a little ambitious, but as long as we have something together by December 10th we will have time for our notices and publication requirements for the public hearing. Councilmember Smith asked Ben Wheeler of the LVPA if that would work for them and he stated that they could make that

work. Supervisor Teal stated that the Town Board has a very cooperative relationship with the LVPA which is great.

Employee Health Insurance Renewal:

Councilmember Evans made a motion to authorize the Town Supervisor to renew the employee health insurance with CDPHP (and Delta Dental) for the same coverage as provided in 2016 with a renewal date of 12/1/2016. Councilmember Baumli seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Fingar Insurance Renewal:

Supervisor Teal stated that our insurance renews on 1/1/2017. The same coverage as we had in 2016 has a total increase in cost of \$671 which is below what we have budgeted for 2017.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to authorize the Town Supervisor to renew the contract between the Town of New Lebanon and Fingar Insurance for 2017 with the same coverage as we had in 2016. Councilmember Smith seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Offices Proposal:

Supervisor Teal stated that there is a proposal for minor office renovations to be done during the holiday break when the offices are closed for business with many volunteers coming in to help. The projects would include finishing the work the Town Board already authorized to put the vents in the hallway where there are holes, painting the Building Department Office, touching up the paint in the Supervisor's Office, painting the Town Clerk's Office and tearing up the carpeting in the Town Clerk's Office and either refinishing the wood floors underneath or installing new carpeting if the floor underneath cannot be refinished for any reason.

Supervisor Teal made a motion to approve painting the building department office, touching up the paint in the Supervisor's office and painting and re-flooring the Town Clerk's office for a total amount not to exceed \$2,000. Councilmember Smith seconded that motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Geraldini – Aye
Councilmember Smith – Aye
Supervisor Teal – Aye
Councilmember Evans – Aye
Councilmember Baumli – Aye

Usage of Town Hall by other than Non-Profits:

Supervisor Teal stated that right now we allow non-profit organizations use the Town Hall for meetings and such and we have had inquiries about using the space by residents for things like parties and showers. She stated that if we are going to do it, she thinks we should charge a small fee to offset any additional cleaning costs and the cost for someone to open and close the building.

Deputy Supervisor Creech stated that you might want to think of something to clean the carpet for example if someone were to do damage to it. Supervisor Teal stated that you would probably want to take a deposit from renters that could be refundable.

Councilmember Baumli stated that he does not know the liability that would be involved if the carpet gets ruined or someone punches a hole in the wall or plugs the toilets, etc. The pavilion is a more open space with a concrete floor. He stated that maybe we could limit it to the use as far as what type of events are allowed for example no birthday parties or any events with food involved. Supervisor Teal stated that we could do it on a case by case basis with approval from the Town Board for each proposed event.

Councilmember Evans asked the LVPA if they have a formal procedure that we could utilize. Ed Godfroy stated that they have a rental agreement with clauses in there if they cause damage to the building. He stated that a \$50 deposit will not cover major damage and the clauses in the rental agreement hold the renter liable for any major damages beyond the deposit.

Councilmember Smith asked that this be tabled to next month to find out more information on liability waivers, rental agreements, insurance information, etc. Supervisor Teal stated that she would reach out to NYMIR to find out any concerns from an insurance perspective.

Kinderhook Creek:

Supervisor Teal stated that the Wyomanock Creek has been designated as a New York State Inland Waterway. She received a letter from the Village of Kinderhook requesting a letter of support from the Town of New Lebanon to include in their application for the Kinderhook Creek to be designated as a New York State Inland Waterway. In her conversations with the Village of Kinderhook, once it is designated it will be the entire Kinderhook Creek that will be designated, which will also include the portion in New Lebanon. They are also looking into a series of Kayak launches on the Kinderhook Creek.

Councilmember Evans made a motion to authorize the Town Supervisor to write a letter of support to the Village of Kinderhook for their application to designate the Kinderhook Creek as a New York State Inland Waterway. Councilmember Baumli seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tri-Board Meetings:

Supervisor Teal stated that she has requested the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals come together twice a year for a tri-board meeting. She would like the first one to be held fairly soon, possibly in 2016. Councilmember Smith stated that he would shoot for January of 2017 for the first meeting with the Holiday season upon us. Supervisor Teal stated that she will work on scheduling one for January 2017 by reaching out to all the boards and find a date and time that works for everyone.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Assessor (Councilmember Evans):

No report.

Broadband Committee (Supervisor Teal):

Supervisor Teal stated that our local broadband committee is looking to set up a meeting with Fairpoint and Spectrum sometime in December to find out what their plans are for broadband in New Lebanon.

Building Department (Councilmember Geraldini & Councilmember Baumli):

No report.

CAC & Environmental Management (Deputy Supervisor Creech):

Deputy Supervisor Creech stated that the CAC continues to work on the natural resources conservation plan. They have funding through a grant to survey the town and note natural resources that are of particular significance. The members of the CAC have visited 9 properties with a total of 1,945 acres and found a number of out of the ordinary resources including 2 intermittent woodland streams that have not been mapped. This information will then be available for our various boards to utilize to ensure that we do not destroy important natural resources. She asked that if anybody knows of any natural resources in New Lebanon that might be of interest, please let the CAC know about it.

Fire, Law Enforcement & Emergency (Councilmember Smith):

Councilmember Smith stated that they met with the LVPA a few times and it has gone awesome. The Town Board and the LVPA are working together. There is no missing money. There is no misappropriation of funds. The LVPA is starting to do their accounting a little differently and it is a learning process for the LVPA and the Town Board. We are headed in an awesome direction and everything is going to work out fine. He has been told by the LVPA that they are being accused of misappropriating funds by some members of the public but he assures them that there is no money missing. All of the money is there. He stated that 2017 is going to be a great year to get everything in place where it needs to be to work on the budget for 2018. He wants to thank the LVPA for working with the Town Board and it is great to have good communication between them.

Supervisor Teal stated that the Mid-Hudson Watershed Risk Map Discovery Project is something that she attended with Cissy Hernandez, Building Department Administrator. FEMA was there and DEC was there and they talked a lot about mitigation for flooding. The problem we always run into is that New Lebanon has serious flooding issues and they don't want us to touch anything near the streams but they want us to mitigate the flooding. There has to be a give somewhere and they talked a lot about what we are facing and how the streams are changing their direction, which is very normal, but you have to force them to stay in a straight path. The more that they curve, the more they will dump silt and be more apt to jump their bed and cause a flood. There has to be some cooperation to figure out how we will mitigate the flooding. She stated that New Lebanon has never had the base points done for flood plains which means that if someone goes to build and they are thought to be in a flood plain, in order to get them removed they have to hire a surveyor. The surveyors are frustrated because there is no base for them to use so they are sort of guessing from another town's base points. She was asking when they are going to get those maps created for New Lebanon so that we have something to work with.

Supervisor Teal stated that years ago we started re-writing our Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (Hazmat). It went to New York State and they rejected it. She has spent

a lot of time in the Spring trying to correct our particular area according to what the State wanted. Right now it is published and looking for public input at the County level. Once that is done, it will go back to New York State for a final review and if there are no other concerns it will be adopted by the County and then the individual Towns will adopt it. It is required for us to have this Hazard Mitigation Plan in place to participate in FEMA reimbursement when there are storms. This will hopefully be closing out soon as it has been a 3 year process.

Deputy Supervisor Creech asked that Supervisor Teal keep the CAC up to date on what is going on with the flood plain and the stream work. David Farren of the CAC stated that there have been some large grants awarded by the Hudson River Estuary Program to the Town of Copake to do new culverts and that is something we should look into. Supervisor Teal stated that there was funding for culverts and she has a lot of information on it but the difficulty we run into is the areas where the Wyomanock and Kinderhook Creek are changing their paths aren't necessarily the areas where we have the culverts. They're not right by the roads but it still effects the roads. When the Wyomanock Creek jumped its bed near Mario's Restaurant it took out Shaker Road and we couldn't get reimbursement because the place where it jumped its bed was more than 500 feet from where the damage was done.

Highway (Councilmember Evans & Councilmember Smith):

No report.

Historian & LVHS: (Councilmember Baumli):

No report.

Justice Court/Constable (Councilmember Gerald):

Justice Byrne stated that the Court is not in a position to argue or debate about it, but they want to bring it to the Town Board's attention that they are having a hard time keeping their staff happy. She stated that Deputy Court Clerk, Rebecca Rothrock is leaving because she can't afford to stay here and work here. She stated that this is somebody who has a lot of experience and it would have been really nice to keep her but she has been going to night school for the 10 months that she has worked here and she is getting her paralegal degree and the starting salary for that is \$18.00 per hour so away she is going. She stated that they have Jennifer Grant McKeon now and they are very excited to have her but she is a mom and she has two kids so Justice Byrne is worried about how long they will be able to keep her here when we always were budgeted to have a full time clerk with benefits and right now they are budgeted to have two part time clerks with no benefits. She stated that the Court is not in a position now to ask to go back to a full time clerk because they are starting somebody new and it is going to take at least 6 months to train them before they can be left alone working in the office. She stated that they are tabling the full time request for now but when Jennifer Grant McKeon is trained they will be coming back to the Town Board and requesting that they make her a full time clerk with full benefits. She stated that Jennifer Grant McKeon's resume is very strong and she is a lifelong resident and she would love to see her be the Court Clerk for 10 years or more, but she is worried about how she is going to support her family at less than \$300 per week take home income. She thinks the Town Board needs to think about the costs associated with training new people every year.

Supervisor Teal stated that they run into the same issues across the board with positions in New Lebanon being paid less than the same positions in other towns and that the Town Board is currently working on this. She stated that we can't turn around and start someone at what other towns are paying when we have employees that have been here 3-5 years making less than that. The Town Board is looking at the entire picture understanding that they are not going to be able to fix it all at one time but she is working on a long term plan to get from where we are to where we need to be in a 3 year time frame.

Justice Nevers asked if the full time position for the Court Clerk can be readdressed in 6 months after Jennifer Grant McKeon is trained. Supervisor Teal stated that the Court did not request the proper funding in their 2017 budget request to cover the costs of a full time Court Clerk, so funding wasn't put in there. The Town Board gave the Court exactly what they had requested in their 2017 budget request. Justice Byrne stated that budgets can be amended at all times.

J.J. Smith asked the Town Justices if there is a vetting process in place for Court employees as in do they run background checks on potential employees. Justice Byrne stated that they do background checks. She stated that they just went through the process of hiring less than a year ago so they went back to the pool from last year since she believes they spent over \$1,000 in advertising. Supervisor Teal stated that it was nowhere near that much spent. Justice Byrne stated that it was an astronomical expense between publication expenses and doing background checks on the applicants that came in. They tried to go back to the original pool but it was slim pickings. At first they wanted to keep the hiring to somebody who lives in New Lebanon but even though she is local, Jennifer Grant McKeon lives in Stephentown. She stated that if we can't offer her a 401K and days off that are paid days off and sick days and health insurance, and another job comes along she might leave her new position.

Parks & Recreation (Supervisor Teal):

Supervisor Teal stated that she did a blurb in the newsletter on the Youth Committee and she received an email from Kristin Carson who works with the Student Council and she is going to work on getting some members for our Youth Committee.

Seniors (Councilmember Baumli & Phyllis Hulbert):

Phyllis Hulbert stated that she will give her last report. Winterization applications are now being taken. Anybody that is in need of winterization, which covers windows, doors, that type of thing, need to get to the County to turn them in. The HEAP applications are being accepted starting on November 14th and you need to get those applications in ASAP because there is only a certain amount of money appropriated to each County. The Lebanon Valley Senior Citizens took up donations for Charlie's Pantry for the Holidays and there was also some money donated. It has all been given to Charlie's Pantry. She found a few people here in New Lebanon who needed work done on their houses and she has helped them apply for the home repair program. Applications have been submitted to the County and we will not hear anything until next year. She stated that she does not want to resign but due to personal reasons she has to.

Town Assets, Buildings & Property (Supervisor Teal & Councilmember Gerald):

No report.

LVPA Building (Gerald):

No report.

County Updates:

No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thursday, November 10th – Public Hearing on LVPA 2017 Budget @ 7:00pm @ Town Hall

Thursday, November 10th – Public Hearing on 2017 Preliminary Budget @ 7:15pm @ Town Hall

Tuesday, December 13th – Regular Monthly Meeting @ 7:00pm @ Town Hall

BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Budget Amendment # 11 of 2016:

General Fund:

\$1,500	from A-9789.6 (Other Debt: Principal)
\$250	from A-1330.2 (Tax Collector: Equipment)
\$570	to A-1330.4 (Tax Collector: Contractual Expense)
\$920	to A-1440.4 (Engineer: Contractual Expense)
\$130	to A-8010.13 (ZBA Clerk: Personal Services)
\$130	to A-8020.11 (Planning Clerk: Personal Services)

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith and seconded by Councilmember Baumli to approve the above noted budget amendment.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Chuck Gerald	Aye
Councilmember Kevin Smith Sr.	Aye
Supervisor Colleen Teal	Aye
Councilmember Dan Evans	Aye
Councilmember Mark Baumli	Aye

AUDIT OF BILLS:

General No. 346, in the amount of \$329.94;

As listed on Abstract No. 10A of 2016 dated November 8, 2016.

General Nos. 347 through 373, in the amount of \$22,780.81; and

Highway Nos. 115 through 126, in the amount of \$37,024.83;

As listed on Abstract No. 11 of 2016 dated November 8, 2016.

Councilmember Gerald had a question about the bill for Engineering. He felt that 10 hours was too much time to inspect the tennis court. Town Clerk Houghtling explained that this bill was for the entire time the tennis courts were being constructed and the multiple times that Sarah Kileen came out to do inspections and meetings with the Town and the construction company throughout the entire tennis court project. Supervisor Teal stated that she had asked the Engineering Firm to be the point person on the project so they were on site daily. Councilmember Smith asked if this was the only bill submitted by the

Engineering Firm for the tennis court project. Town Clerk Houghtling stated that there was one other bill paid last month that was for the final inspection by Doug Clark for 2 hours total. She stated that that combined with this current bill covers the entire project billed by the Engineering Firm.

A motion was made by Supervisor Teal and seconded by Councilmember Smith Sr. to pay the above noted claims from their respective accounts.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Chuck Gerald	Aye
Councilmember Kevin Smith Sr.	Aye
Supervisor Colleen Teal	Aye
Councilmember Dan Evans	Aye
Councilmember Mark Baumli	Aye

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

David Farren stated that the Corkscrew Rail Trail applied for a grant from The Berkshire Bank Foundation and they were awarded it. They initially applied for \$500 which they were awarded. They have to use it to buy a second iron ranger which are those metal donation boxes to put on the trail. They will put it at the Knapp Road entrance in Stephentown. He stated that the Rail Trail does come into New Lebanon and the Greylock Hunt Club gave them permission to use their land.

Ben Wheeler stated that from the perspective of the LVPA it has been an interesting year and they have spent a lot of time talking to the Town Board. They have spent more time talking to the current Town Board than they spent with all the Town Boards combined over the years. It's refreshing for the LVPA to see a Town Board that actually has real interest in how they function and not just saying they don't need things but really trying to understand their perspective and where they are coming from. Through the process, they are all learning new things. They don't always agree on things but you have a better understanding and appreciation for the different sides and where everyone is coming from. He can see them working together down the road to get to that point that they both see on the horizon.

Supervisor Teal thanked the LVPA for all their time and for working with her. She stated that she came in very clearly saying that she did not know what she was getting into but the LVPA has been wonderful to work with. There has been a lot of cooperation and they have all been learning as they go and she really appreciates it.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith and seconded by Supervisor Teal to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tistrya Houghtling
New Lebanon Town Clerk