

Minutes

Lebanon Town Board Meeting at Town Office Building

August 9, 2021, at 7:30 pm Meeting, called to order by Supervisor James Goldstein

In Attendance:

Supervisor James Goldstein
Council Adam Carvell
Council Patricia Matson
Highway Superintendent Alex Hodge
Town Clerk Joann Collins

Absent:

Council Marie Morgan
Council Chadwick Nower

__0__ Residents in Attendance

The Privilege of the Floor:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from July 12, 2021, meeting was approved.

On motion of Council Adam Carvell

Seconded by Council Patricia Matson

Dated: August 9, 2021

Payment of Bills & Claims:

The bills & claims were reviewed.

Approved, 8/9/2021.

On Motion of Council Patricia Matson

Seconded by Council Adam Carvell

Town Officer Reports:

Planning Board: Lois Hartshorn Chair

No Report

Board of Appeals: John Grossman Chair- Present

Nothing Quiet month.

Town Justice: Henry Moore –

No report

Dog Control: Gordon Baker

Report submitted.

Code Enforcement Officer: Aaron Camp

No Report,

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Town Assessor: Brian Fitts.

Town Clerk Joann Collins – Present

Report Submitted

Highway Superintendent: Alex Hodge: Present

Busy cutting shoulders and digging ditches

The truck is still in Syracuse it needs a new head.

Alex and Brynley will do the chips in September.

Alex stated that if he orders a new truck now the price is good for 3 years. It locks it in, (state bid price). Supervisor Goldstein will check with the lawyer to make sure we can do this.

Alex stated that we have two trucks with the (bad motor) a 2015 & 2016.

These two trucks are due for replacement in 2025 and 2026.

Alex stated that he got a quote for the painting of the Town barn/Office building. This is for the roof and sidewalls. This will preserve the Highway garage and Town Office building for at least 20 years to reduce future replacement and pothole building expenditures. This is the only one he got, everyone else are busy and can't do the job. The quote is for \$ 25,700. That is to pressure wash, prep, clean, paint, finish. This money will come from the ARPA fund that we received.

ON THE MOTION OF COUNCIL ADAM CARVELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL PATRICIA MATSON

To have Alex contact the person to paint and order the paint and do the project. There will be a down payment of \$ 15,000. Which will be issued when Alex orders the paint.

Alex discussed about upgrading the generator to a propane unit due to all the power outages the town has been experiencing and the impact the surges have been on the town operations and the highway overhead doors. The propane generator would automatically come on whenever there is an outage. The gas generator we have now, the highway must come and set it up when there is an outage.

Use of ARPA fund will save the taxpayers a lot of money, The town had an emergency expenditure for \$66,000 to replace the Cold storage for the highway equipment as it was collapsing in., this project is not eligible for the ARPA funds, and it was done before March 21, 2021.

Town Supervisor: James Goldstein: Present

Discussed Financials

Supervisor Goldstein stated that the COVID cases have started to raise.

CDC added Madison County to wear masks in doors & outdoors to their list.

Town Officials discussed the use for approximately \$ 132,000 in American recovery Act Funding (ARPA it has now determined it is eligible to spend on government activities now that the consultants retained reviewed the town's budgets since 2019 and have determined that the town is eligible to utilize and receive the funds. Lebanon received the first payment of approximately \$ 66,000 in late July after agreeing to accept the funds and evaluate eligibility. The town had the option to return the funds if it determined it was not eligible for them or to transfer them to Madison County for use.

Supervisor Goldstein reported on his meeting with the consultants from the Bonadio group which had been retained by the town to determine eligibility who had reviewed the 2019,2020, 2021 town budgets and had determined that based on town revenues and the formula established by the ARPA the town qualified to spend the funds on any government activity from March of 2021 on and only items it could spend the funds on were debt repayment, tax reduction, matching funds for state or federal grants, judgements or claims or increased contribution

to pension plans. The town has no judgements or claims and only contributes to pension plans that are part of the NYS retirement system that are predetermined by the state and budgeted for annually for those employees who participate.

Supervisors reported Approved.
On Motion of Council Patricia Matson
Seconded by Council Adam Carvell
August 9, 2021

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION # 53-21 AUTHORIZING TOWN SUPERVISOR TO MAKE FIRST PAYMENT FOR NEW STADIUM INTERNATIONAL 2021 HEAVY DUTY HIGHWAY TRUCK

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lebanon Town Board authorizes the own Supervisor to make the first payment of \$ 46,800.44 to KS State Bank per attached invoice for the 2021 Stadium International Heavy- Duty truck and warranty.

On the Motion of Council Adam Carvell
Seconded by Council Patricia Matson
Vote: Carvell Aye Matson Aye Morgan Abs Nower Abs Goldstein Aye
Approved August 9, 2021

RESOLUTION # 54-21 FUND TRANSFER FOR 2021 TOWN BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Lebanon Town Board has ultimate financial responsibility over budgetary matters for the township, and

Whereas the following fund transfers are needed to balance accounts.

Now therefore be it resolved that the following fund transfers are approved by the Lebanon Town Board:

General Fund:

Transfer \$ 300 from A1990.4 to A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance
Increase A1910.4 to \$ 21,800
Decrease A1990.4 to \$ 652

Highway Fund

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Transfer \$ 5000 from DA5130.2 Machinery / Equipment to DA5130.4J1 Machinery / Repair Parts
 Reduce DA 5130.2 to \$ 77,000
 Increase DA5130.4J1 to \$ 37,000

On Motion of Council Adam Carvell

Seconded by Council Patricia Matson

Vote: Carvell Aye Morgan Abs Matson Aye Nower Abs Goldstein Aye

Approved August 9, 2021

RESOLUTION # 55-21 FUND TRANSFER / BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR 2021 LIGHTING DISTRICT AND TOWN BUDGET

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following fund transfer and budget amendment is approved by the Lebanon Town Board

Lighting District

Transfer \$ 1,260 from Lighting District Reserves to SL5182.4 Street Lighting

Increase SL5182.4 to \$ 3,460

Amend total 2021 Budget to increase from \$1,142,607 to \$ 1,143,867

Increase Total Lighting District Reserve from Reserves to be applied in 2021 to \$ 1,460

On the Motion of Supervisor Goldstein

Seconded by Council Adam Carvell

Vote:

Matson Aye, Morgan, Abs, Carvell Aye, Nower, Abs Goldstein Aye

Approved August 9, 2021

RESOLUTION # 66-21 HONORING THE MEMORY OF HERBERT S. BIGFORD

WHEREAS Herbert S. Bigford, 63, of Bingham-Collins Road, Sherburne, NY passed away on July 1, 2021, and

Whereas Herb Bigford was a full-time employee of the Town of Lebanon Highway Department from 2006 to 2015 and served the township as a Motor Equipment Operator who helped repair and maintain town roads and plowed town and county roads in the winter to keep them safe for the public and the residents of the Town of Lebanon, and

Whereas Herb was a graduate of Sherburne High School and served in the US Army from 1976 until his honorable discharge in 1979, and

Whereas Herb was a lover of the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and camping as well as animals, and

Whereas Herb worked for MLT Mobile Life Transport of Sherburne until his retirement and operated a private business, Hilltop Signs,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Lebanon honors his memory and years of service to the township with this resolution and expresses its condolences to his family and directs the Town Clerk to affix the seal of the Township to this resolution prior to sending it to his family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in keeping with the family's wishes, the Town Board will make a contribution to the American Cancer society in his name and plant a tree in his honor to acknowledge his love of the outdoors.

On Motion of James Goldstein, Supervisor,

Seconded by Council Patricia Matson

Vote:

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Carvell Aye Morgan Abs Matson Aye Nower Abs Goldstein Aye

Approved __X__ Defeated _____

Dated: August 9, 2021

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Supervisor Goldstein is checking with a new alarm company to get our alarm system updated and bring us in compliance with Building Fire Codes, this will be part of the ARPA fund also.

Also discussed one time pay bonuses to town employees and officials who declined any pay increase in 2021 and had put in extra time and effort during the pandemic to ensure town operations remained in place. Specific mention of the town highway employees, town highway superintendent, town clerk, code enforcement officer was cited by Supervisor Goldstein as employees for consideration.

Next Meeting

9/13/21, at the Town Office Building at 1210 Bradley Brook Rd, in the Hamlet of Lebanon

The motion to adjourn was made by **Council Adam Carvell and Seconded by Council Patricia Matson at 8:20 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joann L Collins

Recording Town Clerk