

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
ON THE CHATHAM RESCUE SQUAD AGREEMENT FOR 2024
HELD ON NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

Present: Tistrya Houghtling Supervisor
Deborah Gordon, Councilmember
Norman Rasmussen, Councilmember
Susan Tipograph, Councilmember

Absent: John Trainor, Councilmember

Recording Secretary: Marsha “Marcie” Robertson, Town Clerk

Others Present: Ed Godfroy, LVPA
Steve Houghtling, LVPA
Steve Powers, CAC & ZRC Member & CSC Chair
Peter Flierl, The Columbia Paper
Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Houghtling called the Public Hearing to order at 7:33pm.

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**

**AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWN OF NEW
LEBANON AND THE CHATHAM RESCUE SQUAD FOR THE 2024 CALENDAR YEAR**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board has proposed an entry into an Agreement to Provide Emergency Medical Services with Chatham Rescue Squad (CRS) for the 2024 calendar year, inclusive of the use of apparatus and equipment necessary therefor, for the sum of \$108,431.00, as a chargeback through Columbia County. A copy of said Agreement to Provide Emergency Services 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 Agreement to Provide Emergency Medical Services between the Chatham Rescue Squad and the Town of New Lebanon for the 2024 calendar year will be held on the 9th day of November 2023, at 7:15 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 Chatham Rescue Squad 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
10/16/2023

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Supervisor Houghtling opened the floor to public comment. Supervisor Houghtling noted that both the budget and the contract are staying the same as they were last year other than the dates.

Councilmember Tipograph asked a question on page 2, paragraph #11, it states that the schedule of fees is attached and she does not have it attached. She also questioned that in the same paragraph it states that the CRS will adopt a charity care policy, and she wants to raise her concern with that. As a lawyer it makes her nervous to agree to something that you do not exactly yet know the terms of.

Supervisor Houghtling responded, she will get the fee schedule and the charity care policy for Councilmember Tipograph to look over.

PUBLIC COMMENT EMAILS:

Supervisor Houghtling stated, she did not receive any emails for public record.

CLOSING OF PUBLIC HEARING:

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, no emails to be read into the record, a motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to close the Public Hearing and adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Rasmussen -	Aye
Councilmember Gordon -	Aye
Supervisor Houghtling -	Aye
Councilmember Trainor -	Absent
Councilmember Tipograph-	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Marcie Robertson
New Lebanon Town Clerk

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