

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
HELD ON NOVEMBER 15, 2019**

Present: Margaret Robertson, Interim Supervisor
Kevin Smith Sr., Councilmember
Jesse Newton, Councilmember
Mark Baumli, Councilmember

Absent: Norman Rasmussen, Councilmember

Recording Secretary: Tistrya Houghtling, Town Clerk

Others Present: Brian Fitzgerald, CPA, Town Accountant

CALL TO ORDER:

The special meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Interim Supervisor Robertson.

ADOPTION OF 2020 TOWN BUDGET:

Councilmember Newton made a motion to adopt the 2020 Final Budget for the Town of New Lebanon. Councilmember Smith seconded that motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Rasmussen -	Absent
Councilmember Smith -	Aye
Interim Supervisor Robertson -	Nay
Councilmember Newton -	Aye
Councilmember Baumli -	Aye

Councilmember Baumli asked Interim Supervisor Robertson why she voted no on the budget. Interim Supervisor Robertson stated that she voted no because of the Supervisor's salary that seems to be an obsession with everybody. She still doesn't feel that it needs to be at \$14,000 because she compared the salaries of other towns and their populations and ours is larger than it really needs to be. Councilmember Baumli asked Interim Supervisor Robertson if when she did the comparison does it compare the number of hours that those town supervisors are spending in those positions, are they only in their offices a couple of hours a week. Interim Supervisor Robertson stated that she has no idea, there are supervisors she has interacted with over the last 4 months who are very busy and others that she knows are less busy. She doesn't know what their salaries are off the top of her head but she did study the list very well. Councilmember Baumli stated that he approved it because our past supervisor and our elected supervisor are going to spend a considerable amount of time here at the town hall and be available to the public so they deserve the extra pay compared to a town whose supervisor is only there 5 hours a week. He stated that until you compare the number of hours that various supervisors are in their offices, available to the public, he doesn't think that those numbers are a valid comparison.

2020 CRS CONTRACT:

Councilmember Smith made a motion authorizing Interim Supervisor Robertson to sign the 2020 contract with Chatham Rescue Squad. Councilmember Baumli seconded that motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Rasmussen -	Absent
Councilmember Smith -	Aye
Interim Supervisor Robertson -	Aye
Councilmember Newton -	Aye
Councilmember Baumli -	Aye

BANKER ENTERPRISES:

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve half of the payment to Banker Enterprises for the pavilion bathroom project as the Town Engineer verified that the project is more than half completed and authorizing Interim Supervisor Robertson to issue a check on an interim voucher for half the amount of the total contract, upon receipt of all necessary prevailing wage documentation. Councilmember Baumli seconded that motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Rasmussen -	Absent
Councilmember Smith -	Aye
Interim Supervisor Robertson -	Aye
Councilmember Newton -	Aye
Councilmember Baumli -	Aye

TOWN INSURANCE RENEWAL:

Interim Supervisor Robertson stated that she received a renewal quote from Metzwood Harder Insurance and there are two options to choose from for the crime bond renewal. Option one is the same coverage as we have now and option two adds computer fraud and funds transfer fraud. She stated that computer fraud is probably covered by the county and the bank might have coverage for the funds transfer fraud. Councilmember Smith asked what the price difference is. Interim Supervisor Robertson stated she does not know. The board asked Interim Robertson to find out the difference in prices between the two options and to find out if the computer fraud is covered by County MIS and if the funds transfer fraud is covered by the bank.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Newton made a motion to adjourn the special meeting at 11:18 a.m. Councilmember Baumli seconded that motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Tistrya Houghtling
New Lebanon Town Clerk