

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 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: Sharon Powers, IT Website Support, QOL, & ZBA Member
Peg Munves, CAC Co-Chair
Ted Salem, ZBA Member & ZRC Chair
Stacey Breads, Playground Design Committee
Beth LaGrange, Playground Design Committee
Mary Young, NL Rep to CC Office For the Aging & Traffic Safety
Bruce Shenker, NL Rep to CC Env. Mgt. Council
Josh Young, Planning Board Member, BEDC & Shaker Preservation Committee Chair
Margaret Robertson, Historic Railroad Depot Committee (6:32pm)
Jayden Eastman, TextMyGov
Don Adams, Creighton Manning
Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:16pm 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 **February 13, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting, April 9, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting, and September 16, 2024 Special Meeting (Court Clerk)** of the Town Board were reviewed.

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

FINANCIAL:

Supervisor's Report:

The Supervisor's Report as of September 30, 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 September 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

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.

Bruce Shenker: Bruce, New Lebanon representative to the County Environmental Management Council, spoke about New Lebanon's growing reputation as a leader in environmental action. He noted the town is recognized in the capital district as a leading clean energy community and statewide as one of only 11 communities that have achieved silver status in the Climate Smart Community Program. He credited the town board's support since 2020 for initiatives including solar and heat pump campaigns, battery and plastic recycling, the repair cafe program, bike exchange program, and composting. He mentioned the town has received over \$300,000 in grants for projects like heat pumps and solar panels, and recently qualified for another \$250,000 for energy upgrades.

Councilmember Skerkis: Craig acknowledged his support for green initiatives but expressed concerns about the stretch energy code, questioning its impact on new construction costs in town.

Supervisor Houghtling: Tistrya clarified that the code was adopted because it was going to be required by New York State anyway, and adopting it early brought financial benefits to the town.

Mr. Muadin: (Online) Mr. Muadin spoke regarding cell tower setbacks, arguing that contrary to attorney Campanelli's opinion, the town could require 300-foot setbacks for large cell towers and 200-foot setbacks for small cell installations on utility poles without risking constructive denial. He explained that providing a waiver or variance option in the ordinance would prevent it from being considered a constructive denial. He urged the town

to implement stronger setbacks for aesthetics and safety reasons, and requested a public meeting with attorney Campanelli.

BUDGET AMENDMENT #10 OF 2024:

Supervisor Houghtling presented Budget Amendment #10 of 2024, which included transfers from general fund balance and sale of equipment to purchase a chipper for the Highway Department, with \$13,100 remaining for smaller equipment. It also addressed funding for court furniture, youth programs, central data processing, and Climate Smart equipment.

General Fund:

\$ 40,000.00	from A-003917 (Fund Balance)
\$ 500.00	from A-1110.4 (Justices - Contractual)
\$ 640.00	from A-8797.4 (Climate Smart - Contractual)
\$ 2,233.00	from A-1990.4 (Contingent)
\$ 40,000.00	to A-9901.1 (Transfer to Highway Fund.)
\$ 500.00	to A-1110.2 (Justices - Equipment.)
\$ 640.00	to A-8797.2 (Climate Smart - Equipment)
\$ 216.00	to A-7310.4 (Youth Program – Contractual)
\$ 17.00	to A-3510.4 (Control of Dogs – Contractual)
\$ 2,000.00	to A-1680.4 (Central Data Processing – Contractual)

Highway Fund:

\$ 27,100.00	from DA-2655 (Sale of Equipment - Revenue)
\$ 40,000.00	from DA-05031 (Transfer in from General Fund)
\$ 7,500.00	from DA-5142.4 (Snow Removal – Contractual)
\$ 67,100.00	to DA-5130.2 ((Machinery – Equipment)
\$ 7,500.00	to DA-5130.4 ((Machinery – Contractual)

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to approve the above noted budget amendment #10 of 2024 as typed. 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

PRESENTATION – TEXT MY GOV:

Jayden from TextMyGov presented a local government texting program used by approximately 800 municipalities nationwide. The system allows residents to sign up for notifications from the town, report issues directly to staff members, and quickly find information via text message.

The presentation highlighted that the system doesn't require residents to download an app

or create an account, and the town would receive a local phone number and address database to help boost engagement. The system is secured through Amazon Web Services GovCloud, with no data being sold or redistributed.

Jayden explained the pricing: \$3,500 per year for a 3-year contract, with waived setup fees of \$1,750 and included phone number database and I PAWS integration (normally an additional \$1,000). For shorter contracts, pricing would increase.

Town Clerk Robertson spoke in favor of the system, explaining it would help reach residents who don't use computers or email, particularly during emergencies. She emphasized that the system would complement existing communication methods and would be opt-in/opt-out for residents.

The board decided to revisit the proposal at the November meeting.

AUDIT OF BILLS:

2024 Bills:

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. 10 dated October 8, 2024.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to pay the bills. 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

A motion was made by Councilmember Tipograph to authorize the Supervisor to pay the Department of Labor unemployment bill on an interim voucher. 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

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?

Councilmember Tipograph: Susan, praised the work of all town committees and volunteers, with special recognition for the Climate Smart Task Force for winning an additional \$250,000 grant and Alissa Ross for her work at the community center, where attendance has tripled.

Supervisor Houghtling: Tistrya also commended the Climate Smart Task Force for bringing in over \$500,000 in grants with no town match.

Steve Powers, CSC Chair: Steve presented the hazard mitigation report prepared by Cornell graduate students, which focused on flooding issues.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling, seconded by Councilmember Tipograph, and approved unanimously to adopt the hazard mitigation strategies as prepared by the interns from Cornell with the Climate Smart Task Force.

Powers also reported that DEC had announced a grant opportunity with a December 12th deadline that could help address bank stabilization at Shatford Park. He noted that as a silver-designated Climate Smart Community, the town would be at the top priority level for receiving state grants.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling, seconded by Councilmember Tipograph, and approved unanimously to authorize the CSC and CAC to apply for the DEC grant for the bank stabilization.

OLD BUSINESS:

Walkable Downtown Referendum – SEQRA Review, Bond Resolution, Special Election Resolution:

Supervisor Houghtling, provided an overview of the walkability project, which would create pedestrian pathways along portions of US Route 20 and NYS Route 22. The project would include crosswalks with rapid flashing beacons, sidewalks, and raised medians at crossings.

A motion was made by Councilmember Powers to accept and ratify the Supervisor's signature on the Part 1 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form as prepared by Creighton Manning for the New Lebanon Walkability Improvements Project. 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

The Town Board and Don Adams from Creighton Manning conducted the SEQRA review process, reviewing Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form. Councilmember Skerkis expressed safety concerns about encouraging pedestrian traffic along the busy road, but the board completed the SEQRA process, determining the project would not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to adopt Part 2 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form as prepared by Creighton Manning for the New Lebanon Walkability Improvements Project. 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 Councilmember Tipograph to adopt the Part 3 of the Environmental Assessment Form as proposed for the Town Board’s consideration for the New Lebanon Walkability Improvements Project, to determine that the proposed project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and to adopt a Negative Declaration under the State Environmental Quality Review Act for the project, and to authorize and direct the Supervisor to execute, file, and circulate the Part 3 of the Environmental Assessment Form as required under applicable regulations. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Powers.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The board then adopted a bond resolution authorizing the construction of approximately 6066 linear feet of pedestrian pathways at a maximum cost of \$2,499,146, with the town issuing bonds not to exceed \$499,830 and applying for a NYS DOT TAP grant of up to \$1,999,316, and a resolution calling for a special election on January 21, 2025 to allow voters to approve or reject the bond resolution.

The board agreed to include information about the project in the November 1st newsletter and to hold informational sessions in December and January prior to the special election.

Bond Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 18

BOND RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 8, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 6066 LINEAR FEET OF PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS ALONG PORTIONS OF US ROUTE 20 AND NYS ROUTE 22, TOGETHER WITH RELATED IMPROVEMENTS FOR PEDESTRIAN ACCESS, DRAINAGE, AND RELOCATION OF CURBS AND UTILITIES, AND INCLUDING RELATED ACQUISITION AND SITE WORK, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$2,499,146 AND WITH A PERIOD OF PROBABLE USEFULNESS OF TEN YEARS, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON, COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$499,830 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF, AND APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS OF A NYS DOT TAP GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,999,316 TO PAY OR REIMBURSE A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF, DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon in the Town of New Lebanon, Columbia County, New York (the "Town") (by the favorable vote of not less than three-fifths of all of the members of the Board) as follows:

SECTION 1. The construction of approximately 6066 linear feet of pedestrian pathways along portions of US Route 20 and NYS Route 22, together with related improvements for pedestrian access, drainage, and relocation of curbs and utilities, and including related acquisition and site work, is hereby authorized at an estimated maximum cost of \$2,499,146, and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 90 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is ten years.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the aforesaid purpose constitutes an unlisted action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined under SEQR not to have a significant impact on the environment.

SECTION 3. The Town Board plans to finance a portion of the cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$499,830, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law. A portion of the project cost is expected to be paid or reimbursed from the proceeds of a NYS Department of Transportation TAP grant in the amount of up to \$1,999,316.

SECTION 4. It is hereby determined that the proposed maturity of the obligations authorized by this resolution will be in excess of five years from the original date of issuance of such obligation.

SECTION 5. Current funds are not required to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds authorized by this resolution or any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds.

SECTION 6. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. This resolution shall

constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations.

SECTION 7. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of the Town a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due and payable.

SECTION 8. Subject to the terms and contents of this resolution and the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 63.00, inclusive, of said Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and the renewals of said notes and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said serial bonds, and said bond anticipation notes (including without limitation the date, denominations, maturities, interest payment dates, consolidation with other issues, and redemption rights), the power to determine to issue said bonds providing for substantially level or declining debt service, the power to determine to issue said bonds as statutory installment bonds, and the power to sell and deliver said serial bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign any serial bonds issued pursuant to this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of said serial bonds, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the corporate seal of the Town to any of said serial bonds or any bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal.

SECTION 9. The Town Supervisor is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 10. The validity of said serial bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money; or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with;

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or

(3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

SECTION 11. Upon the effective date hereof, the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in The Columbia Paper, being a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication.

SECTION 12. This resolution shall, before becoming effective, be approved by vote of the qualified electors of the Town at a referendum in the manner provided by Article Seven of the Town Law.

Extract of Minutes

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon, Columbia County, New York was convened in public session at the Town Hall, 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, on October 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Houghtling, and, upon roll being called, the following members were:

		Present	Absent
Tistrya Houghtling	Supervisor	X	
Elizabeth Kroboth	Councilmember	X	
Steve Powers	Councilmember	X	
Craig Skerkis	Councilmember	X	
Susan Tipograph	Councilmember	X	

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Houghtling, seconded by Councilmember Tipograph, to wit;

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The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Tistrya Houghtling	Voting -Aye
Elizabeth Kroboth	Voting -Aye
Steve Powers	Voting -Aye
Craig Skerkis	Voting -Aye
Susan Tipograph	Voting -Aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

- (1) She is the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Town of New Lebanon, Columbia County, New York (hereinafter called the "Town") and the custodian of the records of the Town, including the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Board, and is duly authorized to execute this certificate.
- (2) Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Town Board held on the 8th day of October, 2024 and entitled:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 8, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 6066 LINEAR FEET OF PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS ALONG PORTIONS OF US ROUTE 20 AND NYS ROUTE 22, TOGETHER WITH RELATED IMPROVEMENTS FOR PEDESTRIAN ACCESS, DRAINAGE, AND RELOCATION OF CURBS AND UTILITIES, AND INCLUDING RELATED ACQUISITION AND SITE WORK, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$2,499,146 AND WITH A PERIOD OF PROBABLE USEFULNESS OF TEN YEARS, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON, COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$499,830 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF, AND APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS OF A NYS DOT TAP GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,999,316 TO PAY OR REIMBURSE A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF, DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

(3) Said meeting was duly convened and held and said resolution was duly adopted in all respects in accordance with law and the regulations of the Town. To the extent required by law or said regulations, due and proper notice of said meeting was given. A legal quorum of members of the Town Board was present throughout said meeting, and a legally sufficient number of members (three-fifths of the Town Board) voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the resolution. All other requirements and proceedings under law, said regulations or otherwise incident to said meeting and the adoption of the resolution, including any publication, if required by law, have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed.

(4) The seal appearing below constitutes the official seal of the Town and was duly affixed by the undersigned at the time this certificate was signed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set her hand this 8th day of October, 2024.

-SEAL-

Marcie Robertson
Town Clerk

Special Election Resolution:

**TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
RESOLUTION NO. 19**

A RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING A PROPOSITION FOR THE APPROVAL OF A BOND RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 8, 2024 AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 6066 LINEAR FEET OF PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS ALONG PORTIONS OF US ROUTE 20 AND NYS ROUTE 22, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, AND THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2024, the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon, Columbia County, New York (the "Town") has adopted a bond resolution (the "Bond Resolution") entitled "BOND RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 8, 2024; BEING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 6066 LINEAR FEET OF PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS ALONG PORTIONS OF US ROUTE 20 AND NYS ROUTE 22, TOGETHER WITH RELATED IMPROVEMENTS FOR PEDESTRIAN ACCESS, DRAINAGE, AND RELOCATION OF CURBS AND UTILITIES, AND INCLUDING RELATED ACQUISITION AND SITE WORK, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$2,499,146 AND WITH A PERIOD OF PROBABLE USEFULNESS OF TEN YEARS, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON, COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$499,830 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF, AND APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS OF A NYS DOT TAP GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,999,316 TO PAY OR REIMBURSE A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF, DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR", subject to approval by the qualified voters of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon as follows:

SECTION 1. The Town Board hereby authorizes and directs that a special election of the qualified voters of the Town shall be held at the designated polling places for the Town, that being for Election Districts 1 and 2, the Immaculate Conception Meeting Hall, 732 US Highway 20, New Lebanon, New York 12125, on January 21, 2025, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. [being at least six consecutive hours between 8:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m.] for the purpose of voting on the approval of the Bond Resolution. Those who are qualified to vote on the proposition are registered voters of the Town of New Lebanon who shall have resided in said Town for the period of thirty (30) days next preceding such election.

SECTION 2. The Town Clerk is hereby ordered and directed to prepare the form of ballots which shall be in substantially the form set forth at Exhibit A, and to submit the same to the County Board of Elections.

SECTION 3. The Town Clerk shall cause notice of such special election in substantially the form attached as Exhibit "A" to be published in The Columbia Paper, being a newspaper published in Columbia County and having a general circulation in the Town and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication, not less than 10 days prior to the date fixed for the special election. In addition, the Town Clerk shall post or cause to be posted a notice on the sign board of the Town maintained pursuant to Subdivision 6 of Section 30 of the Town Law at least 10 days prior to the election.

SECTION 4. A special registration date shall be held on January 11, 2025 [being 10 to 15 days prior to the election date], at the New Lebanon Town Hall, located at 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, at which time and place the Board of Registration designated by the Town Board shall accept applications for special registration between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. [being at least 4 consecutive hours between 12:00 p.m. and 9 p.m.]. Notice of such special registration shall be published at least ten (10) days prior to the special registration date in The Columbia Paper and posted on the sign board of the Town Clerk and in at least 5 conspicuous places around the Town. The Town Clerk, prior to the first meeting of such Board of Registration, shall obtain from the Columbia County Board of Elections of the list of names and addresses of all voters registered with such County Board of Elections on or before the twenty-third day before such special election.

SECTION 5. The resident electors of the Town designated at Exhibit B, being persons on the list of election inspectors and ballot clerks previously designated by the County Board of Elections for general election purposes, pursuant to the Election Law, are hereby appointed to act as election inspectors and ballot clerks for each polling place at which the special election is to be held and shall constitute the Board of Election for the special election.

The special election shall be conducted, the votes canvassed, and the results certified and returned so far as practicable be in the manner prescribed by the Election Law. In accordance with Section 82 of the Town Law, upon the closing of the polls, the Board of Election shall proceed to canvass the votes thereat and shall complete such canvass without adjournment. As soon as possible after completion the Board of Election shall file with the town clerk a certificate setting forth the holding of the election, the total number of votes cast, and the number of votes cast for and against the proposition, together with the name and address of every person voting at such election upon such proposition.

The election inspectors shall be compensated in the amount set forth at Exhibit "B" for their services in and attendance at the special election. The members of the Board of Registration shall be compensated in the amount set forth at Exhibit B for their services in connection with the Special Registration Date.

In case any of the members appointed herein are unable or refuse to assume or perform the duties required of them, this Town Board will appoint alternates who are resident electors. If clerical help is deemed necessary, this Town Board will consider the appointment of such clerical persons upon request of the Chair of the Town Board of Elections.

SECTION 6. The Town Clerk is authorized and directed to prepare and make available absentee ballots and early mail ballots in the manner required by law, to arrange for delivery and availability of voting

machines to the extent practicable, to arrange for availability of machine custodians, and to take all other actions necessary to the conduct of the election as required by law.

SECTION 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

EXHIBIT A
Form of

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION,
REGISTRATION OF VOTERS AND
AVAILABILITY OF ABSENTEE AND EARLY MAIL BALLOTS
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Town Law of the State of New York that a special election of the qualified voters of the Town of New Lebanon, Columbia County, New York will be held at the Immaculate Conception Meeting Hall, 732 US Highway 20, New Lebanon, NY 12125, on January 21, 2025, between the hours of 8 o'clock a.m. and 8 o'clock p.m. to vote on the Bond Resolution adopted October 8, 2024, with the ballot to be in substantially the following form:

Shall the resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 6066 LINEAR FEET OF PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS ALONG PORTIONS OF US ROUTE 20 AND NYS ROUTE 22, TOGETHER WITH RELATED IMPROVEMENTS FOR PEDESTRIAN ACCESS, DRAINAGE, AND RELOCATION OF CURBS AND UTILITIES, AND INCLUDING RELATED ACQUISITION AND SITE WORK, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$2,499,146 AND WITH A PERIOD OF PROBABLE USEFULNESS OF TEN YEARS, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON, COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$499,830 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF, AND APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS OF A NYS DOT TAP GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,999,316 TO PAY OR REIMBURSE A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF, DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR" be approved?

Yes _____
No _____

A copy of the text of such bond resolution may be obtained from the Town Clerk.

Those who are qualified to vote on the aforementioned proposition are registered voters of the Town of New Lebanon who shall have resided in said Town for the period of thirty (30) days next preceding such election.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN, that personal registration is required and no voter shall be entitled to vote at said Special Election unless his or her name appears on the Register of said town prepared for such Special Election, or such voter registers as hereinafter provided. The Town Board of Registration shall prepare a Register for said Special Election, which Register shall include all voters registered with the

Columbia County Board of Elections under the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law. Any registered voter whose name appears on such register need not register again for such Special Election.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN, that the Town Board of Registration will meet on January 11, 2025, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the New Lebanon Town Hall, located at 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, at which time qualified electors may present themselves personally for registration to have their names added to such register for such Special Election.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN, that absentee ballots or early mail ballots for qualified electors and registered voters whose name appears on the Register, may be applied for at the office of the Town Clerk, 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York 12125. Applications for absentee ballots or early mail ballots must be received at least seven (7) days before such Special Election, if the ballot is to be mailed to the qualified elector or voter, or on the day before such Special Election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the qualified elector or voter or his or her agent. A list of persons to whom absentee ballots or early mail ballots have been issued will be available for inspection in the Town Clerk's office during each of the five days prior to the date of election, except Sundays.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN, that absentee ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk and received by the Town Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. prevailing time on the day of the election.

Dated: October 8, 2024

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of
 New Lebanon, Columbia County, New York
 Marcie Robertson, Town Clerk

EXHIBIT B

Election Inspectors and Ballot Clerks
 (selected from list maintained by Columbia County Board of Elections)

Name	Election Inspectors/Ballot Clerks	Board of Registration (2 to 4)
Marisso A. Furforo	X	X
Paul H. Borst	X	X
Mary G. Young	(Alternate)	(Alternate)
Margaret A. Munves	X	X
Schuyler L. Gail	X	X
David McGinness	X	(Alternate)
William Shannon	X	
Kristine L. Cotton	Machine Clerks	
Margaret A. Munves		

Compensation of Election Inspectors/Ballot Clerks: \$18.50 per hour.
Compensation for Special Registration Date: \$18.50 per hour.

Extract of Minutes

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon, Columbia County, New York was convened in public session at the Town Hall, 14755 Route 22 North, New Lebanon, New York, on October 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Houghtling, and, upon roll being called, the following members were:

		Present	Absent
Tistrya Houghtling	Supervisor	X	
Elizabeth Kroboth	Councilmember	X	
Steve Powers	Councilmember	X	
Craig Skerkis	Councilmember	X	
Susan Tipograph	Councilmember	X	

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Houghtling, seconded by Councilmember Tipograph, to wit;

RESOLUTION NO. 19
DATED OCTOBER 8, 2024

A RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING A PROPOSITION FOR THE APPROVAL OF A BOND RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 8, 2024 AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 6066 LINEAR FEET OF PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS ALONG PORTIONS OF US ROUTE 20 AND NYS ROUTE 22, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, AND THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

- Tistrya Houghtling Voting -Aye
- Elizabeth Kroboth Voting -Aye
- Steve Powers Voting -Aye
- Craig Skerkis Voting -Aye
- Susan Tipograph Voting -Aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

(1) She is the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Town of New Lebanon, Columbia County, New York (hereinafter called the "Town") and the custodian of the records of the Town, including the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Board, and is duly authorized to execute this certificate.

(2) Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Town Board held on the 8th day of October, 2024 and entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 19
DATED OCTOBER 8, 2024

A RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING A PROPOSITION FOR THE APPROVAL OF A BOND RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 8, 2024 AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 6066 LINEAR FEET OF PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS ALONG PORTIONS OF US ROUTE 20 AND NYS ROUTE 22, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, AND THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

(3) Said meeting was duly convened and held and said resolution was duly adopted in all respects in accordance with law and the regulations of the Town. To the extent required by law or said regulations, due and proper notice of said meeting was given. A legal quorum of members of the Town Board was present throughout said meeting, and a legally sufficient number of members (a majority of the Town Board) voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the resolution. All other requirements and proceedings under law, said regulations or otherwise incident to said meeting and the adoption of the resolution, including any publication, if required by law, have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed.

(4) The seal appearing below constitutes the official seal of the Town and was duly affixed by the undersigned at the time this certificate was signed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set her hand this 8th day of October, 2024.

-SEAL-

Marcie Robertson
Town Clerk

Gazebo – Bids Received:

Supervisor Houghtling reported, they received four bids for a gazebo at the playground: Homestead: \$52,879, Shedman: \$12,620, Country Lane: \$16,403.42, and The Barnyard: \$14,049.

Supervisor Houghtling confirmed with Shedman, as the lowest bidder, that their gazebo would be ADA accessible with a composite flooring and would require a ramp. The board

discussed adding benches for an additional \$900.

A motion was made by Councilmember Tipograph to accept the Shedman quote with a \$900 addition for benches. 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

New Office Doors – Bids Received:

Supervisor Houghtling reported, they received one quote from Galusha General Contracting for Dutch doors for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector offices. For the Town Clerk door, Option A at \$1,360 would modify the existing door, while Option B at \$3,360 would replace it. For the Tax Collector door, only Option B was feasible due to the existing door being hollow, with either a custom door for \$3,280 or retrofitting the opening for a standard door at a significantly higher cost.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kroboth to accept the bid from Galusha General Contracting to install Dutch doors on the town clerk and tax collector's office, Option A for the town clerk, and Option B, Option 2 for the tax collector's door for a total of \$4,640. 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

Tennis Court Bathroom Update:

Councilmember Skerkis updated the board on the Tennis Court bathrooms renovation, noting that they had discovered additional work needed for ceiling repairs.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kroboth to authorize Supervisor Houghtling and Councilmember Skerkis to work with Galusha Contracting on a change order not to exceed \$4,000. 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

Quality of Life Committee – Letters of Interest Received:

Supervisor Houghtling reported, that no letters of interest were received for the Quality of Life Committee.

Next Comprehensive Plan Update:

The board discussed the timing of the comprehensive plan update. The Zoning Rewrite Committee (ZRC) indicated they would be willing to lead the update but not immediately.

A motion was made by Councilmember Skerkis, seconded by Supervisor Houghtling, and approved unanimously to wait until the ZRC is ready to lead the process rather than forming a new committee.

Purchase of 523 US Route 20 for Community Center – Next Steps:

Supervisor Houghtling reported on the due diligence for the purchase of 523 US Route 20 from the LVPA for a community center. The title search came back clear and the water test was good, with the appraisal expected next week and the asbestos/lead survey by Friday. Councilmembers Skerkis and Kroboth expressed concerns about taking such a significant financial action at a special meeting rather than a regular meeting.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling, seconded by Councilmember Tipograph, approved 3-2 with Councilmembers Skerkis and Kroboth voting against, to schedule a Special Meeting of the Town Board on Thursday, October 17th, 2024 at 6:00pm for the purpose of authorizing the closing on the sale of 523 US Route 20 with this special meeting to have a privilege of the floor and be notified through all of the regular means with all of the documentation being sent out to the public and the Town Board in advance of the meeting.

Landfill Closure Update & Property Donation Resolution:

Supervisor Houghtling updated the board on the landfill closure project. The property needs to be acquired along with an easement before assembly funding can be received. The survey has been completed and engineered plans are ready to go to DEC for review.

The board unanimously adopted Resolution #20 for 2024 authorizing the Supervisor to work with the attorney on closing procedures for the land donation from Sherman Development, LLC and to acquire necessary easements from Amlaw Pit, LLC.

**TOWN OF NEW LEBANON TOWN BOARD
Resolution #20 for 2024**

With Respect to the Donation of the Former Landfill Site along Old Post Road to the Town of New Lebanon and Acquisition of Certain Easements from the Neighboring Property Owner

October 8, 2024

WHEREAS, Sherman Development, LLC (the “Donor”) is the owner in fee simple of certain real property ± 10.31-acres in size located along Old Post Road, in the Town of New Lebanon, Columbia County, State of New York, identified as Town of New Lebanon Tax Map

No. 9.-1-17.3 (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Property is the site of a former landfill, which the Town has resolved to close in accordance with applicable law, including, without limitation, the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the “Project”) and has requested that the Donor donate the Property to the Town for the Project; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the Project, the Town and Donor seek to enter into an agreement with respect to the terms and conditions of the Town’s acceptance of the donation of the Property to the Town (the “Donation Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, in addition to accepting donation of the Property, the Town will require certain easements over certain real property adjoining the Property owned by Amlaw Pit, LLC (“Amlaw”), further identified as Town of New Lebanon Tax Map No. 10.3-1-73, for the purposes of access, maintenance and operation of an existing groundwater monitoring well and other Project-specific work as may be necessary in connection with the Project (collectively, the “Easements”).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, based upon the terms and conditions of the Donation Agreement, as may be further negotiated by the Town Supervisor consistent with the terms of Agreement, the Town Board will accept the donation of the Property and the Town Supervisor is authorized to negotiate any remaining details consistent with the Donation Agreement and to finalize and sign the Donation Agreement on behalf of the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to cause the negotiation, review, execution, delivery and filing of all documents (including any and all transfer documents) and to do all other acts necessary to effectuate the transfer of the Property to the Town consistent with the Donation Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to cause the negotiation, review, execution, delivery and filing of all documents (including any and all transfer documents) and to do all other acts necessary to effectuate the acquisition of the Easements in furtherance of the Project, contingent upon satisfactory confirmation of state funding for the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prior to the finalization of any transfer of the Property from the Donor or acquisition of easements from Amlaw, the Town Supervisor shall obtain satisfactory written confirmation of State funding for the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by: Councilmember Powers

Seconded by Councilmember Tipograph

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all members of the Town Board voting as follows:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Tistrya Houghtling, Supervisor	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Elizabeth Kroboth, Councilwoman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Steve Powers, Councilman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Craig Skerkis, Councilman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Susan Tipograph, Councilwoman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____

Dated: October 8, 2024
 New Lebanon, New York

VOTE IS CERTIFIED BY:

 Marcie Robertson, Town Clerk _____
Date

BBQ Roof Quotes:

Supervisor Houghtling stated, she received a quote but at the quoted cost, they will need to go out to bid.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kroboth, seconded by Councilmember Tipograph, and approved unanimously to go out to bid for a roof on the existing barbecue pit, with bids due on or before 4:00 PM on Friday, November 8, 2024.

Walking Bridge Over Stream in Park Quotes:

Supervisor Houghtling reported, they received quotes for a walking bridge over the stream in Shatford Park. After reviewing options, they accepted Galusha General Contracting's quote for \$4,690.21 for a 5-foot wide composite bridge with railings that would be ADA compliant.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kroboth to accept the estimate from Galusha General Contracting for \$4,690.21 with composite decking and ADA compliant, and with the town to prep the landings for the bridge. 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

Electrical Upgrade and Hot Water Heater at Pavilion Quotes:

Supervisor Houghtling stated, she received estimates from Galusha General Contracting, the electrical upgrade is \$3,880 and the water heater is \$2,081.40, therefore we will need to get a second quote due to the amount. However, the water in the pavilion will be turned off for the winter and these things were not budgeted for this year. The board decided to include these projects in next year's budget rather than pursuing them this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Policy Review – Fee Schedule, Historic Items Policy, Fund Balance Policy & Electronic Records Policy:

Fee Schedule:

Supervisor Houghtling stated, they need to add a \$35 grill rental fee to the pavilion rental options in the fee schedule.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling, seconded by Councilmember Powers, and approved unanimously to amend the Fee Schedule to add in an optional grill rental fee of \$35.00, the same cost for residents and non-residents on page 3 under Pavilion Rental Fee.

Historic Items Policy, Fund Balance Policy & Electronic Records Policy:

No changes were noted by the Town Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling, seconded by Councilmember Tipograph, and approved unanimously to mark the Historic Items, Fund Balance, and Electronic Records Policies as reviewed with no changes.

Introduction Local Law #3 of 2024 - FOIL:

Supervisor Houghtling stated, there are potential fees that can be charged with FOIL, it is limited, and it is within the statute. The board asked the town attorney to prepare a local law adding in those fees.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to recognize the introduction of Introductory Local Law #3 of 2024 relating to amending Chapter 45 of the Town Code and to schedule a Public Hearing thereon for November 12th, 2024 at 5:55pm to be held at Town Hall. 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

Town Sign Law:

Supervisor Houghtling reported, there are concerns about the constitutionality of the current sign law. The board agreed to hold a meeting with the attorney and invite representatives from the Zoning Rewrite Committee to discuss possible amendments.

Compensation Committee Recommendations to the Town Board:

Supervisor Houghtling presented the Compensation Committee's recommendations for adjusting starting rates for town positions based on comparisons with other municipalities in Columbia County. The committee recommended increases for several positions, including deputy town clerk, court clerk, dog control officer, and summer camp staff.

The board discussed increasing the Town Clerk's salary by the same amount as the deputy town clerk's hourly rate increase (approximately \$2.70 per hour), which would result in a salary of \$45,027 (a \$4,910 increase).

The board agreed to have Supervisor Houghtling calculate the impact of the recommended increases for current employees and prepare a revised policy for formal adoption in November.

Central Commercial District Committee Recommendations to the Town Board:

The board tabled discussion of Central Commercial District Committee recommendations to allow more time for review.

Chatham Rescue Squad Agreement & County Chargeback Agreement for 2025 Ambulance Services:

A motion was made by Councilmember Kroboth, seconded by Councilmember Powers, and approved unanimously to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement to provide emergency medical services with Chatham Rescue Squad.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kroboth, seconded by Councilmember Powers, and approved unanimously to authorize the supervisor to sign the chargeback agreement between the county and the town.

Resignation from the Recreation Commission:

Supervisor Houghtling stated, they received a resignation from Jean-Georges Perrin from the Recreation Commission.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling, seconded by Councilmember Powers, and approved unanimously to accept the resignation from Jean-Georges Perrin from the recreation commission and to go out for letters of interest with letters of interest due on or before Friday, November 8th at 4 PM.

Court Training – More Hours Requested:

Supervisor Houghtling reported, Elizabeth would like more training hours in the court to train the new Court Clerk. Her year to date is about 115 hours.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to authorize another 80 hours of training for Elizabeth Angelo to train court staff. 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

Land Donation Made to CLC:

Supervisor Houghtling stated: No action needed on donation of land from Gilson Family to the CLC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OCTOBER:

Thursday, October 17th, 2024 at 6:00pm- Special Meeting – Budget Workshop (highway) & LVPA Building Closing

CANCEL - Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024 - Special Meeting – Budget Workshop (CANCELLED)

Tuesday, October 29th, 2024 at 5:00pm- Special Meeting – Budget Workshop (payroll & general items remaining)

NOVEMBER:

Tuesday, November 12th, 2024 at 5:55pm- Public Hearing (Intro. LL#3 of 2024)

Tuesday, November 12th, 2024 at 6:00pm- Regular Monthly Meeting

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.

Margaret Robertson: Meg discussed the landfill closure and shared her efforts to collect oral histories and memories of New Lebanon through the Historical Society. She invited others to contribute their memories to be compiled into a book for the community.

She also announced a fundraiser car wash for the Railroad Restoration Depot on Sunday at the Stephentown car wash from noon to 3 PM.

Mr. Muadin: (Online): Mr. Muadin expressed concerns about potential FOIL fees, noting he had never been charged for FOIL requests at the local, county, or state level in New York or Massachusetts. He suggested examining ways to make the system more efficient rather than charging residents for public records. He also requested that the TextMyGov system not replace email notifications.

Councilmember Skerkis: Craig thanked Melba Kurman and Hod Lipson for helping with the restoring the Cupola and they are looking for anyone who knows how to repair slate. He also thanked Darla Dobert, Joanne Amlaw, Jason Cooper, and Rick Stall for helping paint the bleachers at the little league in the park.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Powers.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marcie Robertson
New Lebanon Town Clerk