

**Leyden Selectboard
Pearl Rhodes Elementary School
Minutes**

May 12, 2016

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

Others Present: Bob Hardesty, Dave Brooks, Tony Streeter, Bob Ryan, Al Woodhull, David Curtis, Brian Pellitier.

Call to order 9:30am.

Minutes

MOTION: Lance moved to accept the minutes of April 20, April 28, and May 2 as written. Bill seconded. Unanimous.

Highway Dept. Update

Bridges – Dave explained the new State regulations concerning bridge inspections. Bridges less than 20 feet in length are now required to be inspected. He is required to take pictures of the bridges and send the pictures to the State. We may be able to use CH 90 money for repairs, so the State needs an accurate count.

Culvert Replacement – Culvert replacements will be done on Monday, 5/16: South County, 7am-9am; North County, 9am-11am; Alexander Rd., 11am-2pm. They will be replacing metal culverts with PVC.

Line Painting – Discussion. Line painting will be done after this year's paving is complete.

Traffic Counts - Traffic counts will be conducted on East Hill Rd., Brattleboro Rd., and Mid County Rd.

Card Swipe for Diesel – Dave reported that a swiping pad for the use of diesel will cost about \$2200. Dave will look into getting a used swiping pad.

Vacation – Dave and Bill would like to go on vacation May 21 thru May 25. Board approved.

Medical Response Inquiry

Tony Streeter addressed the Board concerning an incident on East Hill Rd. involving an Asplundh worker. His major concern is the lack of communication and experience he observed. Discussion. The Board will look into the situation.

Broadband Committee

The Committee addressed the Board concerning the appointment of new members without informing them. They are at a point now where the Committee is going to need someone with technical experience. Discussion.

MOTION: Jeff moved to appoint Sharon Mallory to the Broadband Committee to fill the position vacated when he resigned. Discussion. Motion not seconded.

Lance pointed out that he is the Alternate member to the Broadband Committee, and should, therefore, be appointed or assume the vacated position. Discussion. Bill, Lance, and the Committee agreed that Lance should assume the vacated position.

It was further decided that the MLP will soon have to be more clearly defined and take a major role in running whichever broadband provider is chosen.

Fire Dept. Update

Dry Hydrants - Brian Pellitier reported that the department was conducting training at the dry hydrant on East Hill Rd. He wanted to know if fire pond money could be used to purchase some rip to be dumped there to prevent the truck from sinking into the mud. Lance said that they need to talk to Mark Hine to find out who owns the property now. Lance thinks that there is no formal agreement to allow the Town to use the property for a dry hydrant.

Emergency Lights – Brian said that they discussed the use of emergency lights when responding to an emergency. Emergency lights will be used only by personnel that are trained to drive all vehicles, and only within two miles of the Town line.

Mutual Aid – Lance asked about the rumor that mutual aid with Bernardston being suspended. Brian said that mutual with Bernardston is still in effect. Bernardston responds for emergencies on the east side of Town, and Colrain responds for emergencies on the west side of Town.

Cohen Property

The Board discussed hiring Roger Reid to handle the Cohen property tax title situation. They decided that the Town should hire Roger Reid to proceed with the process of removing Mr. Cohen from the residence.

COA Cabinet

The Board discussed the COA's request to allow them to build a cabinet under the stairs by the hallway to the dining hall restrooms. Bill said that he remembers that there was some reason why a storage unit was not allowed there. They decided to hold off until the Building Inspector weighs in.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Lance moved to adjourn. Bill seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:10am.

Respectfully Submitted,


Robert Hardesty