

**TOWN OF NEW LEBANON  
RESOLUTION #27, 2025  
MEMORIALIZING NEW YORK STATE IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL S5759 AND  
ASSEMBLY BILL A6192  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the New Lebanon Town Board, held at the Town Hall, 14755 NY SR 22, New Lebanon, New York, duly called and held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Proposed by Supervisor Houghtling  
Seconded by Councilmember Powers

**Memorializing New York State in Support of Senate Bill S5759 and Assembly Bill A6192**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Lebanon, NY seeks to protect the health and welfare of all residents and of our environmental and agricultural lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town recognizes the health and environmental concerns attributable to the land application of biosolids derived from wastewater treatment facilities due to PFAS chemicals, heavy metals, pharmaceutical drugs, microplastics, industrial solvents and other contaminants found in biosolids; and

**WHEREAS**, "biosolids", as defined by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, are the accumulated semi-solids or solids resulting from the treatment of wastewaters by publicly or privately owned or operated sewage treatment plants.

**WHEREAS**, PFAS chemicals are known to be "forever" chemicals that are very slow to break down in the environment and bioaccumulate in organisms, including plants, livestock, and humans; and

**WHEREAS**, exposure to PFAS has the potential to cause significant health risks to humans, including, but not limited to cancer, low birth rates, liver and immune system damage, and other serious health risks; and

**WHEREAS**, the land application the spreading of biosolids that contain PFAS chemicals and other pollutants may contaminate soils, as well as the crops and livestock raised on those soils; these contaminants can leach into groundwater, including groundwater used to supply drinking water; and biosolids runoff can reach surface waters such as rivers and streams, exposing livestock, fish, and wildlife to contaminants and further threatening drinking water; and

**WHEREAS**, many Town residents rely on local crops/livestock/fish and game for food; (approximately) 13% of the land within the Town has "very limited" or "somewhat limited" suitability for land application of biosolids based on land use maps showing land used for crops and for hay.

**RESOLVED**, the Town of New Lebanon, NY hereby calls on the New York State legislature to take action on statewide measures, including legislation to limit or ban the land application of biosolids in order to protect our farms, communities, and water from significant damage.

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

**Roll Call Vote:**

Councilmember Steve Powers	Aye
Councilmember Scout Metzler	Aye
Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling	Aye
Councilmember Joanne Amlaw	Aye
Councilmember Craig Skerkis	Aye

The Resolution, having been approved by a majority vote of the Town Board, was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of New Lebanon

Dated: September 9, 2025

Marcie Robertson  
Town Clerk  
Town of New Lebanon