

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF  
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON  
HELD ON OCTOBER 16, 2019**

**Present:** Margaret Robertson, Interim Supervisor  
Kevin Smith Sr., Councilmember  
Jesse Newton, Councilmember  
Mark Baumli, Councilmember

**Absent:** Norman Rasmussen, Councilmember

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

**Others Present:** Hazel “Cissy” Hernandez, CEO/ZEO/Bldg Dept Admin  
Jeff Hattat, Deputy CEO/ZEO  
Jack Nevers, Town Justice  
Willard “Wes” Powell, Town Constable & Animal Control Officer  
Jeff Winestock, Highway Superintendent  
Robert Gilson, CAC Member

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Interim Supervisor Robertson. A moment of silence was followed by the flag salute.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT:**

A general conversation ensued regarding the 3 building department accounts (A-8010, A-8020 and A-8664). The following changes to the tentative budget were agreed to by all Town Board members present:

- Change A-8664.4 to \$4,359 (the tentative budget combines the requests for the .4 account and the .41 account into the .4 line – this is the amount that was requested)
- Change A-8664.41 to \$6,000
- Change A-8664.2 to \$500

**TOWN CONSTABLE/ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:**

A general conversation ensued regarding the salary of the town constable and the equipment/contractual expenses for the animal control officer.

The following change to the tentative budget was agreed to by three of the four Town Board members present:

- Change A-3120.1 to \$4,620 (\$35/hour X 11 hours per month X 12 months)

The following changes to the tentative budget were agreed to by all Town Board members present:

- Change A-3520.2 to \$160
- Change A-3520.4 to \$1,500

**MISCELLANEOUS BUDGET ITEMS:**

The following change to the tentative budget were agreed to by all Town Board members present:

- Apply a 3% COLA increase to every employees pay, across the board including hourly and salary employees, including part time and full time employees, including appointed and elected officials

A general conversation ensued regarding the supervisor salary being cut from \$22,772 in 2019 to \$10,000 plus \$8,000 for a secretary in 2020. It was decided the conversation would resume when the full town board was present to discuss it.

**GRANT APPROVAL FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

**TOWN OF NEW LEBANON**

**RESOLUTION #29, 2019**

**APPROVING AND ENDORSING APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**OCTOBER 16, 2019**

At a regular meeting of the New Lebanon Town Board, held at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 NYS Route 22, New Lebanon, New York, duly called and held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by Councilmember Smith Sr.

Seconded by Councilmember Newton

***APPROVING AND ENDORSING APPLICATION FOR A GRANT UNDER THE HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM***

WHEREAS, the Town of New Lebanon is applying to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program for a project entitled the Comprehensive Plan Rewrite to be located in New Lebanon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon hereby does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program, for a project known as the Comprehensive Plan Rewrite and located within this community.

Upon the question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Town Board Members voted “Aye” or “Nay” for said Resolution:

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Norman Rasmussen	Absent
Councilmember Kevin Smith Sr.	Aye
Interim Supervisor Meg Robertson	Aye

Councilmember Jesse Newton  
Councilmember Mark Baumli

Aye

Aye

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Interim Supervisor Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Baumli to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tistrya Houghtling  
New Lebanon Town Clerk