

**Town of Lebanon
Town Board Meeting
February 10, 2020**

New Life Community Center Randallsville, NY

Present: Supervisor James Goldstein

Present: Councilmember Adam Carvell

Present: Councilmember Marie Morgan

Present: Councilmember Patricia Matson

Present: Councilmember Chadwick Nower

Absent: Highway Superintendent Alex Hodge

Present: Town Clerk Joann L Collins

Absent: Bookkeeper Elaina Morgan

Call to Order: 7:30 pm by Supervisor Goldstein. Pledge of Allegiance.

1 residents in Attendance

The privilege of the floor:

Approval of Minutes:

On Motion of Council Chadwick Nower. Seconded by Council Marie Morgan

The minutes were approved

Bills & Claims:

On Motion of Council Patricia Matson and Seconded by Council Marie Morgan

Bills & Claims approved with additions.

Town Office Reports

Town Planning Board- Chairperson Lois Hartshorn- Present

Nothing

Board of Appeals- Chairperson John Grossman – Present

No report

Town Justice- Brian Forsythe

No Report.

Town Assessor- Brian Fitts

Report Submitted.

Dog Control Officer- Gordon Baker-

Report submitted

Code Enforcement Officer – Aaron Camp – Present

Report Submitted
Discussed Reports

Town Clerk – Joann L Collins-Present

Report Submitted

All the Taxes for the Town have been received. Now the county gets them.

Town Clerk asked the Town Board about making the Clerks job a Full – Time position and making it an appointed position instead of an elected position.

Town Clerk has kept track of her hours for the last four years.

Supervisor Goldstein stated that they would have to do a referendum for making this position an appointed instead of elected. Will need a public hearing, they are going to have to discuss with Attorney.

The Town Probably must create a Local Law for this.

Town Board asked the Town Clerk do give a presentation at the next meeting about this.

Council Patricia Matson stated that to be full-Time, that must be 30-40 hours per week.

Council Marie Morgan asked if there are months that the Town Clerk wouldn't work as much.

Town Highway Superintendent-Alex P Hodge- Absent

Received a check from Madison County for plowing

Highway crew has not had a chance to haul Stone. They have been busy cleaning the roads.

TOWN SUPERVISOR- JAMES GOLDSTEIN

- Discussed financials,
- Discussed the grant from Rachael May office about buying the new International truck, they say that the Town must spend the \$45,000. First and then the Town will get reimbursed, but it might take 18 months to arrive. Supervisor Goldstein asked the Town Board what would like to do.
- Council Patricia Matson stated that the Town should check into borrowing the money from reserves, and if they can, it makes more sense to do this. Then pay it back when the Town receives the money from the grant.
- Supervisor Goldstein discussed the truck purchasing decision that was made last year on how Highway Superintendent Alex Hodge chose the Stadium International instead of the Mack. And how the Town spent Attorney fees for this decision. (Procurement Policy).
- Supervisor Goldstein stated that on the Madison County is moving forward with the new Highway Garage

On Motion of Council Adam Carvell. Seconded by Council Marie Morgan

Supervisors report approved

RESOLUTION NO. 40-20 ESTABLISHMENT OF HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN AND HSA FOR 2020-21 FOR FULL-TIME HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS the Town of Lebanon maintains individual health insurance coverage for all of its eligible full-time permanent highway employees and,

Whereas, the current health insurance plan under Excellus Simply Blue Silver 4 is up for renewal, and, the current plan with the Town is scheduled to be terminated effective February 29,2020, and

Whereas, the best cost option for the Town is a renewal of the Excellus Simply

Blue Silver 4 plan which would increase annual costs from \$28,024.80 to \$29,061.60 or 4 percent, and

Whereas the Town will fund all participating full-time employees at their annual deductible amounts of \$2,750 for 2020 for Health Savings Accounts, and

Whereas the proposed Excellus Silver 4 plan and Health Savings Account for 2020 is the same plan option utilized in 2019 and except it represents an increase in deductible which is funded by the Town, and the Town and its employees agree to the Silver 4 plan as their best option since the plan presents no changes in coverage,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lebanon Town Board approves the renewal of plan coverage of the Excellus Silver 4 Small Group and Health Savings Account effective, March 1, 2020, through February 28, 2021, and authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into a contractual agreement with Excellus through NBT Insurance Agency as its authorized representative for health insurance coverage, and also directs the Town Supervisor to contribute to current properly supervised Health Savings Accounts through NBT Bank, NA for each covered town highway employee to equal \$2,750, effective March 1, 2020, to total \$11,000 in HSA contributions for 2020.

On Motion of Council Chadwick Nower

Seconded by Council Patricia Matson

5 Ayes 0 Nays

Approved February 10, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2020 TOWN CHECK SIGNATORS UPDATE FOR 2020

WHEREAS the Lebanon Town Board wishes to affirm its current list of check signatures for 2020,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board will continue to require two signatures to countersign all town checks, and that signature is designated by the Town Board as Supervisor James Goldstein, Deputy Supervisor Adam Carvell and Town Clerk Joann Collins, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is directed to notify all the current official banks for the Town of Lebanon of these three signatures and is authorized to complete any necessary paperwork in cooperation with the Town Supervisor to update the list of signatures including adding Adam Carvell to the General Fund and Highway Checking Accounts and the Trust and Agency account of the Town of Lebanon

On Motion of Council Marie Morgan

Seconded by Council Patricia Matson

5 Ayes 0 Nays

Approved February 10, 2020

DISCUSSION:

Supervisor Goldstein discussed the Frontier Bankruptcy Nobody knows what will happen for all the residents that have Frontier phones and the internet.

Supervisor Goldstein stated that He and Elaina would have to sit down and resolve the 2019 budget.

Town Clerk noted that the water froze in the meeting room because of the thermostat battery was dead.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm. By Council Marie Morgan and Seconded by Council Adam Carvell

Respectfully Submitted,

Joann L Collins
Recording Secretary,