

# Leyden Broadband Committee Meeting

## Minutes

June 28, 2016

Committee members present: Bob Ryan, Tom Luck, Lance Fritz, Dave Curtis, Al Woodhull, Sheila Hourihan and Bob Anson.

Others present: None

The meeting was called to order by Chm. Ryan at 7:00 pm.

The following minutes were presented by Bob Ryan and approved by the Committee:

- Minutes from the meeting of May 3, 2016. Lance made a motion to accept those minutes. The motion was seconded by Tom.
- Minutes from the meeting of May 23, 2016. Lance made a motion to accept those minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Anson.
- Minutes from the meeting of May 17, 2016. Lance made a motion to accept those minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Anson.
- Minutes from the meeting of June 1, 2016. Tom made a motion to accept those minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Anson.
- Minutes from the meeting of June 7, 2016. Lance made a motion to accept those minutes. The motion was seconded by Tom.
- Minutes from the meeting of June 15, 2016. Lance made a motion to accept those minutes. The motion was seconded by David.
- Minutes from the meeting of the afternoon of June 16, 2016 with Clark Rowell the Town's financial advisor. Tom made a motion to accept those minutes. The motion was seconded by Lance.
- Minutes from the meeting of the evening of June 16, 2016 with Bill Ennen of MBI. Lance made a motion to accept those minutes. The motion was seconded by Tom.

A quick review of each meeting was given and all minutes were approved.

The bond rate stabilization fund was discussed. The possibility of a USDA Loan discussed as well as a USDA Grant program coming next year.

There was discussion concerning the challenges of arranging the required pole surveys. Many towns will simultaneously need those surveys. There is a possibility of relief coming to us from the Legislature.

Our MBI Grant Proposal was discussed. We are likely going to use the money to check/review the legality of our town authorization and debt exclusion votes as well as to check that our Municipal Lighting Plant was formed properly and that its organizational structure is legally correct.

Sheila reported about the Wired West meeting in New Ashford earlier in June.

Some discussion about the MBI documents to be filled out and fees associated with our upcoming pole study.

The committee discussed adoption of Active Internet versus GPON for our network in Leyden.

Wired West will be meeting in Leyden on July 23rd and all are invited.

The committee has a strong feeling that Leyden needs to enable every house to connect to broadband if they wish.

AI wants to listen to a proposal from Matrix Services. We will wait to meet with them until after our 21 day period is over with MBI.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Bob Anson