

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF 2026
LEBANON VALLEY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION CONTRACT
HELD ON OCTOBER 16, 2025**

Present: Tistrya Houghtling Supervisor
Joanne Amlaw, Councilmember
Scout Metzler, Councilmember
Steve Powers, Councilmember
Craig Skerkis, Councilmember

Recording Secretary: Marsha “Marcie” Robertson, Town Clerk

Others Present: Jim Carroll, Planning Board & ZRC Member
Donald Lamonaca, CAC & ZRC Member
Ed Godfroy, LVPA & NL Rep to Emergency Mgmt.
Susan Tipograph, Recreation Commission Member
Cathy Wilkerson, CSC Member
Sharon Powers, IT Website Support, Shaker Preservation &
ZBA Member
Norman Rasmussen, Deputy Town Supervisor
Mary Young, NL Rep to CC Office For the Aging & Traffic
Safety
Meghan Knoll, ZBA Member
Jon Tingley, Attorney
Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Houghtling called the Public Hearing to order at 6:55pm.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE:

The reading of the Public Hearing notice was waived but to be entered into the minutes.

**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 2026 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 2026 calendar year, inclusive of the use of apparatus and equipment necessary therefor, for the sum of \$160,059.00 of

which \$130,059 is for operating and \$30,000.00 is for capital reserve. The \$160,059.00 will be payable in equal quarterly installments of \$40,014.75 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 2026 calendar year will be held on the 16th day of October 2025, at 6:55p.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
9/18/2025

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Supervisor Houghtling opened the floor to public comment on the Fire Protection Agreement between the Town of New Lebanon and the Lebanon Valley Protective Association for the 2026 calendar year.

No one in person spoke.

Mr. Muadin (Online): Mr. Muadin approves of the contract.

PUBLIC COMMENT EMAILS:

Supervisor Houghtling stated, there are no emails received for privilege of the floor on the proposed 2026 LVPA Agreement.

CLOSING OF PUBLIC HEARING:

All persons desiring to be heard, emails received, receiving none, a motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to close the Public Hearing and input, and adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Amlaw.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Powers -	Aye
Councilmember Metzler -	Aye
Supervisor Houghtling -	Aye
Councilmember Amlaw -	Aye
Councilmember Skerkis-	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Marcie Robertson
New Lebanon Town Clerk

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