

**Leyden Selectboard
Leyden Town Hall
Minutes**

March 17, 2016

Selectboard Members Present: Bill Glabach, Jeff Neipp, Lance Fritz.

Others Present: Bob Hardesty, Sue Howarth, Carol Johnson, Diane Ryan, Amy St. Clair, Michele Giarusso, Ginger Robinson, Barbara Francis, Dave Brooks.

Call to order 9:35am.

Minutes

MOTION: Lance moved to accept the minutes of March 9 as written. Jeff seconded. Unanimous.

MLP By-Laws

Lance suggested that the Board consider the structuring of and creating by-laws for the MLP. When broadband construction begins, the MLP should be organized. All agreed that such a document should be considered.

Solarize MASS Program

The Board discussed the Solarize MASS Program application.

MOTION: Jeff nominated Lance to be the Solar Coach for the Solarize MASS Program. Bill seconded.

Bob will get information packet together for Lance to review.

Historical Commission Appointment

MOTION: Jeff moved to appoint Paul Schroeder as a member of the Historical Commission. Lance seconded. Unanimous.

Animal Inspector Appointment

MOTION: Lance moved to appoint Chuck Foley as the Town's Animal Inspector for the period of May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017. Jeff seconded. Unanimous.

Council on Aging

Carol Johnson, Sue Howarth, Diane Ryan, and Amy St. Clair discussed with the Board the possibility of setting up a revolving account to use in conjunction with the COA's shopping service. Food bought from Foster's Market would be charged to the Town's account. The checks they receive from residents who use the service would be deposited into the revolving account, and Foster's invoice would then be paid from that revolving account. Discussion.

MOTION: Jeff moved that the Accountant be authorized to establish a revolving account to be used for the COA shopping service, for Town residents that need assistance, with a \$5,000 limit, and that the COA Chair and Treasurer be authorized to access the account. Lance seconded. Unanimous.

CORI Checks for COA Volunteer Shoppers. After discussion, the Board and COA members agreed that the volunteer shoppers don't need CORI checks.

FINCOM/BOS Budget Discussion

Highway Dept. – Dave presented and explained his budget for FY17. There is a 6% increase for the machinery account, but overall, the increase is 3.2%. The Machinery increase is requested because of the rising costs of parts and repairs. Discussion.

Town Garage Roof – Dave mentioned the Town Garage roof needs replaced soon, but probably could wait until next year. Discussion. All decided that it would be better to put half the cost of the new roof into the Building Stabilization Account, and replace the roof next fiscal year.

Highway Paving – Jeff suggested that Dave wait until next year to pave Greenfield Rd. from Town Line to Snow's; then, in FY18 pave from Town Line all the way to Lyman's. They'll discuss further.

Fire and Police Depts. Budgets

After review and lengthy discussion concerning the budget requests for the Police and Fire Departments, the Board and FINCOM decided to level fund both departments. They will continue to discuss.

Next Joint Budget Meeting

BOS and FINCOM agreed to meet jointly again on April 14 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Lance moved to adjourn. Bill seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty