

**Leyden Selectboard  
Leyden Town Hall  
Minutes**

March 24, 2016

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

**Others Present:** Bob Hardesty, Cliff Spatcher, Dan Galvis, Gilda Galvis, Vincent Fabi, Devin Carty, Austin Noyes, Tylor Noyes, Michele Giarusso, Amy St. Clair, Ginger Robinson.

Call to order 6:45pm.

**Minutes**

**MOTION:** Lance moved to accept the minutes of March 17 as written. Jeff seconded. Unanimous.

**Fire Dept. Personnel Appointments**

Cliff introduced and presented three candidates for appointment to the Fire Dept. The Board interviewed the candidates.

**MOTION:** Jeff moved to appoint Austin Noyes as a Firefighter for the Leyden Fire Department, and to appoint Tyler Noyes and Devin Carty as Junior Firefighters for the Leyden Fire Department. Lance seconded. Unanimous.

**Fire Dept. FY17 Budget Discussion**

Cliff presented and discussed the FY17 budget for the Fire Department. He's not concerned about the line item, including wages. He's more concerned about the capital request. He feels that, since we have an aging fleet, we really need to think about replacing the oldest truck. They have applied for a grant to help pay for a new truck. Discussion. Jeff suggested setting up a Fire Department Capital Stabilization Account at this year's ATM, and then using some Free Cash in the fall to add to the account. The Board will discuss this further at their next meeting. Lance recommended that if any further funds are need from the expense line to repair the truck damage that we transfer funds after May 1<sup>st</sup>, rather than a Reserve transfer. All agreed.

Cliff will get garage door damage report and invoices to Bob for submission to MIIA.

Bill would like to see incident reports so the Board is aware of the calls that the Fire Dept. answer.

**Police Dept. Appointment**

Dan introduced Vincent Fabi as a candidate for appointment as an officer for the Leyden Police Department. The Board interviewed.

**MOTION:** Lance moved to appoint Vincent Fabi to the Leyden Police Department with the usual six months' probation period. Jeff seconded. Unanimous.

**Police Dept. FY17 Budget Discussion**

Dan and Gilda presented and explained their budget for FY17. Discussion. The Board said that they are planning to level fund the Fire and Police Departments. Dept. heads can move line item numbers around, but the bottom line must remain the same as last year. After further discussion, all agreed to take \$3,000

from hourly salaries and put into a new account for Emergency Management, since Vermont Yankee will no longer be funding the Community Support Grant.

**Woods Property Logging**

The Board discussed whether or not to allow Lashway to continue to log the Woods property and give the proceeds from the logging to the Town to pay some of the back taxes. Bob should call Dawn Bloom to see where go from here.

**Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership**

Jeff informed the Board that is resigning from the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Committee effective immediately. He suggested that they appoint someone to take his place. Discussion. The Board decided unanimously to appoint Josh Fritz to the Committee. Bob will notify Peggy Sloan.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Lance moved to adjourn. Jeff seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty