



MINUTES OF THE LEBANON VALLEY COMMUNITY CORPORATION (LVCC)  
HELD ON April 10, 2025, via ZOOM

**Present:**

Erminia Rasmussen (President), Gregg Carroll, Sarah Conly, Dorothy Lamonaca, Sharon Powers

**Advisors Present:** Nina Keller

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am by Erminia Rasmussen

**MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

**MSC:** To approve the minutes of the March 6, 2025, meeting was made by Erminia Rasmussen, seconded by Dorothy Lamonaca. Motion approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

We have received \$668 for summer camp fund and then another \$300 just came in, both of which will be added to the carryover from last year of \$1731.04 to fund this year's needy campers. We have two kids to be funded, with one requesting swim lessons and a field trip. The cost has not yet been determined for field trips, but last year they were \$70/child. Two more applications are awaiting final documentation, and we will have enough funds for this year to assist them. We will do one more push to raise money for youth activities as this fund can also fund other youth activities throughout the year.

Both disaster relief cards (\$250 each) have now been purchased.

Gregg will send out the privacy statement and note after the meeting so that thank you's can be sent.

**MSC:** To approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Erminia Rasmussen and seconded by Dorothy Lamonaca. Motion approved.

**NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF THE LVCC**

A discussion was had regarding the LVCC having a Vice President of the LVCC, especially to be able to run a meeting in case Erminia was not available. Discussion about doing this now or waiting until we had more trustees, but it was decided to appoint a VP now.

**MSC:** To nominate Dorothy Lamonaca to be Vice President of the LVCC was made by Sharon Powers, seconded by Gregg Carroll. Motion approved.

Sharon will make this change on the website. Erminia requested that we each think of new people who might be interested in joining the LVCC as a trustee. She has already contacted someone who might be interested.

### **MEALS ON WHEELS (MOW) AND THE COLUMBIA COUNTY RECOVERY KITCHEN (CCRK)**

Funding for MOW will most likely be cut soon and the CCRK is a great backup. The LVCC does not need to be involved in getting CCRK to have a bigger presence in New Lebanon, other than assisting with logistics if necessary. The Community Center, where the CCRK might deliver its meals, is not open every day. Discussion about the LVCC paying people to watch the deliveries or the refrigerator – this will be considered if the assistance is needed.

### **NEW YORK MAIN STREET GRANT**

The grant is due by July 31, but cannot begin until May. Gregg sent a notice to everyone who lives in the business district who might be eligible and Gregg will be meeting on Wednesday at 5:00pm to answer any questions about the grant and its requirements. Josh Young and Tony Murad will be at the meeting, but cannot be administrators of the grant since they will be hoping to avail themselves of some of the funds from it. If we get the grant, a committee will be set up to decide which projects should be completed. Gregg will get the information from people who want to participate. Anticipating that during the first year, only one or two projects will be accomplished. Gregg reached out to about 50 people, which include businesses and residences along that corridor. We will most likely need project managers or administrators for the future who can monitor the projects.

### **DONOR POLICY**

After researching options, Erminia concluded that the NY Privacy policy does not work for us. She determined that each entity creates its own privacy policy and there is no law that mandates what we have to include. She took some lines from a non-profit and modified it. She found two that were of interest – the Hudson Historical Society (HHS) and the Conservancy. She particularly liked the HHS and advised that the LVCC's policy should be as simple as possible. She suggested we look at the policy Gregg sent and compare it to this, removing any reference to Europe from Gregg's policy suggestion. Sharon suggested that we change a field on the PayPal form to ask permission for a donor to be listed, with wording such as "What name do you want to use to be listed when we acknowledge our donors. If you do not want to be listed, write 'Anonymous.'" PayPal does have a privacy policy, but the LVCC's policy would dictate the LVCC's behavior.

### **SENIOR HELP REQUEST**

Sarah connected with David about helping. Also, the lists have been gone over. David wants some relief. Seniors not in favor of Neighbors of Columbia County (NCC), but Sarah will find out how NCC manage their volunteer services. Would like the two groups (Lebanon Valley Seniors and NCC to work together). Erminia told David that LVCC does not have the manpower to handle coordination of the senior help. She sent him the spreadsheet and encouraged him to contact one of the 35 willing to help to see if they could coordinator – not sure why he has not yet done that. The NCC people have a computer program in place to do this and Sarah will find out the details.

### **GROW THE VALLEY NEWSLETTER (GTV)**

Sharon has created a template for the newsletter and coordinated with Josh Young about getting the lists and moving forward. She and Erminia have worked out a schedule for getting articles. Sharon needs to send the specifications for articles to Erminia before May 15.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, May 8, via ZOOM, at 10am. Sharon Powers will send out the ZOOM invitation.

**Meeting adjourned** at 11:03am

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Powers  
Secretary