# Minutes

## Lebanon Town Board Meeting Town Offices

September 11, 2023, at 6:30 pm Meeting, called to order by Supervisor Ronda Winn & Pledge of allegiance.

# In Attendance:

Supervisor Ronda Winn
Council Adam Carvell
Council Marie Morgan
Council Greg Fuller
Council Chadwick Nower
Town Clerk Joann Collins
Highway Superintendent Alex Hodge
Absent:

9\_ Residents in Attendance

Public Hearing called to order at 6:30 pm on the **Motion of Council Marie Morgan and seconded by Council Adam Carvell.** 

**Amy Y** – Stated that they have a few questions about the Solar Law because they were contacted by a company from Rochester a week ago. They asked the company for other projects that they had installed and sent them some information, she stated that they had not had time to look at what they sent. They sent a map of an area that they are interested in, and Amy stated to the person that the field was not south facing, and he said yes but is flat and she said it is an open field. They do not really know if this company is legit. This company was pushy on them signing a lease right away which before they even checked their property for location, they were talking about 25-year leases. Amy stated they are not going to do anything, yet they want to do some more research first.

Council Adam Carvell – Explained about the solar Law that is being adopted tonight. He explained that there are companies that are seeking a pool of interest and whether they are in business in the solar yet or not, is determined because it does seem like a lot of cold call letters are going out and they are going through property maps. When we get into a bit of local law, there is more sort of focus on deforestation now and we are looking for things that are already essentially clear.

But in the case of the law that we are presenting it is about setting up a series of guidelines for oversight. Because right now we do not have anything beyond what the state would otherwise provide on does not really change anything for residential use. There are more definitions that get laid down for residential use that does not really limit everyone's ability to put up solar panels for their property even if it feeds into the grid, which is not a commercial project in terms of what we are talking about. Commercial projects that are going to be at least under this law, having to be over a certain size with enough setback space to be able to operate within the acres itself, fifty acres is the minimum. Setbacks are 200 to 250 feet. We do have a little recommendation that we allow road spaces in that area. The only thing that is allowed in that would be berms or visual site breaks. That is talking about anyone that is going to be united commissioners are going to have to be looking at large plots of land which Lebanon does have.

**Amy Y** – stated that she asked the company representative about the environmental impact and all that and he was saying that about where to look for an area where we know there are no trees. That seems to be a big one.

**Council Carvell** stated that there is a little bit of this addressed in the Local Law, this came to other towns as well, so there was some other sort of boilerplate that came in involving things like deforestation, native grasses, things like that. The crucial part of that is also clean up, that there is a cleanup company involved so in that case there is a perfect shutdown.

Procedures in place in case of spill, in case of battery leakage, things like that. But we got to have the ability to say that is your shutdown or call them in for clean-up. We are looking at having the present bond for clean-ups costs, so they would have to have a bond to carry the surety bond so that they could guarantee clean up. And then there is also a requirement that they have a plan for exiting either post east or ceasing to operate whether their homeland or not, that they would have a means of which to return space if it is not going to be used for solar any longer. Returning space back to green space again. More about responsibility and liability and cleanup versus the actual returning to a no trades situation, it is friendly about them taking liability for the space for as long as it is under their power and as long as the structure states. Councilor Adam Carvell stated that Aaron Camp the Code Enforcement Officer will be essentially take on the face of this for people in terms of determining what is acceptable, what residential was commercial and what this law does essentially put in place a system where he's got oversight now, over with the entire process and they would have to come before us and essentially apply for a permit to operate at this point at which point Aaron Camp (CEO) would become the face person for getting the whole thing put together. The idea is not to prevent this. There is some inevitability and there is some want for this sort of thing to happen, I think there's

a lot of people who have a lot of acreage, it could be something beneficial to them. If you do get land, you are going to get more offered, clearer acreage farming gets some interest.

It is important from our perspective that you can say well you got to talk the towns final.

**Pat W**. – Asked if when Council Adam Carvell stated about fifty acres, is that fifty acres that the solar farm would want or fifty acres in total that the owner owns?

**Councilor Adam Carvell** - stated that it is fifty acres of the solar field continuous use, it must be fifty contiguous acres.

If someone has three lots of forty acres each that cannot piece it together, it will require that after set back of their fifty acres, they are only usable space equals whatever is within those boundaries.

**Patty G** – Asked about the bonds, she asked what is from which to stop a company? I mean, I am thinking about the problems with the gas leases, you know, some of the companies have gone bankrupt, they have sold out, who is responsible for the bond at a certain point?

**Councilor Carvell** – So their insurance company would conduct a surety bond and it would be payable to clean up costs with brothers table to the town for managing the cleanup costs that could be determined.

**Patty G** - It says it must be renewed, so what if the company goes bankrupt, the new company?

**Councilor Carvell** – Renewing meaning that we could revisiting. That the body count if the cost changes over the 25 years. It is renewed every 5 years so when you are visiting that number so they cannot come in 2024 and get a bond for twelve million to clean up. But by the time they exit the property in 2040. Its thirty-five million to clean up, so we will be revisiting to review that every five (5) years.

**Patty G** – So say five (5) years before the field is no longer productive, but they go out of business or go bankrupt or something.

**Councilor Carvell** – That is why we have the bond.

**Patty G** – So the bond is still in effect up to that limit. So that is why we have the bond.

**Councilor Carvell** – Yes to carry out their insurance.

**John G** - Who monitors that.

Councilor Carvell - Code Enforcement Officer

**Code Enforcement Officer Aaron Camp -** So that will come up and it will automatically trigger. So we must set it up just in case something should happen. Somebody takes over for me, manages business, so what he is saying is

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correct that bond is set and named insured is the Township along with because we write the permitting process. So it covers the Township and then it covers the property, and they are linked so if that company goes under this. This was covered by them, paid for them to do this, but we as the Township are covered and then the land is returned to its original and all that is we do not need the companies involved and at that point they go bankrupt. This bond is going to be covered by the bond insurance company.

**Pat W-** I know it is different from the gas lease, but with the gas lease, there were some of us who really did not want to be part of that. But having to have so many acres in a unit, it was mandatory, and we are in a gas lease even though we did not want to be. So would the same thing apply for this, our land would be in this unit that we really did not want because they needed land.

Councilor Carvell - No one is going to take your property. This is all exclusively by all these commercial products must happen by property owners ascent. No one could do this by address procession, nothing about this would involve some type of solar field on the property. Or utilizing your property outside of your own of your home, This is all exclusively about people looking to lease or have the property lease right further for the use of this project, but in no way would any of these projects involve adverse procession land or have intimate of anyone is, you know, who was not interested in being part of.

Code Enforcement Officer Aaron Camp – This we're hearing, we are dealing with ariel, so the ground coverage, unless you say your property is adjacent to somebody's who's interested and they have the right of way through your property, they still couldn't come through there with the power grid dealing with the supply back to the main grid without your authorization and you could deny it and they're not. So it is property specific, and they have direct access to those main grid lines. So really companies that are interested, we did just have a call a week ago from a company out of Toronto Canada. This is the beginning, as New York State pushes this is going to happen. So they did come in about 10 days ago asking about properties down here and then they must have access to the grid and have NYSEG who is in this area, so it would not interfere with your if you were not interested? And if you did not have the property says it would not be. Would say nothing to you and as far as part of the way our lands the way that land usage is coming across with this local law coming in the escarpment as they call it. The way the ground looks, and the land looks there's trees to be set up. There are barriers so that it is not visual you know it is not something that people will stare at.

**Councilor Carvell** – Also high limitation, so someone could not build you into the shade. That has happened in all the places where people have found themselves in our town.

**Amy Y –** Have people spoken with other towns about this type of Local Law?

Councilor Carvell - A little bit of this came out of researching other towns. What they have done and looking at what happened in this all started with us looking at the Town of Columbus Solar Local Law. There has not been a lot of discussion in terms of good or bad on this, I do know that other towns did not have anything in place ended up with such as to the curb building, then you go up to German in that area, the solar panels come up to the ditch. There is no set back there is no addiction. This is something to think about, do you want this shiny thing right up to the road?

**Supervisor Winn** – She stated that at the county meetings that this has been going in Town of Fenner and the Town of Nelson, they have been really inundated by offers and that really is the main reason that we are getting this done now before it happens here so. Up until that invitation that Amy Y received the Town was not aware of anything

being proposed, but we felt we should get a Local Law in place just to protect everyone and get some kind of regulation in place should this happen. So this is just a matter for us trying to get out ahead of that.

**Councilor Carvell -** The natural protection of Lebanon, but historically half of others like this was the fact that we are more forested than other towns in the county. That is changing rapidly right now in terms of the lumber mills that are operating right now. Not calling anyone out, but the clearer cutting we have, especially things that are not even visible to us that are outside of our eye in terms of the spaces set back from the main roads. And obvious things will become more our area will be more inviting to this sort of development.

Brian M - Is there any knowledge regarding the feedlines that are necessary for these programs? Because if you listen to a lot of the conversations about alternative energy, one of the biggest problems is being able to hook into a grid that has the capacity to handled project of the size that is being determined by the townships and of course the rural areas are the ones that they're looking at because of course they have the space, but they don't have the transmission capabilities. And so the question is, what do we have around here? Do we have an answer natural insulation against that because of our, we do not exactly have a lot of power line. So you know, if you look at what is going to be the output of a facility that meets guidelines and size, it must be economically viable for the company that is putting it in. But they also obviously must be able to generate a certain number of kilowatts. And are they close enough to be able to get it to where it needs to be? Because they are not going to spend the money. They are going online so that they can get close enough that they can hook into a nice compline that works. So do we have any idea, well you know, the idea being is it great to generate it, but what you generate when you do with it, plus the fact that unfortunately sarcastically make DC and we are still on an EC grid. It must be compatible. You cannot just feed an annual amount. Obviously NYSEG is going to have some specifications regarding your feedback. Do we know anything about what kind of lines that we have around here? My understanding is they are light.

Councilor Carvell - We addressed that a little bit, more on the residential side, we have determined that it is going to match the grid on the commercial side. It is all up to the combination of Code Enforcement and the codes to determine from there on now if someone were to put in a project and then they wouldn't want to come back and say upgrade powers, which becomes another essentially plead to the town for whoever wants to put in that. I do not know what we could anticipate. I do not think we would be talking about high tension power lines, what we could be talking about. We are talking about DC power must go to specific places, we cannot just go anywhere. I know we have the substation up the road there is no obvious feed to that. So I wonder if this is like the natural gas pipeline where they go well, here it comes? And then eventually the state will take away home, in terms of where the power lines can go.

**Pat W** - So it is the same idea then, right? I mean if you do need some place for your lines to go. Potentially you could be infringing on our property to put those lines or poles or whatever when they must.

CEO Aaron Camp – The property owner must give it right away. The right of way is so restrictive right now. They must be seventeen feet from the center pin of the road any further and back it is cut. So the distance of roads a called two rods through rod road, that means that to the edge of the road. They don't have much right to go to run to the edge and they touch your property and it's not been there before and it's going to go there they must get permission, and you'd be surprised at how many things are just stopped dead in the water because somebody just says, yeah, I don't feel like going there.

**Pat W** - If the landowners say no then they cannot do it.

**CEO Aaron Camp** – Correct they cannot do it.

**Amy Y** – If people are signing leases when they say we need to check on the interconnectivity they need to find out where those lines are going to go.

**CEO Aaron Camp** – They are already talking to National Grid, they talked to NYSEG. They know how many megawatts would go through the lines. What would back feed. We do have a substation; it is a try Substation in Bouckville outside of Madison. That substation can manage quite a bit, but it is the feeders going there and how many they make that connection because you cannot search. It is DC but they have invertors running there are a lot of specifications for the ground to set the electrical training board for New York State, so I that separate from the building codes, so I see the electrical. I see what is entailed. There is a lot that they must know in advance. They already must have all the ducks in a row. This is not something that is just going to jump out, That Canadian Company calling and asking. I am assuming it was regarding your land. New York State has opened this, and it is going to happen. We are going to start getting them pouring in. It is why the Town Board was wise, they jumped ahead of this to protect landowners. Those that would say yes and see the money but do not understand all the implications this board is doing to protect them. They are giving setbacks that are quite a distance off that would protect you, you may say Yeah, I live over on this side of the road. I am going to lease out all this acreage and then suddenly, it is in the ditch, and you are staring at it. Now there is the setback. It is so far back and protects people, protects the land and the view of it. So there is a lot of thought that has gone into this over the past few months. They've viewed through it all their townships, the mistakes townships have made the plus's yet and in New York State as far as codes are starting to really clamp down, they want to see this, but they want it done in a manner that's compliant and it's not intrusive on other people so everything we see there's more no's involved with this process than yes's. You got to really make sure that all the boxes are checked before some solar company is going to get a yes and it also has to do with where they're feeding it, if they can't show that the company they're suppling to, like NYSEG or National Grid, that they can't show in advance. They cannot even come to the CEO because they cannot get the clearance from the electrical side of it. They will not even pass the inspections, so they will just get a no immediately, so there may not be fees through here, but I can tell you for some of the smaller kilowatt generation seven megawatts our lines can manage it. You may see something smaller that does come in, but they are guarding you. The potential would be what you see and not see.

Pat W - Asked if in the near future if this happens would this depreciate or appreciate their land?

**CEO Aaron Camp -** He has no idea; He said the Town Assessor is who the landowners would have to talk to about this.

Aaron stated that no magnetic grid is given off by electrical fields and that part of their setback distance is some stuff they learn off from Madison County when they did the solar field by Madison County landfill. how close do they come and what is that magnetic field produced? And there was a little more research than in, so the power delivery system runs underground, and you concentrate lines like that. It creates magnetic fields, so it does influence it. So they are looking now. How do we spread them? How do we drop that, so it does not cross any typical human path? It is not your house. There is a lot more to learn quickly, but some people that already jumped ahead of us, we are learning from mistakes, I think as far as property value no idea. Leave that up to the Town Assessor.

**Supervisor Ronda Winn** – I do know when I discussed this with the Board of Supervisors, I was initially told if you don't have any high transmission lines or high voltage lines then you don't need to worry about it and the Town Council, and I talked about it and decided that even if we don't. We really needed to get something in place.

**Alex Hodge -** There are high voltage lines running through town.

**CEO Aaron Camp -** There is a substation in Sherburne. They are talking about upgrading and they were talking about running up Lebanon Road and dealing with that. They were talking about permitting to move the line across the other side of the road. So along with that was coming an upgrade of the diameter and size of the line. NYSEG has been looking at this for two years now and this year they are pushing. So thank you for jumping ahead because they have the right to upgrade just like they do on the cell tower, then go back through and upgrade that line to something a little heavier and the distance you see the height of the poles, they're changing them out to maintenance them, they're lifting them that's so that the capacity of what they carry.

**Supervisor Winn** asked if there were any more questions?

**Patty G** – She stated that towards the end it talks about paying in lieu of taxes agreement. Could you explain a little bit about what that is?

**Supervisor Winn**, it says the Town of Lebanon hereby requires the applicant to enter payment in lieu of taxes. So if they get tax exempt status from the county, they still will be required to make payment from the new taxes to the township.

**Patty G** - Ok so it is nothing we have any choice about?

**Supervisor Winn** - This is based on assessed valuation would be up to the county to give them the status. So no. It is not in our hands.

**John G** - what is the Planning Board involved in all this? Obviously, it must be part of theirs.

**Council Carvell** – It does have to come through recommendation after recommendation by the planning board. After I believe the year 2010 to print out section D print supplier, that is specifically for commercial use.

**John G** - Ok, so it really must go in a way it goes to them first. Usually the case with these. And the enforcement of all this, it still goes back to the code enforcement.

**Council Carvell -** In section 12.8 commercial solar projects are permitted in the Town subject to the issuance of site plan approval and special use permit by the Town Board (and only upon a prior written recommendation from the Planning Board) and the satisfaction of other requirements set forth.

**Supervisor Winn** – stated that she believes the Town Board are doing their best to keep the Town of Lebanon on track and to not let anybody take advantage out of the residences.

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**Council Carvell** – I have sent out the requirement to make it clear sort of set of steps so that these things are going to happen, and we should prevent people from doing that while they are able to vote for these processes. So we not treating this as an anti-solar, its just more about recognizing that the gap in regulation,

On the Motion of Councilor Greg Fuller Seconded by Councilor Chadwick Nower To close the public hearing at 7:05 pm

Councilor Greg Fuller stated that at the last Board meeting. The Town Board was talking about a # 3.80 increase in salary for SOMAC. It was not truly an increase, it was just an adjustment that they shifted rather than a site and they were paying because of taking transports, they just shifted that, so it became part of the hourly wage, you know their budget in any way. It was to stay neutral,

Supervisor Winn stated that they were just moving money around. Councilor Greg Fuller said yes.

Supervisor Winn stated that Councilor Greg Fuller would like this corrected from the last meeting in the minutes.

Town Clerk Joann Collins stated that she has it recorded, as long as it picks it up whom and what the person is saying.

#### The Privilege of the Floor:

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes from August 14,2023 regular meeting observed.

On motion of Council Adam Carvell Seconded by Council Marie Morgan Dated: September 11, 2023

# Payment of Bills & Claims:

The bills & claims reviewed.

Approved, 9/11/2023.

On Motion of Council Marie Morgan Seconded by Council Chadwick Nower

#### **Town Officer Reports:**

#### Planning Board: Lois Hartshorn Chair - Present

Had a meeting last month, two public hearings.

Will have a meeting in October, there will be two public hearings.

- 1. Jean Whitney Lebanon Hill Rd
- 2. Karen Mulligan Campbell Rd

#### Board of Appeals: Daniel Clark Chair-

Nothing

#### Town Justice: Henry Moore -

Nothing

#### **Dog Control: Carol Lawrence**

Town Clerk Joann Collins stated that she talked with Carol Lawrence and stated that the board needs her report every month, she said she would email it to the town clerk.

#### Code Enforcement Officer: Aaron Camp-

There is a pickup on Solar interests in the town we have had three companies contact the town, they are aware that we have a solar law coming into effect and they want to get some information on it. They're looking at the possibility.

New York State is pushing this. There's some incentives and backdoor kickbacks are going back to these large solar development companies that they're going to receive some tax rebates and some they're going to get kickbacks. Slow but steady progress with permits.

Multi permits are open.

Getting a lot of phone calls from people wanting to know if they can build before they buy. And most of the time it has to with a non-conforming lot or a setback issue, and they're not the owners of the property so I can't give that but it seems to be a common thing, so that is something they have to go through the proper channel, and we're at this point I'm advising them to speak with the person you're looking to purchase from, if you want to make some deal and that person wants to go before the planning board and talk with them about it and they're willing to issue a variance for that lieu of that, you can sell that along with your property and make it are the legalities. It's the only way I can see around it. Because they can't issue a variance to somebody who doesn't own it. I can't issue permits to somebody that doesn't only get names not on it that becomes entangled, that for the Township

Are the legalities. It's the only way I can see around it because they can't issue a variance to somebody that doesn't own it, and I can't issue a permit to somebody that doesn't only get names not on it that becomes entangled, that for the Township so that for whatever reason has come up many times, Crane Lake, we got three different phone calls to properties of looking and selling and transferring. That was a hot button topic there and then there's a few other phone calls for local properties just dealing with setback issues for those that seems to be the main thing that and the solar is now pouring on, you know.

#### **Town Assessor: Brian Fitts**

Town clerk Joann Collins stated that Susan Galbraith is willing to be on the assessment board, she must be appointed by the Town Board first then she does train. She sent all the paperwork to Brian.

#### Town Clerk Joann Collins - Present

Report Submitted

Some dog licensing is coming slowly.

Supervisor Winn stated that she emailed out to residents that they need their dog licensed.

Highway Superintendent: Alex Hodge: Present

Ordered four hundred tons of salt.

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Build a section of Geer Rd up with gravel.

Cleaning ditches

The new truck will be here by the end of the month.

Alex stated that they need to bring someone in before the end of the year. He suggests hiring someone in Oct. This person would start out with \$ 2 per hour less, while they are on probation.

The Town Board will decide this at the next meeting.

Will be hauling sand soon.

Alex believes that the highway guys should get \$ 1.00 more per hour.

#### **REPAIRS**

Lebanon Hill Rd will shut down starting Monday, for the new culvert that will be installed.

Must take the old truck to Cherry Valley to have the head replaced, Alex believes Madison County will haul it there for the town.

#### **Town Supervisor: Ronda Winn:**

Report submitted.

Discussed the IT services that Madison County will provide for the town. Supervisor Winn stated that she was happy that Madison County was willing to lower the cost of computers for IT. 01:21:13 Speaker 1 The biggest promise is that we will have IT service on the phone from 4:30 every day. We'll also have a firewall put in and we will also have the day off site backup. Supervisor Winn talked with Madison County IT department, and they stated that we just must call them when we have an issue, and they will connect with our computer to fix any problems we might have. If they can't do it that way, they will come here to fix the issue.

Council Greg Fuller asked if there were any updates about the landfill, Supervisor Winn stated that they are keeping that relatively quiet. There is a link on the county website if you go there it was updated. Supervisor Winn talked about the upcoming budget. She has 70 % of it done, she has a list of things she needs to find out about before entering them in the budget. The sales tax is still running 6% higher. The health insurance will be a 12% increase.

Council Greg fuller asked the supervisor if she heard anything about how much Madsion County Emergency service will charge the Town of Lebanon for their service to the town. Council Fuller stated that there is a meeting tomorrow night with representatives from Madison County to discuss what's going to happen with semantics minor rules, either transport something to do with Colgate, stand buy's and that type of thing.

Council Greg Fuller also stated that they will discuss whether the county would want to take over Georgetown and SEVAC ambulance service also. He said since they're reorganizing it makes sense to do this at this point.

Council Fuller stated that SOMAC is down four EMT" S. They had nine. Kyle the administrator was running a lot of the shifts, but he was just running himself ragged. They had almost a weeks' time they had no coverage traveling, they're in dire straits. They lost some employees to the county, and some went on to get nursing degrees or training.

Supervisors reported Approved. On Motion of Council Adam Carvell Seconded by Council Marie Morgan September 11, 2023

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

# RESOLUTION # 44-23 ENTERING AN NMOU WITH MADISON COUNTY IT SERVICES

WHEREAS the Town of Lebanon needs IT services and maintenance Whereas the county of Madison has offered such services and. The Town of Lebanon agrees to enter the proposed MOU with Madison County

ON THE MOTION OF COUNCIL CHADWICK NOWER SECONDED BY COUNCIL ADAM CARVELL Roll Call:

Morgan Aye Carvell Aye Nower Aye Fuller Aye Winn Aye Dated September 11, 2023
Approved Yes Defeated

# RESOLUTION # 45-23 APPROVAL OF SNOW & ICE REMOVAL CONTRACT WITH MADISON COUNTY FOR 2023-2024

Whereas the County of Madison wishes to enter into contractual agreement with the Town of Lebanon for ice and snow removal of special county roads for Oct 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Lebanon Town Board approves the attached agreement between the County of Madison and The Town of Lebanon for anow & ice removal of 59.18 miles (both ways) of county roads in the township for Oct1, 2023 – April 30, 2024 at a rate of \$ 22.30 per lane mile, and a loader rate of \$ 78.13 per hour for snow bank removal, and \$ 15.71 per lane mile for the application of salt brine and \$ 16.96 per lane mile for the application of salt brine with magnesium chloride to be applied at the rate of 25 gallons per mile, and authorizes the Town Supervisor and The Town Highway Superintendent to sign said contract on behalf of the town.

On the Motion of Adam Carvell, Councilor, Highway Chair Seconded by Marie Morgan, Councilor

Fuller <u>Aye</u> Morgan <u>Aye</u> Nower <u>Aye</u> Carvell <u>Aye</u> Winn <u>Aye</u> Dated September 11, 23

RESOLUTION # 46 -23 BOOKKEEPER APPOINTMENT AND CONTRACT FOR 2024-2025

Whereas the Town of Lebanon reappointed Brynley Wilcox (Bryn on the Books) Bookkeeper for the Town of Lebanon effective January 1, 2024, until December 31, 2025, and Whereas Ms. Wilcox has submitted an engagement letter and contract for 2024 & 2025. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Lebanon Supervisor makes the following recommendations for adoption by the Lebanon Town Board reappointment of Brynley Wilcox as the bookkeeper for the Town for 2024 and 2025 in keeping with the attached engagement letter/ contract.

- Approval of the contract with Brynley Wilcox (Bryn on the books) for bookkeeping services for the Town of Lebanon and authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign on behalf of the town.
- The Town Board agrees with this resolution to the appointment as proposed by the Town Supervisor.

On the Motion of <u>Chadwick Nower</u> Councilor, Personnel Chair Seconded by <u>Adam Carvell</u>, Councilor

Fuller <u>Aye</u> Morgan <u>Aye</u> Nower <u>Aye</u> Carvell <u>Aye</u> Winn <u>Aye</u> Dated September 11, 23
Approved

## RESOLUTION # 47-23

#### **TOWN OF LEBANON 2024 BUDGET SCHEDULE**

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor as Budget Officer must submit the tenative 2024 Town Budget to the Town Clerk by Sept 30,2023 in accordance with Town Law,

Whereas, the Lebanon Town Board must receive the Budget Officer's submitted tenative budget for 2024 by Oct.5, 2023 from the Town Clerk in accordance with Town Law as well as receiving the budget via email from the Town Supervisor, and

Whereas, the Lebanon Town Board will hold a budget workshop if need be on Monday Oct 23, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Town Office's , 1210 Bradley Brook Rd , Earlville in the hamlet, and

Whereas, the Lebanon Town Board will conduct a public hearing on the preliminary budget for 2024 two days after Election Day in accordance with Town Law , on Thursday Nov 9, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Town Office's , 1210 Bradley Brook Rd , Earlville. This will give the public the opportunity to comment on the budget. And

Whereas, the Lebanon Town Board will be reviewing the preliminary 2024 toan budget and will make any final adjustments necessary before agreeing to the final budget package for 2024 on Monday November 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Town Offices 1210 Bradley Brook Rd, Earlville.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Lebanon Town Board accepts the current proposed schedule of budget meetings and hearings proposed by the Budget Office's for the 2024 tentative budget, and directs the Town Clerk to appropriately advertise these meetings in accordance with Town Law.

On motion of Marie Margan
Marie Morgan , Council , Finance Chair
Seconded by F July
Vote:
Morgan Carvell Nower Fuller Winn
Approved V Defeated
Dated : September 11, 2023

# RESOLUTION # 48-23 AFFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO TOWN OF LEBANON ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW (BAR)

Whereas the Town of Lebanon Town Board is charged with the responsibility of appointing residents to the town Assessment Board of Review, and

Whereas there has been a vacancy on the Assessment Board of review since July of 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Lebanon Town Board appoint Susan Galbraith 4866 South Lebanon Rd, Earlville, NY 13332.

For the term that will run from September 30. 2023, to September 30, 2028, and authorizes Mrs. Galbraith to attend all necessary training required by the Madison County real Property Tax Services Department and the state Board of Equalization and Assessment and directs the Town Clerk to immediately notify the Appropriate County and state agencies and officials of Mrs. Galbraith appointment.

#### On the Motion of Ronda Winn

Town Supervisor, Government Operations, Administration and Oversight Seconded by Marie Morgan, Councilor

Carvell Aye Morgan Aye Nower Aye Fuller Aye Winn Aye September 11, 23 Approved

# TOWN OF LEBANON RESOLUTION # 49-23 LOCAL LAW # 1-23 A LOCAL LAW REGULATING SOLAR POWER AND ENERGY SYSTEMS IN THE TOWN OF LEBANON

<u>WHEREAS</u>, a public hearing was held on September 11, 23 by the Town Board of the Town of Lebanon. Local Law # 1-23 approved on the Motion of Greg Fuller, Councilor and Seconded by Chadwick Nower, Councilor

**Roll Call:** 

Morgan Aye Carvell Aye Nower Aye Fuller Aye Winn Aye September 11, 23

## Discussion:

There was discussion about giving the highway employees \$ 1.00 more per hour then updating their benefits package such as increasing personnel days—or vacation days or both as an example. The employee handbook needs to be updated which the Town Board are going over to see what they can upgrade. The Town Clerk was asked to send the handbook to the Town Board through email.

It was suggested that the Town Board members read the handbook and then bring suggestions for the next meeting on what they feel should be updated.

There will be more discussion on the Highway package for the Highway employees, the town board needs to do more studying on this.

Supervisor Winn stated that she asked the Town of Hamilton about their employee handbook, and they stated that they could not share it with her as they hired someone to update theirs.

It was discussed that we need to make a resolution for the next meeting for hiring another employee.

It was discussed to give the highway employees the \$800 up front instead of them buying first and presenting their receipts.

# Next Meeting

10/09/2023,

The motion to adjourn made by Council Marie Morgan and Seconded by Council Adam Carvell at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joann L Collins Town Clerk