

Minutes

Lebanon Town Board

Via Zoom, all residents are in self quarantine from Coronavirus pandemic

July 13, 2020, 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

__0_ Residents in Attendance

The Privilege of the Floor:

Privilege waived

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from June 8 ,2020 meeting was Approved

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

On motion of Council Marie Morgan

Seconded by Council Adam Carvell

Dated: July 13, 2020

Payment of Bills & Claims:

The bills & claims were reviewed, Additions were added

Approved, 7/13/2020

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

On Motion of Council Adam Carvell

Seconded by Council Marie Morgan

Town Officer Reports:

Planning Board: Lois Hartshorn Chair – Present

Going to have a zoom meeting next month for Brian & Amy musician for the sub-division on Lebanon rd.

Board of Appeals: John Grossman Chair- Present

Nothing

Town Justice: Brian Forsythe

June 8, 2020

Brian said that court is supposed to start Aug 26, they will be social distancing and requiring people wear masks and there will be sanitizer available. He is going to allow only 30 minutes to the most for each case. He will have others wait in the parking lot until it is their time for court.

Brian announced that he is resigning as the Judge for the town of Lebanon and Polly will be resigning as the court clerk. This will be effective Oct 1, 2020. He will be wintering in Florida. We wish them both the best and they will be greatly missed.

Brian stated to give him any bills that were acquired for the court and he will submit them to the j-cap program to get reimburse.

Dog Control: Gordon Baker

Report Submitted.

Code Enforcement Officer: Aaron Camp- Present

Report submitted, Aaron discussed his report, and he stated that the State waived the variance for the window issue regarding the Amish house that was built. The town paid a lot in court fees for this.

Aaron is closing a lot of permits that are old. He closed a permit that was 3 three years old it was done right before it expired.

Aaron Camp had stated that the building application is very complicated and believe that it should be redone over to make it simpler, residents are complaining about how complicated that it is. The board agreed for Aaron to present them with a newer version for the next meeting. Aaron stated that he would show them the Town of Madison and Town of Eaton application.

Town Assessor: Brian Fitts

No Report

Town Clerk Joann Collins – Present

Report Submitted

Dog licenses are coming in.

DEC has changed to a new printer, Town Clerk must do training, The DEC has not gotten in touch with town clerk to get this new printer up and running. Waiting to hear them.

Highway Superintendent: Alex Hodge: Present

The Town of Groton wants going to buy the 2012 Dump Truck for \$ 50,000.00 Alex will know for sure on Wednesday, (7/15) as they have their Board meeting on Tuesday (7/14) and decide then.

We received the new International truck today (7/13). Alex inspected it and put insurance on it, now he will license it.

Have a new Highway Employee, Chase left and went back to Georgetown.

Patching roads trying to do what they can and not spend any money.

Town Supervisor: James Goldstein:

Discussed Financials

Discussed situations with COVID-19

All town employees and officials will continue to social distance, wear masks and sanitize regularly.

Supervisors reported Approved

On Motion of Council Marie Morgan

Seconded by Council Chadwick Nower

July 13, 2020

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 55-20

AUTHORIZING TOWN SUPERVISOR TO ARRANGE FINANCING FOR NEW STADIUM INTERNATIONAL 2020 HEAVY DUTY HIGHWAY TRUCK

Whereas, the Town of Lebanon Town Board authorized the Town Supervisor and Town Highway Superintendent to order a new Stadium International 2020 HX520 6 by 4 with 10 speed transmission plus plow package for \$208,617 plus \$4,600 warranty for a total not to exceed \$213,217 by resolution on July 8, 2019, and Whereas, arrival of the truck is expected this month and the Highway Superintendent will complete inspection and review of the truck and low assembly, and

Whereas, the Town must make a decision within the next 30 days as to the method of financing for the purchase which include a lease purchase option Stadium International or a Bond Anticipation Note through a financial institution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lebanon Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to investigate and choose the most financially affordable option that complies with the town's purchasing policy and NYS requirements, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor will be in contact with the Town Board for final authorization of the recommendation he makes in collaboration with the Town Attorney.

On Motion of Marie Morgan, Council, Chair, Finance Committee

Seconded by Council Adam Carvell

Vote:

Carvell AYE Matson AYE Nower AYE Morgan AYE Goldstein AYE

Approved X Defeated

Dated: July 13, 2020

RESOLUTION # 56-20 STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER OF NEW YORK STATE AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM REQUIRES THAT A STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION BE ESTABLISHED FOR

RETIREMENT CREDIT REPORTING PURPOSES FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS, AN

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE ATTACHED STANDARD WORKDAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION RS 2417-A FORM IS ADOPTED BY THE LEBANON TOWN BOARD AND AUTHORIZES THE TOWN CLERK TO CERTIFY THE RESOLUTION AND COLLABORATE WITH THE TOWN BOOKKEEPER IN SUBMITTING THE RESOLUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE STATE COMPTROLLER AND RETIREMENT OFFICIALS.

On the Motion of Council Chadwick Nower

Seconded by Council Marie Morgan

Carvell AYE Matson AYE Nower AYE Morgan AYE Goldstein AYE

Approved X Defeated

Dated: July 13, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 57-2020 APPROVAL OF MEGA CONTRACT WITH CONSTELLATION ENERGY FOR 2020

WHEREAS , the Town of Lebanon has been a member of the Municipal Electric and Gas Association (MEGA) since 2003 and has enjoyed electricity cost savings for its town and Lighting District since joining, and Whereas the Town of Lebanon has been offered an opportunity to enter into a new contract with Constellation Energy, the current provider through MEGA for electricity services, and Whereas, the Town Attorney and Town Supervisor have reviewed the contract and recommend its approval as it will benefit the Town of Lebanon taxpayers through anticipated cost savings in future electricity bills, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Lebanon Town Board approves this contract for electricity services and authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign this agreement on behalf of the town.
On Motion of Marie Morgan, Council, Finance Chair

Seconded by Council Adam Carvell

Vote:

Carvell AYE Matson AYE Nower AYE Morgan AYE Goldstein AYE

Approved X Defeated _____

Dated: July 13, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 58-2020 REQUESTING SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION FOR CHURCH ROAD IN TOWN OF LEBANON

WHEREAS, Town of Lebanon residents who reside along Church Road have petitioned the Town of Lebanon Town Board to request a reduction in the speed limit of that town highway by the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) due to safety concerns, and

Whereas, a change in the speed limit requires a resolution from the Town Board requesting a speed limit study by the New York State Department of Transportation and reduction in the speed limit from 55 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour along Church Road in the Town of Lebanon,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Lebanon Town Board hereby requests that the New York State Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law complete a study and move to establish a lower maximum speed of 35 miles per hour along Church Road in the Town of Lebanon, including adding necessary safety signage for school bus stops and hidden driveways, and

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and attached petition be forwarded to the NYS Department of Transportation Regional Office and Secretary of Transportation, the Madison County Superintendent of Highways, the Madison County Highway Committee and its chair Town of Madison Supervisor Ronald Bono, Madison County Board Chairman John Becker, Madison County Administrator Mark Scimone, State Assemblyman John Salka, and State Senator Rachel May

On Motion of Adam Carvell, Council, Highway Chair

Seconded by Council Patricia Matson

Vote: Matson AYE Nower AYE Morgan AYE Carvell AYE Goldstein AYE

Approved X Defeated

Dated: July 13, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 59-2020 AUTHORIZING MAILING TO LIGHTING DISTRICT RESIDENTS REGARDING PROPOSAL FOR COST SAVINGS OF NYSEG UPGRADE

WHEREAS, the Town of Lebanon has been contacted by New York State Electric and Gas Inc (NYSEG) about a proposal to upgrade the lighting district in the hamlet of Lebanon at a potential cost savings of around \$1,200 per year, and

Whereas, the Town of Lebanon Town Board wishes to find out if the residents of the Lighting District are interested in the town pursuing this proposal which would involve utilizing unrestricted savings funds for the Lighting District for the upgrade, and

Whereas, the Town of Lebanon Town Board cannot currently conduct a public hearing during the COVID 19 crisis to accommodate town residents due to safety concerns but wishes to hear from all residents of the Lighting District in the hamlet,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lebanon Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor and Town Clerk to generate a letter in collaboration with the Town Attorney and to mail said letter to the hamlet of Lebanon Lighting District taxpayers and residents to receive public comment on NYSEG's proposed upgrade.

On Motion of Patricia Matson, Council, Chair, Buildings and Grounds

Seconded by Council Marie Morgan

Vote

Nower AYE Carvell AYE Morgan AYE Matson AYE Goldstein AYE

Approved X Defeated

Dated: July 13, 2020

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Next Meeting

8/10/2020, in the Highway garage for the public hearing for the Local Law # 1 -2020 at 7:00 pm

On the motion of Supervisor James Goldstein and Seconded by Council Adam Carvell

Roll Call:

Nower Aye Morgan Aye Matson Aye Carvell Aye Goldstein Aye

Approved: Date July 13,2020

June 8, 2020

To have the public hearing in the highway garage with social distancing and everyone must wear a mask and there will be sanitizer available.

The motion to adjourn was made by **Council Marie Morgan and Seconded by Council Adam Carvell at 8:46pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joann L Collins

Recording Town Clerk