

Minutes

Lebanon Town Board Meeting Via Zoom

February 8, 2021, at 7:30 pm Meeting, called to order by Supervisor James Goldstein

In Attendance:

Supervisor James Goldstein
 Council Adam Carvell
 Council Marie Morgan
 Council Patricia Matson –
 Council Chadwick Nower
 Highway Superintendent Alex Hodge
 Town Clerk Joann Collins
 Bookkeeper Elaina Morgan
 Brynly Wilcox

Absent:

 0 Residents in Attendance

The Privilege of the Floor:

There was a special resolution Honoring Elaina Morgan for 16 years of service. She is retiring from the bookkeeper position. She received flowers and gift certificates from all town officials.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from January 11, 2021 meeting was approved.

Roll Call: Carvell Aye, Nower Aye, Morgan Aye, Matson Aye, Goldstein Aye

On motion of Council Patricia Matson

Seconded by Council Chadwick Nower

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Payment of Bills & Claims:

The bills & claims were reviewed with additions.

Approved, 2/8 /2021.

Roll Call: Nower Aye, Carvell Aye, Morgan Aye, Matson Aye, Goldstein Aye

On Motion of Council Marie Morgan

Seconded by Council Adam Carvell

Town Officer Reports:

Planning Board: Lois Hartshorn Chair –

Had a public hearing last month and have quite a few concerns. there is an issue with the property lines between two property owners.

Board of Appeals: John Grossman Chair- Present

Nothing Quiet month.

Town Justice: Henry Moore –

Justice term was continued until Dec 31, 2021.

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Dog Control: Gordon Baker

Report Submitted

Code Enforcement Officer: Aaron Camp- Present

Report Submitted

Aaron stated that it has been a quiet month.

Town Assessor: Brian Fitts

Brian emailed an update on the reval.

Brian has finished the reval. He will present this to the state.

Town Clerk Joann Collins – Present

Report Submitted

Supervisor Goldstein stated to have John Mackenzie fix my laptop so it will work for the meetings.

Highway Superintendent: Alex Hodge: Present

Plowing

One of the trucks had an alternator go so they fixed it.

Alex thanked Elaina for all the hard work she has done for him in the last 17 years.

Alex talked about Greg DeRochie who called and said his son's nursery school they requested he get tested for COVID. So, Greg his wife and Son got tested. Greg did not come to work for two days because he was waiting for the results. Everyone is negative. Alex feels he should be paid.

Supervisor Goldstein asked the Town Board if they agreed to pay Greg and they all agreed he should be paid. He followed protocol for COVID.

Supervisor Goldstein stated that the state might have that extra 20% of the CHIPS money, but the state might keep 5%. This might change depends on if the Federal plan gets adopted and how much aid there is to the states and counties. This is all speculation it has not ben passed yet.

Town Supervisor: James Goldstein:

Discussed Financials

Supervisor Goldstein stated that Madison County has vaccinated 9.87 % of the population of the county.

The county has put in for approval for an in-home vaccination for COVID-19. For the elderly and for those with health conditions.

There is a Board of Supervisors debate going on about the thin blue flag flying at the Madison County Jail. The question is should it stay up or be taken down?

Supervisor Goldstein stated that the Sherriff has gotten very political.

Supervisors reported Approved.

On Motion of Council Adam Carvell

Seconded by Council Marie Morgan

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RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2021 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION OF BOOKKEEPER ELAINA MORGAN ON HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS Elaina Morgan was appointed bookkeeper for the Town of Lebanon on Jan. 5, 2004, and

Whereas Elaina has served the Town of Lebanon with distinction and dedication for these past 16 years, and

Whereas Elaina has been responsible for managing payroll, taxes, retirement funds, payment of bills and claims, workers compensation, health insurance and several other tasks and duties on a regular basis, and

Whereas Elaina has been critical in assisting the Town of Lebanon with the documentation and detail necessary to obtain maximum reimbursement for road projects connected to FEMA and CHIPs funding, and

Whereas Elaina has assumed many other duties as required when necessary to assist the Town of Lebanon with bookkeeping issues frequently imposed upon them by the State of New York,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Lebanon Town Board wishes to express its gratitude and thanks Elaina for her years of service to the township and to send her positive thoughts and prayers as she retires from her position and accepts her resignation with regret.

On Motion of _____

James Goldstein, Supervisor, Chair, Government Operations

Adam Carvell, Council, Deputy Supervisor

Patricia Matson, Council

Marie Morgan, Council

Chadwick Nower, Council

Approved ____ Defeated ____

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RESOLUTION # 30-21 ESTABLISHMENT OF HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN AND HAS FOR 2021-22 FOR FULL- TIME HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lebanon Town Board approves the renewal of plan coverage of the Excellus Silver 2 Small Group and Health Savings Account effective , **March 1, 2021 through feb.28,2022**, and authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into a contractual agreement with Excellus through **MBT Insurance Agency** as its authorized representative for health insurance coverage, and also directs the Town Supervisor to contribute to current supervised Health Savings Accounts through NBT Bank, NA for each covered twon highway employee to equal \$ **2,600**, effective **March 1, 2021 to total \$ 7,800** in HAS contributions for **2021**.

On Motion Of **Council Chadwick Nower**

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Seconded by Council Patricia Matson

Vote:

Carvell Yes Matson Yes Morgan Yes Nower Yes Goldstein Yes

Approved X Defeated _____

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RESOLUTION NO. 31-21

FUND TRANSFERS AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR 2020 AND 2021 TOWN BUDGETS

WHEREAS, the Lebanon Town Board has full financial authority over the Town Budget and is requested to act on certain recommended fund transfers to balance out the town budgets for 2020 and 2021,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Lebanon Town Board agrees to the follow fund transfers and budget amendments:

2021 Town Budget

General Fund

Transfer the following amounts from A1990.4 Contingency to the following accounts:

\$2,000 to A1330. 4 Tax Collector Contractual - to increase it to \$3,000

\$40 to A9010.8 NYS Employees Retirement – to increase it \$15,54349,

\$308 to A9040.8 Workers Comp Ins – to increase it to \$6,408

Reduce A1990.4 to \$9,652

2020 Town Budget

General Fund

Transfer \$900 from A 5132.2 Garage Equipment to A 5132.4 Garage Contractual

Increase A 5132.4 to \$69,900

Decrease A 5132.2 to \$4,100

Highway Fund

Amend total Highway Budget from \$743,631 to \$752,182, reflecting transfer of revenues received from 2020 of 8,551

Increase DA 5112.4 Capital Outlay from \$115,635 to \$146,900

Increase DA 5112.2 Capital Outlay/Contractual from \$115,635 to \$146,900

Increase DA 5130.4J1 Machinery/Repair Parts from \$35,000 to \$41,900

Increase DA 5130.4 from \$60,000 to \$66,900

Transfer \$1,900 from DA 5142.1 PS to DA 5142.4M9

Transfer \$1,900 from DA 5148.1 PS to DA 5148.4M9

Increase DA 5142.4M9 and DA 5148.4M9 from \$53,000 to \$54,900

Decrease DA 5142.1 and DA 5148.1 from \$51,450 to \$49,550

On Motion of _____

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Council Marie Morgan

Seconded by Council Patricia Matson

Vote:

Carvell Yes__ Matson Yes__ Morgan Yes__ Nower Yes__ Goldstein Yes__

Approved Defeated

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RESOLUTION # 32-21 APPOINTMENT OF TOWN ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Lebanon reappoints John "Jack" King of Craine Lake Rd to a new three-year term on the Assessment Board of Review retroactive to Oct.1,2020 to Sept.30,2023.

On Motion of Council Chadwick Nower

Seconded by Council Patricia Matson

Vote:

Carvell Yes__ Matson Yes__ Morgan Yes__ Nower Yes__ Goldstein Yes__

Approved Defeated

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RESOLUTION NO. 33-21

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF FIRE/AMBULANCE CONTRACTS FOR 2021 FOR TOWN OF LEBANON

Whereas, the Town of Lebanon Town Board has final authority on the payment of funds and contractual obligations for services, and

Whereas the Town of Lebanon needs to finalize annual standing agreements with fire and ambulance contract providers who provide these services to portions of the township,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board approves and authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign and release funds to the following organizations once the necessary funds have been collected through the payment of local property taxes:

Village of Hamilton fire contract - \$28,614

Georgetown Fire Department - \$41,762

Village of Earlville fire contract - \$41,457

Town of Georgetown Ambulance – \$4,670

SOMAC ambulance service - \$48,584

Eaton fire and ambulance district - \$10,382

Mercy Flight Service - \$500

On Motion of _____

Marie Morgan, Council, Finance Chair

Seconded by AC _____

Vote:

Carvell Y Matson Y Nower Y Morgan Y Goldstein Y

Approved Y Defeated _____

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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There was a discussion about the new billing that SOMAC is doing. The Town Board wants to join in on the way SOMAC will be doing their billing, they will send out a bill on the quarterly on what they are spending. The Town Board agrees to the contract this way, it should save some money.

Next Meeting

3/8/2021, Via Zoom

The motion to adjourn was made by **Council Marie Morgan and Seconded by Council Adam Carvell at 8:26 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Joann L Collins
Recording Town Clerk**