

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP / SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
HELD ON OCTOBER 1, 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: Ed Godfroy, LVPA & NL Rep to Emergency Mgmt.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 3:01pm. by Supervisor Houghtling.

TOWN CLERK PRESENTED BUDGET:

Town Clerk Robertson presented each Town Board member with a copy of the 2027 Tentative Town Budget.

PAINTING OF THE NL COMMUNITY CENTER – ARPA FUNDS:

Supervisor Houghtling commented, they originally approved a contract with Phenomenal Finish in 2024 and then in 2025, Phenomenal Finish was not responding to the Supervisor. The contract was then changed to Finley Remodeling with the same job for the same price. Now Finley Remodeling is not responding to the Supervisor and the job has to be completed and paid for by December 31st, 2026 or the Town has to return the money to the federal government.

Councilmember Patterson obtained a quote from Classy Cleaners & Painting, LLC for the same price but it includes them painting the trim and purchasing the paint. Supervisor Houghtling stated, the two other proposals were the contractor painting the main part of the building, the Town purchasing the paint, and having volunteers paint the trim and doors. This new proposal is for the contractor painting both the building and the trim and purchasing the paint for the same cost of \$4,265.00.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Classy Cleaners & Painting, LLC to replace the contract with Finley Remodeling. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tipograph.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Powers -

Aye

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

SPECIAL MEETING LVPA CONTRACT:

Supervisor Houghtling stated, they need to schedule a Special Meeting to meet with the Lebanon Valley Protective Agency (LVPA) Board in an executive session to discuss contract negotiations for the 2027 contract with the Town. Discussion took place.

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling, seconded by Councilmember Powers, and approved unanimously to schedule a Special Meeting of the Town Board for the purposes of contract negotiations with the LVPA for 6:30pm on Tuesday, October 6th, 2026.

2027 TENTATIVE BUDGET REVIEW:

The board went through the 2027 Tentative Budget as presented page by page.

Supervisor Houghtling commented, for the public to please come out next Tuesday for the budget public input session and if anyone is personally involved with the Summer Youth Program to please read the documents from the Summer Camp Director, Jackie Howe.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Supervisor Houghtling to adjourn the budget workshop/special meeting at 4:05pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Patterson.

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