

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
ON THE LVPA CONTRACT FOR 2022
HELD ON DECEMBER 29, 2021**

Present: Tistrya Houghtling Supervisor
Jesse Newton, Councilmember
John Trainor, Councilmember
Norman Rasmussen, Councilmember (online)
Deborah Gordon, Councilmember (online)

Recording Secretary: Marsha “Marcie” Robertson, Town Clerk

Others Present: Ed Godfroy, LVPA
Britt Buckenroth, Incoming Town Board Member (Online)
Mariann Anthonisen, Incoming Town Board Member (Online)
Sharon Moon, BAR
Monte Wasch, BEDC Chair

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Houghtling called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Houghtling stated for the record that there was a slight error on the first contract that was sent out but a new corrected version was sent out a couple of hours later. The budgeted amount in the budget is \$142,302. If everyone remembers, during the budget process the board discussed \$10,000 that the town collected for fire services in prior years that cannot be used for anything other than fire services. The LVPA requested \$152,302 in their budget request. So, the town put \$10,000 less than the LVPA requested. The contracted amount with the LVPA will be \$152,302 with the four quarterly payments to be \$38,075.50

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE:

Town Clerk Robertson read the following public hearing notice aloud:

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

FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON AND THE LEBANON

VALLEY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board has proposed an entry into a Fire Protection Agreement with the Lebanon Valley Protective Association, Inc., (the “LVPA”) for the provision by the LVPA of fire protection services within the Town of New Lebanon for the 2022 calendar year, inclusive of the use of apparatus and equipment necessary therefor, for the sum of \$152,302.00 of which \$122,302.00 is for operating and \$30,000.00 is for capital reserve. The \$152,302.00 will be payable in equal quarterly installments of \$38,075.50 each. A copy of said Fire Protection Agreement 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.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon said Fire Protection Agreement between the Lebanon Valley Protective Association, Inc and the Town of New Lebanon for the 2022 calendar year will be held on the 29th day of December 2021, at 6:20 p.m. at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY and that an opportunity to be heard will be given to those favoring or opposing the proposed contract.

Participation by the public will be in person at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125 with members of the public also being able to view the meeting at the following link: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

You may also still submit comments regarding the contract between the Town of New Lebanon and the Fire Protection Agreement with the Lebanon Valley Protective Association, Inc., (the “LVPA”) to: supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com and they will be included in the record.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon

Marcie Robertson
Town Clerk
12/15/2021

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Supervisor Houghtling opened the floor to public comment. Supervisor Houghtling stated that she has not received any public comment emails regarding the proposed 2022 LVPA Contract.

Supervisor Houghtling thanked Ed Godfroy and all of the LVPA volunteers for their service to the town. Councilmember Trainor will remain as the LVPA Town Board liaison.

CLOSING OF PUBLIC HEARING:

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, hearing none, a motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to close the Public Hearing at 6:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Newton.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Rasmussen -	Aye
Councilmember Gordon -	Aye
Supervisor Houghtling -	Aye
Councilmember Newton -	Aye
Councilmember Trainor -	Aye

Supervisor Houghtling thanked Councilmembers Rasmussen and Newton for their service to the town for the last four years.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcie Robertson
New Lebanon Town Clerk

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