

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

Present: Tistrya Houghtling, Supervisor
Elizabeth Kroboth, Councilmember
Steve Powers, Councilmember
Craig Skerkis, Councilmember
Susan Tipograph, Councilmember

Recording Secretary: Marsha (Marcie) Robertson, Town Clerk

Others Present: Ed Godfroy, NL Rep to Emergency Management & LVPA
Beth LaGrange, Playground Design Committee
Stacey Breads, Playground Design Committee
Mary Young, NL Rep to CC Office For the Aging & Traffic Safety
Darla Dobert, Deputy Court Clerk
Ted Salem, ZBA Member & ZRC Chair
Peter McCagg, Highway Superintendent
Abbie Shoobs, Recreation Commission Chair
Joanne Amlaw, Recreation Commission Member
Jim Carroll, Planning Board & ZRC Member
Peg Munves, CAC Co-Chair
Monte Wasch, Planning Board, Board of Ethics, BEDC, & Shaker Preservation Member
Josh Young, Planning Board & Quality of Life Member & BEDC & Shaker Preservation Chair
Tony Murad, ZRC Member & ZBA Chair
Margaret Robertson, Historic Railroad Depot Committee
Joanna Ezinga, Recreation Commission
Doug LaRocque, The Columbia Paper
Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:26pm by Supervisor Houghtling. The meeting was held in person at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22 North, 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

A moment of silence was held, followed by the flag salute. The emergency exits were pointed out.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the **July 25, 2024 Special Meeting (Court Staffing), August 13, 2024 Public Hearing (Intro. LL#2), and August 30, 2024 Special Meeting** of the Town Board were reviewed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Tipograph, seconded by Supervisor Houghtling, and approved unanimously to approve the three sets of minutes as typed.

FINANCIAL:

Supervisor’s Report:

The Supervisor’s Report as of August 31, 2024 was available to the public via the Town Clerk’s email and the Town website and the Town Board was emailed the Supervisor’s Report by Supervisor Houghtling.

A motion was made by Councilmember Tipograph to accept the Supervisor’s report for August as typed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Skerkis.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Powers - Aye
- Councilmember Kroboth - Aye
- Supervisor Houghtling - Aye
- Councilmember Tipograph - Aye
- Councilmember Skerkis - Aye

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Chipper Request – Go Out To Bid:

Supervisor Houghtling, gave a brief explanation.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to accept the bid through Auctions International on the highway truck for the amount of \$27,100. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tipograph.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Powers - Aye
- Councilmember Kroboth - Aye
- Supervisor Houghtling - Aye
- Councilmember Tipograph - Aye
- Councilmember Skerkis - Aye

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to accept the chipper for \$54,000 as bid by A Montano Co. Inc. with \$40,000 to come from general fund balance and \$14,000 to come from the sale of the truck that we just approved. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Powers.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Powers -	Aye
Councilmember Kroboth -	Aye
Supervisor Houghtling -	Aye
Councilmember Tipograph -	Aye
Councilmember Skerkis -	Aye

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to declare the old chipper surplus and authorize the Highway Superintendent to go to bid through Auctions International to bid on it. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroboth.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Powers -	Aye
Councilmember Kroboth -	Aye
Supervisor Houghtling -	Aye
Councilmember Tipograph -	Aye
Councilmember Skerkis -	Aye

A motion was made by Councilmember Tipograph to authorize the Highway Superintendent to spend up to \$10,390 from the truck sale on smaller equipment and authorizing the Supervisor to issue checks on an interim basis not to exceed \$10,390. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Skerkis.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Powers -	Aye
Councilmember Kroboth -	Aye
Supervisor Houghtling -	Aye
Councilmember Tipograph -	Aye
Councilmember Skerkis -	Aye

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

In addition to an in-person privilege of the floor, Supervisor Houghtling will read all comments, questions and concerns emailed to supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com during the meeting.

Tony Murad: Tony spoke about Walkable Downtown and encouraged people to work together on this, no matter their party.

Jim Carroll: Jim spoke about the Community Center and its contract for \$375,000, encouraging the Town to understand what commitment they are making and how much it is going to cost after the initial purchase. Wondered about the town's vision for its appearance and use.

Kevin Smith: Kevin spoke about the putting no U-turn sign by Mill Road. Tennis courts, on west side, where new line is has a big crack and should be attended to and sealed. Same

with basketball court. Speed sign is rarely lit up with the speed the motorist is going. Wondered why the Town's taxes have not gone down with new people moving in. Purchasing the Fire Station – no reports available – how much for total costs before we invest in it. Thinks it is a waste plus the sidewalks and septic projects.

Darla Dobert: Darla did a quick survey regarding the sidewalks and community center and distributed it. Only 4 in favor of it – almost 80 against it. Said stone dust won't work for sidewalks. Asked for a better plan. Asked about the first right of refusal on the contract with the LVPA. Said it should come back on the tax rolls instead of being owned by the town. Thinks the seniors could go somewhere else. Suggested closing in the pavilion and making it a community center.

David McGinness: David said that other constituents in town fully embrace the community center. Have not seen any other proposals about a community center for anywhere else. It is not just for the seniors, there's also the free store, and there are other possible uses, such as the Sheriff's department coming there.

Margaret Robertson: Meg wanted to talk about the speed limit on Cemetery Road and people speeding on that. Wants the digital sign put onto Cemetery Road to slow the cars. Spoke about the Tri-County banjo concert at the Catholic Church that was a big success to help raise funds for the Train Depot. Another one between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Mr. Muadin: (Online): Mr. Muadin spoke about proposed guidelines to mitigate the environment and health effects of Radio Frequency Radiation. Encouraged New Lebanon to safeguard its residents with cell tower regulations.

Monte Wasch: Monte said he asked the post office about the survey and why it was not allowed and was told they are not allowed to display unsolicited political matter unless it has been approved by a governmental body.

Supervisor Houghtling read the following emails for privilege of the floor:

JoAnna G. Phillips: JoAnna said she's not opposed to the community center purchase but was concerned that the board agreed without telling the community what the price was. Nervous about the unknowns – encouraged inspection contingencies. Wanted to know what the cost would be on an annual basis to run the community center.

BUDGET AMENDMENT #9 OF 2024:

General Fund:

\$ 618.00	from A-1620.4 (Buildings - Contractual)
\$ 22,838.00	from A-003917 (Fund Balance – CSC Funds)
\$ 14,278.00	from A-04900 (Federal Aid - ARPA)
\$ 97.00	from A-7020.4 (Rec. Commission - Contractual)
\$ 1,768.00	from A-7310.11 (Youth Program - Payroll)
\$ 1,652.00	from A-1990.4 (Contingent)

\$ 618.00	to A-9901.1 (Transfer to Highway Fund)
\$ 29,256.00	to A-1620.4A (Buildings - ARPA)
\$ 7,860.00	to A-8797.42 (CSC – Solar)
\$ 97.00	to A-7270.4 (Music in the Park)
\$ 1,500.00	to A-5182.4 (Street Lighting – Contractual)
\$ 1,768.00	to A-7310.4 (Youth Program – Contractual)
\$ 64.00	to A-9050.8 (Unemployment Ins.)
\$ 88.00	to A-1460.4 (Records Mgt – Contractual)

Highway Fund:

\$ 619.00	from DA-05031 (Transfer in from General Fund)
\$ 619.00	to DA-5112.22 (Extreme Winter Recovery)

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to approve the above noted budget amendment #9 of 2024 as typed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tipograph.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Powers -	Aye
Councilmember Kroboth -	Aye
Supervisor Houghtling -	Aye
Councilmember Tipograph -	Aye
Councilmember Skerkis -	Aye

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ABSTRACT #7 OF 2024:

Supervisor Houghtling stated, one of the musicians was sick for MITP so we voided check #6895 for \$100 for voucher #292 and need to amend abstract #7 for a total paid of \$54,006.81 instead of the \$54,106.81 voted through in the July meeting and put \$100 back into A-7270.4.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to amend general abstract #7 to have voucher #292 become \$0 instead of \$100 and to have the total amount become \$54,006.81 instead of \$54,106.81. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tipograph.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Powers -	Aye
Councilmember Kroboth -	Aye
Supervisor Houghtling -	Aye
Councilmember Tipograph -	Aye
Councilmember Skerkis -	Aye

AUDIT OF BILLS:

2024 Bills:

General No. 365, in the amount of \$24,250.00:
As listed on Abstract No. 8A dated September 10, 2024.

General Nos. 366 through 412, in the amount of \$172,407.32;
Highway Nos. 126 through 135, in the amount of \$14,649.49; and
Escrow No. 4, in the amount of \$125.00;
As listed on Abstract No. 9 dated September 10, 2024.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to pay the bills with the check to Capital Weatherproofing be held until the Town Clerk she receives the prevailing wage document as provided by law. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Skerkis.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Powers -	Aye
Councilmember Kroboth -	Aye
Supervisor Houghtling -	Aye
Councilmember Tipograph -	Aye
Councilmember Skerkis -	Aye

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS:

Supervisor Houghtling stated, committee reports as received to her office by Friday afternoon were sent out to the public and the Town Board. She asked if any board members had any questions or need for clarification on any of the committee reports?

Supervisor Houghtling asked the committee chairs that are present, do any of the committee have any further updates or action that is needed by the Town Board?

Steve Powers, CSC Chair: Steve reported, that the CSC wanted an interim voucher to pay for the solar panels which will be completed next week.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kroboth to authorize the Supervisor to pay the solar company on an interim voucher. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tipograph.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Powers -	Aye
Councilmember Kroboth -	Aye
Supervisor Houghtling -	Aye
Councilmember Tipograph -	Aye
Councilmember Skerkis -	Aye

Parks: The cameras have been installed at the Pavilion. Councilman Skerkis will follow-up on the other cameras. Also need instruction on how to use the cameras remotely.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center – Purchase & Sale Agreement:

Supervisor Houghtling clarified the process. The authorization was for a purchase and sale agreement, which had to be agreed by the seller and buyer before we undergo the due diligence process, which will be under \$10,000 to complete. The LVPA has now authorized the sale of the property to the town.

A motion was made by Councilmember Tipograph to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Purchase & Sale Agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Powers.

Councilmember Skerkis acknowledges that the motion will pass. Says it is a money pit and thinks there are too many loose ends. Doesn't think there is enough usage there other than the Seniors. He is an advocate of the Free Store but can't think of another place for it. Reminded people that if they want to sell the building, it would have to go to referendum to sell it.

Councilmember Kroboth still feels that Supervisor Houghtling should recuse from this vote and she has spoken to many in town and not everyone is in support of this. The numbers attending do not support it.

Councilmember Powers thinks there is a compelling argument for purchasing the building. Wanted to thank the LVPA for voting to agree to this contract. He feels comfortable voting in favor of it. The CSC will try for grant money from NYSERDA for heat pumps, solar panels and battery backups which will increase the value of the building. Engineer said the roof was fine.

Supervisor Houghtling addressed the topic of her recusing or not recusing on the vote, there is no legal reason that requires her to recuse.

Ed Godfroy, LVPA wanted to know when the due diligence would be done after the agreement is signed.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Councilmember Powers - | Aye |
| Councilmember Kroboth - | Nay |
| Supervisor Houghtling - | Aye |
| Councilmember Tipograph - | Aye |
| Councilmember Skerkis - | Nay |

Court Clerk – Letters of Interest Received:

Supervisor Houghtling tabled this for now.

BAR - Letters of Interest Received:

Supervisor Houghtling stated that we received one letter of interest from Gregg Carroll and discussed Robert Weber's seat on the BOA and his term.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling, seconded by Councilmember Tipograph, and approved unanimously to appoint Gregg Carroll to a Board of Assessment Review term to begin October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2029 and to appoint Robert Weber to a vacancy effective October 1, 2024 to expire September 30, 2025.

CAC - Letters of Interest Received:

Supervisor Houghtling stated there were no letters of interest received for the CAC.

Update on New Office Doors:

Councilmember Skerkis reported that this is not a simple procedure and the building department agreed that what they currently have is sufficient, Town Clerk's office is standard and Tax Collector's office opening is not standard and will require customization. He recommended we create an RFQ for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's doors. He estimated the solid wood door to be between \$1,200-\$1,500 plus labor. Thinks it will be about \$5,000 to do the whole project.

Councilmember Skerkis also gave an updated on the skate park status.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skerkis, seconded by Supervisor Houghtling, and approved unanimously to go out for an RFQ for the doors, with bids to be due on or before October 4th, 2024 at 4:00pm and he will work with the Town Clerk to get her the bid specs by Thursday at noon.

Broadband Grant - MOU:

Supervisor Houghtling stated that Ghent, Austerlitz, Canaan and New Lebanon worked on a grant to get broadband into every home. USDA has approved this. Ghent is the awardee but we need an MOU between the four towns to reflect language in the USDA contract.

A motion was made by Councilmember Powers, seconded by Councilmember Kroboth, and approved unanimously to authorize Supervisor Houghtling to sign the broadband grant MOU pending review approval from the town attorney.

Park Stream Reinforcements Update:

Councilmember Skerkis reported they need fabric and riprap to stabilize the banks but he didn't have a cost but would get it.

Park Gazebo:

Supervisor Houghtling stated \$15,000 was budgeted for a gazebo for shade in the park. Also budgeted for a walking bridge across the stream. Charley, Park Manager has a quote from one place but needs to go out to bid to get it installed before the snow falls. The park is also in need of a roof for the barbeque grill. If it is under \$10,000 we do not have to go out to bid.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling, seconded by Councilmember Tipograph, and approved unanimously to go out to bid for a gazebo in the park with the Park Manager getting the specs to the Town Clerk by Thursday at noon with bids due on or before Friday, October 4th, 2024 at 4:00pm.

Walkable Downtown Project – Next Steps:

Supervisor Houghtling gave a recap of the Walkable Downtown Project history and the grant that was received for it. Suggested we put it out for a referendum, which will cost about \$10,000. She would like everyone on the board to commit to supporting the results of the referendum, no matter the results. The referendum will be about the bond and use wording about supporting the project, yes or no. All boards members agreed to support the outcome of the election. The Special election will be in January, 2025. SEQR process will have to be done first and then the Bond resolution.

A motion was made by Councilmember Powers, seconded by Councilmember Tipograph, and approved unanimously to authorize the Supervisor to sign the engagement letter with Attorney Christine Chale, not to exceed \$5,000, to prepare a bond resolution.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling, seconded by Councilmember Tipograph, and approved unanimously to authorize Creighton Manning to prepare the SEQR documentation with Attorney Tingley reviewing it.

DWSP2 Resolution:

**TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
RESOLUTION #17 OF 2024
ACCEPTANCE OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON DRINKING WATER SOURCE
PROTECTION PROGRAM (DWSP2) PLAN
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

At the regular monthly meeting of the New Lebanon Town Board, duly called and held on the 10th day of Sept, 2024, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution proposed by Supervisor Houghtling
Seconded by Councilmember Powers

ACCEPTANCE OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAM (DWSP2) PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town of New Lebanon commissioned a Town of New Lebanon DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAM (DWSP2) PLAN and received a copy thereof on or about April, 2023

WHEREAS Technical assistance was provided by the New York Rural Water Association (NYRWA); and

WHEREAS the **THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAM (DWSP2) PLAN** contains extensive maps and descriptions of the Town's water and its significance to the New Lebanon community; and

WHEREAS **THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAM (DWSP2) PLAN** is posted on the Town's website and is available to both the public and all the Town boards and agencies to assist in townwide planning and policy making for the uses and stewardship of the ground water in New Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, this step is the final acceptance of the Town of New Lebanon DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAM (DWSP2) PLAN, to adopt this Resolution approving the DWSP2 and with the July 22, 2024 Plan Approval from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon hereby accepts the Town of New Lebanon DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAM (DWSP2) PLAN; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by adopting the DWSP2 Plan, it is the intent of the Town Board that this valuable and comprehensive inventory of the Town's water resources be referred to by the Town Boards, Committees, Agencies and the Public to assist in the development, management and protection of our water resources. It is the further intent of the Town Board to periodically update and /or amend this DWSP2 Plan as may be appropriate in the future.

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 Elizabeth Kroboth	Aye

Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling	Aye
Councilmember Susan Tipograph	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 10, 2024
Marcie Robertson
Town Clerk
Town of New Lebanon

NEW BUSINESS:

Policy Review – Public Employer Health Emergency Plan, Credit Card Use Policy, Fee Schedule & Bank Reconciliation Policy:

Supervisor Houghtling asked if any changes were recommended. Suggested change on the Credit Card Policy, removing the Exxon Mobil card and adding Harli Rigg as authorized to use the town credit card.

Fee Schedule:

Supervisor Houghtling tabled. Need to look into the grill rental fee at the pavilion.

Bank Reconciliation Policy & Public Employer Health Emergency Plan:

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling, seconded by Councilmember Tipograph, and approved unanimously to mark the Bank Reconciliation Policy and the Public Employer Health Emergency Plan for the Town of New Lebanon as reviewed with no changes on September 10th, 2024.

Credit Card Use Policy:

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling, seconded by Councilmember Tipograph, and approved unanimously to amend the Credit Card Use Policy to revise card #2, Home Depot, and remove Donnie Sears and Marsha Robertson and instead put in Park Maintenance Superintendent and Town Clerk, and remove card #3 Exxon Mobil and to add Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk as authorized user, removing the name Marsha Robertson, on the Bank of Greene County credit card and increase the credit limit up to \$5,000.

MOU with Columbia County for Field Trip Transportation Reimbursement:

Supervisor Houghtling stated we get reimbursed by Columbia County for the summer camp fieldtrips.

A motion was made by Councilmember Tipograph, seconded by Councilmember Skerkis, and approved unanimously to authorize Supervisor Houghtling to sign the agreement with Columbia County so New Lebanon can be reimbursed.

2025 SYP Director – Go out for Letters of Interest:

Supervisor Houghtling stated that we should go out for letters of interest earlier than usual and stated that based on the applicants if a co-director model is appropriate, will consider that.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skerkis, seconded by Councilmember Kroboth, and approved unanimously to go out for letters of interest for the 2025 SYP Director with letters of interest due on or before October 4th, 2024 at 4:00pm with interviews to be held October 8th, 2024 at 5:30pm at a rate of \$21/hour.

Next Comprehensive Plan Update:

Supervisor Houghtling stated that the last Comp Plan stated that the next plan should begin around September 2024. She asked the Town Board if this is the way they wanted to go. With four boards represented on it, including ZRC, CAC, Planning Board, Town Board and then two or more members of the public. Need to see if the ZRC wants to still take this on.

Ted Salem will check with the ZRC to see if they are still interested.

25-26 Health Insurance Renewal:

Supervisor Houghtling stated there are two insurance plans, one grandfathered in, and that one has a 7% increase, the other one is a 13% increase on the rates, but most likely building in the HRA, only 11%. Want open enrollment in October.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skerkis, seconded by Councilmember Kroboth, and approved unanimously to allow Supervisor Houghtling to sign the renewal and stay with the current plans.

Carmen Barbato – Service Agreement Renewal:

Supervisor Houghtling stated last year Carmen Barbato wanted to increase the rates but requested it too late. This year their renewal agreement includes a slight rate increase.

A motion was made by Councilmember Tipograph, seconded by Councilmember Powers, and approved unanimously to authorize Supervisor Houghtling to sign the agreement with Carmen Barbato which raises the rates slightly and would take effect January 1, 2025, and will be built into the budget.

Set Budget Workshop Dates:

Supervisor Houghtling stated that dates for the budget workshops need to be set.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling, seconded by Councilmember Tipograph, and approved unanimously to set the following workshop dates:

October 3, 2024 Special Meeting / Budget Workshop at 6:00pm, October 17, 2024 Special Meeting / Budget Workshop at 6:00pm, October 22, 2024 Special Meeting / Budget Workshop, at 5:00pm, and October 29, 2024 Special Meeting / Budget Workshop at 5:00pm and ask the Town Clerk to advertise them.

Traffic Logix Cloud Renewal for Speed Sign:

The board discussed the number of years they would like for the renewal. Councilmember Kroboth and Mary Young are leaning toward a one-year renewal to see if this really makes a difference or not.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kroboth, seconded by Councilmember Powers, and approved unanimously to authorize a one-year renewal for \$500.00 with Traffic Logix.

QOL Committee Resignation:

Supervisor Houghtling stated that the committee has received a resignation from Danielle Kuffel.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling, seconded by Councilmember Tipograph, and approved unanimously to accept the resignation of Danielle Kuffel.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling, seconded by Councilmember Tipograph, and approved unanimously to go out for letters of interest due on or before October 4th, 2024 at 4:00pm for this committee.

Playground Committee Update:

Supervisor Houghtling reported, Paul McCreary, Committee Chair forwarded an email with an update on the project. Councilmember Kroboth asked if they should use some of the playground equipment where it is and relocate the parking and use what we have and save the money. Supervisor Houghtling suggested that they bring that up to the committee, and the board agreed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SEPTEMBER:

Saturday, September 14th, 2024 at 11:00am- County Climate Carnival @ Chatham Fairgrounds

OCTOBER:

Tuesday, October 3rd, 2024 at 6:00pm- Special Meeting /Budget Workshop
Tuesday, October 8th, 2024 at 5:30pm- Special Meeting – Interviews – SYP Director
Tuesday, October 8th, 2024 at 6:00pm- Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, October 17th, 2024 at 6:00pm- Special Meeting /Budget Workshop
Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024 at 5:00pm- Special Meeting /Budget Workshop
Tuesday, October 29th, 2024 at 5:00pm- Special Meeting /Budget Workshop

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

In addition to an in-person privilege of the floor, Supervisor Houghtling will read all comments, questions and concerns emailed to supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com during the meeting.

Monte Wasch: Monte asked about the referendum on Walkable Downtown and will there be absentee ballots allowed and do you have to be a registered voter. Encouraged good communication about this to the Town.

Abbie Shoobs: Abbie announced the Recreation events happening at the end of the month. Newcomers events encouraged older residents as well. Happy Together Band playing at Music in the Park. On Friday, September 20, outdoor movie at the pavilion. On the 29th, at 10am, walking on trails of the Shaker Museum.

Joanne Amlaw: Joanne asked about hot water at the Pavilion. There is none and can something be done about that?

Karl Galusha said a water heater would cost about \$3,000-7,000. Electric might have to be upgraded and that price includes that.

Tony Murad: Tony wanted to encourage everyone about the Walkable Downtown and said he takes ownership of this and not to blame Supervisor Houghtling. Offered that if anyone wanted to discuss this, come to the brewery at Sunday at 1pm.

Councilmember Kroboth: Liz thanked Cissy Hernandez, Jeff Hattat and all the volunteers for their work on Town Cleanup day. She said she had already thanked Pete McCagg.

Karl Galusha: Karl asked about the results from the community center tests public? Particularly concerned about the water.

William Shannon: William announced that the Lebanon Valley Seniors will be hosting a meet and greet for the candidates coming up, for New Lebanon residents only.

Mr. Muadin: (Online): Mr. Muadin spoke about the referendum on the walkable downtown. Thanked the town for holding the referendum. Believed that the sidewalks would benefit the town.

Tony Murad: Tony explained about the State widening route 20 and putting in the curbs. And said the town used to be a declining town years ago that no one ever stopped through. Wanted to note how much the town has improved over the years. That change happens all the time and the Walkable Downtown is only a part of it. Introduced the concept of housing for 55+ residents without town financing.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroboth.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Powers -	Aye
Councilmember Kroboth -	Aye
Supervisor Houghtling -	Aye
Councilmember Tipograph -	Aye
Councilmember Skerkis -	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Marcie Robertson
New Lebanon Town Clerk