

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF  
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON  
ON THE CRS CONTRACT FOR 2020  
HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

**Present:** Margaret Robertson, Interim Supervisor  
Kevin Smith Sr., Councilmember  
Jesse Newton, Councilmember  
Norman Rasmussen, Councilmember

**Absent:** Mark Baumli, Councilmember

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

**Others Present:** Jeff Winestock, Highway Superintendent  
Ed Godfroy, LVPA  
Bud Godfroy, LVPA  
Eugenia Browning, LVPA  
Steve Powers, CAC Member  
Cynthia Creech, CAC Member & ZRC Member  
Ted Salem, ZBA Member & ZRC Chair  
Judy Zimmer, NL Rep to CC OFA & Cleaner  
Robert Smith, Planning Board & Ethics Board Member  
Peg Munves, CAC Member  
Several Members of the Public

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The public hearing was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by Interim Supervisor Robertson.

**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**

**AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWN OF NEW  
LEBANON AND THE CHATHAM RESCUE SQUAD FOR THE 2020 CALENDAR YEAR**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board has proposed an entry into an Agreement to Provide Emergency Medical Services with Chatham Rescue Squad (CRS) for the 2020 calendar year, inclusive of the use of apparatus and equipment necessary therefor, for the sum of \$151,769, as a chargeback through Columbia County. A copy of said Agreement to Provide Emergency Services 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 Agreement to Provide Emergency Medical Services between the Chatham Rescue Squad and the Town of New Lebanon for the 2020 calendar year will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019, 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:**

Interim Supervisor Robertson opened the floor to public comment.

Nobody spoke in favor of the proposed contract. Nobody spoke opposed to the proposed contract.

Interim Supervisor Robertson stated that she thinks we got a pretty good deal because the cost over the next couple of years or so is going to slowly go down until it's leveled off. We are sharing the services with Chatham, Canaan, Austerlitz and New Lebanon. To clarify a very bizarre rumor that has been going around, she was told by somebody who was pretty concerned about it that he was told by somebody that when the 911 call goes out the ambulance from the Canaan house goes all the way to Chatham to get back up and then go out. That is not true. When the 911 call goes out, they go directly where they need to go.

Ed Godfroy stated that what they are confused about probably is when they see the Chatham ambulance parked in East Chatham and that has to do with the county wide emergency system. When ambulances are called out, they automatically move other ambulances around the county to place them in areas closer to all the areas. Our ambulance is in Canaan 90% of the time, at other times it could be parked in East Chatham or the parkway and that is only because other ambulances have been moved for calls so that ambulance gets moved according to the computer map that 911 has so it is in a more strategic place.

**CLOSING OF PUBLIC HEARING:**

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, a motion was made by Interim Supervisor Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Newton and approved unanimously to close the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tistrya Houghtling  
New Lebanon Town Clerk