

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF  
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON  
ON THE LEBANON VALLEY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION CONTRACT FOR 2019  
HELD ON DECEMBER 11, 2018**

**Present:** Colleen Teal, Supervisor  
Kevin Smith Sr., Councilmember  
Jesse Newton, Councilmember  
Mark Baumli, Councilmember  
Norman Rasmussen, Councilmember

**Recording Secretary:** Tistrya Houghtling, Town Clerk

**Others Present:** Jeff Winestock, Highway Superintendent  
Ed Godfroy, LVPA  
Eugenia Browning, LVPA  
Robert Smith, Planning Board Member  
Thaddeus Flint, *The Eastwick Press*  
Several Members of the Public

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Supervisor Teal.

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE:**

Town Clerk Houghtling read the following public hearing notice aloud:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF NEW LEBANON  
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA**

**FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON AND THE  
LEBANON VALLEY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board has proposed an entry into a Fire Protection Agreement with the Lebanon Valley Protective Association, Inc., (the "LVPA") for the provision by the LVPA of fire protection services within the Town of New Lebanon for the 2019 calendar year, inclusive of the use of apparatus and equipment necessary therefor, for the sum of \$159,500 of which \$129,500.00 is for operating and \$30,000.00 is for contingency. The \$129,500 for operating will be payable in equal quarterly installments of \$32,375.00 each. The \$30,000 for contingency will be paid within the first quarter. A copy of said Fire Protection Agreement is available for public review in the office of the New Lebanon Town Clerk during regular office hours and is available on the town website at [www.townofnewlebanon.com](http://www.townofnewlebanon.com).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon said Fire Protection Agreement between the Lebanon Valley Protective Association, Inc and

the Town of New Lebanon for the 2019 calendar year will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018, at 6:55 p.m. at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY and that an opportunity to be heard will be given to those favoring or opposing the proposed contract.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Supervisor Teal opened the floor to public comment.

**Jim Carroll** asked about the \$30,000 contingency fund for the LVPA. He asked what type of thing it might cover and at the end of the year, does it revert back to the town if not spent, or does it continue to grow in successive years.

Supervisor Teal stated that it is \$30,000 that we will give the LVPA in contingency and in the contract the town board retains control of it. The primary use for it is that month and a half when we collect taxes but don't pay them until mid-February. That gives them the ability to operate during that month and a half. Anything that they take from contingency to operate during that first month and a half is then replenished sometime throughout the year and must be replenished by December 15<sup>th</sup> of that year. That is the operating piece of it. In the interim, if there is an emergency that they haven't budgeted for, they do have the ability to come to the town board and ask if they can use those funds for an emergency that is not budgeted for. The board can approve that and when and if the board approves it, they would determine at that time whether that is an item that the LVPA would reimburse or the town would reimburse. Additionally, anything at the end of the year that is not expended in their operating budget will roll into the contingency budget and then we will work out a cap where once the contingency reaches that amount, the board will then say in next year's budget we are either going to apply this to the budget or we are going to apply this to a capital. The town board will make that decision and retain control of that contingency.

Nobody else spoke in favor or opposed to the proposed 2019 contract between the Town of New Lebanon and the Lebanon Valley Protective Association.

**CLOSING OF PUBLIC HEARING:**

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, a motion was made by Supervisor Teal, seconded by Councilmember Newton and approved unanimously to close the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tistrya Houghtling  
New Lebanon Town Clerk