

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
HIGHWAY GARAGE FIRE BILLS
HELD ON MAY 5, 2026**

Present: Tistrya Houghtling, Supervisor
Joanne Amlaw, Councilmember
Chris Patterson, Councilmember
Steve Powers, Councilmember
Susan Tipograph, Councilmember

Recording Secretary: Marsha (Marcie) Robertson, Town Clerk

Others Present: None

Call To Order:

The Special Meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Supervisor Houghtling. The meeting was held in person at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22 North, New Lebanon, NY 12125 with members of the public also being able to view the meeting at the following link: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

AUDIT OF BILLS:

Supervisor Houghtling explained that Councilmembers Amlaw and Powers met with Highway Superintendent McCagg this morning, and he is in agreement with the Town Board taking back the authority to work with the insurance regarding the highway garage fire claim.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to rescind, effectively immediately, the previous authorization given by the Town Board to the Town Highway Superintendent on February 4, 2026 relating to addressing fire damage at the Town Highway Garage in conjunction with the Town's insurance carrier, including with respect to causing appropriate repairs to be made; and to hereby direct that the Highway Superintendent shall not enter into any further contracts, authorize any further work, or take any further action concerning insurance proceeds without first obtaining approval of the Town Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Powers.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Powers -	Aye
Councilmember Amlaw -	Aye
Supervisor Houghtling -	Aye
Councilmember Tipograph -	Aye
Councilmember Patterson-	Aye

Supervisor Houghtling stated for the record, they all want to acknowledge Highway Superintendent McCagg's hard work. He will still be involved but more through the Town Board.

Councilmember Amlaw explained that she and Councilmember Powers would be taking the reins on behalf of communication between the board, the insurance, and the Highway Superintendent. She also emphasized all of the hard work and effort put in by Highway Superintendent McCagg, especially during those busy winter months.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling, to adjourn the special meeting at 11:03am. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Amlaw.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Powers -	Aye
Councilmember Amlaw -	Aye
Supervisor Houghtling -	Aye
Councilmember Tipograph -	Aye
Councilmember Patterson-	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Marcie Robertson
New Lebanon Town Clerk