



**Town of New Lebanon
 Planning Board Public Hearing Minutes – unapproved
 11/07/2022**

Present: Elizabeth Brutsch Planning Board Chairperson
 Jim Carroll Planning Board Member
 Greg Hanna Planning Board Member
 Josh Young Planning Board Member
 Monte Wasch Planning Board Member
 Brent Gawron Planning Board Member

Absent: Steven Muse- Planning Board Member

Others Present: CEO-Jeff Hattat, Stephen Houghtling- LVPA Fire Chief, Ed Godfroy- LVPA President, ten members of the community, Stephanie Ferrandino- Town Attorney

I. Call to order:

Board Member Gawron made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Board Member Hanna second the motion. The vote carried as follows:

Board Chairperson Brutsch-	Aye
Board Member Hanna-	Aye
Board Member Carroll-	Aye
Board Member Wasch-	Aye
Board Member Muse-	Absent
Board Member Gawron-	Aye
Board Member Young-	Aye

II. Public Hearing:

Case No: PB 2022-019 SP/SPR -LVPA TM # 18.-1-77

Public Comments:

Michael Deagan- stated that he is excited for the new firehouse but would like to see a design that is more than an industrial building that fits into New Lebanon. He used the Austerlitz firehouse as an example and provided the board with photos.

Cory Bevens- He is a member of the fire company and he expressed that a new station is a necessity.

Darla Crosby- Mrs. Crosby is in favor of a new firehouse. She explained that the fire department protects our town and that is all that matters.

Judy Zimmer- In favor of building the new firehouse, and she is proud of the fire company. This is a necessity.

Bob Gilson- As a resident Mr. Gilson donated money to the new building. It is important and he fully supports it.

Brian Sedgwick-He is the Commander of the American Legion. The facility that is proposed is a minimal tax increase to the public. The new facility is a viable, good-looking facility. Fire stations need to be seen.

Rae Gilson- Mrs. Gilson referred to the historic Gilbert House which is located across the street from the proposed site of the firehouse. She would like to see a building that reflects the historic nature of New Lebanon

Board Chairperson Brutsch proposed keeping the Public Hearing open until the November 16, 2022 meeting.

LVPA President Ed Godfroy questioned why the meeting needed to be held open. He explained that they have received approval from the county, the dumpster and generators are gone. He also explained that there is absolutely no tax money being used to build the firehouse. He also explained that the design of the building can not be changed because they would lose a lot of money. He wanted to know why they would have to wait.

Board Chairperson asked for the information on the current well. Mr. Godfroy stated that it is a 400 foot well which pumps out 15.2 gal/minute with a 40-foot casing. If there is a problem with the well, they will re-drill in the same location.

Town Attorney Ferradino explained that the public was not given enough notice with the new submissions, and a decision could not be made this evening.

Case No: PB 2022-20 Ashley Zapp (FFM Group, LLC)

Applicant would like to establish a retail market

Applicant was not present.

Public Comments:

Rae Gilson- She likes the idea of the market but would like to see them offer something that would draw people here.

Judy Zimmer- in favor of.

Board Chairperson Brutsch explained that the public hearing needs to stay open until November 16, 2022 because we are waiting from a response from Columbia County and their meeting takes place on November 15, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Bienes
Planning Board Clerk