

Leyden Broadband Committee Meeting

9/7/16 at 7:00 pm

Leyden Town Hall

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

The minutes from the Presentation by MBI's Todd Corcoran and John Furey on August 3, 2016 at 10:00 am were accepted unanimously as amended.

The minutes from the meeting with Greenfield's Dan Kelley on August 3, 2016 at 8:30am were accepted unanimously.

The minutes from the regular evening meeting of the Leyden Broadband Committee that took place at 7:00 pm on August 3, 2016 were unanimously accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of August 24, 2016 at 10:00am with representatives of the USDA were accepted unanimously.

In reference to the Sustainability Report that must be made there are two things that are holding us from moving forward. We had a discussion of the lack of progress with the legal examinations of our Town Meeting borrowing authorizations. There has been a delay of many weeks as we wait for the town's lawyer to render an opinion on whether we can proceed based on the existing votes. This is one issue holding us back. Bob Ryan suggested that he might be able to make faster progress by hiring another law firm that could move the examinations along for us.

We also must obtain a letter from the Town Treasurer outlining the accounting procedures for dealing with revenues and expenses associated with our broadband project.

These two items must be moved forward so that Leyden does not lose their spot in line with MBI. Once the Sustainability Report is submitted it will secure a spot in line for the pole survey. We don't want to fall behind other towns.

Discussion of how to organize the entity that will run the broadband network whether it will be an MLP or an Enterprise Fund.

Discussion with the WW delegates of the current state of Wired West.

Discussion as to the timing and procedures for a subscription drive?

Discussion of Active Internet versus GPON. GPON is the technology we all feel will be best employed in Leyden.

Discussion of the type building we should use as a Hut and various Town owned properties where it could be located.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.