

**Leyden Selectboard
Leyden Town Hall
Minutes
August 24, 2017**

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

Others Present: Bob Hardesty, Tracey Baronas.

Call to order 6:47pm.

Minutes

MOTION: Jeff moved to accept the minutes of August 10 as presented. Unanimous.

Accounting Procedures

Tracey Baronas addressed the Board concerning a bill schedule put in by a Department Head. The invoice was for an item to be paid for from a grant. She feels that this is really a donation to a private group, and should not be paid for from Town funds. Discussion. Tracey will suggest that the department head take a stipend from the grant account, which is allowable. He can then donate that money to the group. The Board agreed that this is the better procedure for this situation.

Forge Property

Jeff explained the discussion that occurred between himself and Bo Warren concerning the purchase of the Forge. The assessors have the property assessed at \$67,400. Bo said that he wants \$180,000 for the Forge property. He based this amount on what he feels the property would generate over a ten year period. He said that he gets about \$18,000 a year for rent and services. He also reported that both buildings have electricity, and there was a successful perk test for septic. Discussion. The Board agreed that the next step is to hire an appraiser to appraise the property, and then meet with Bo again.

MOTION: Jeff moved to hire an outside appraiser to appraise the Forge property, and to pay for the appraisal from the legal fees account. Unanimous.

Cohen Property

Jeff reported that he spoke to Kris about Roger Reid and the Cohen property. He told her that we have sent several e-mails asking for a Cohen update and have not heard from Roger. Jeff said that he called Roger Reid's office and got a message that the number is no longer in service. Kris said that she is also having problems in Heath with contacting Reid's office. She said that she is now using Attorney Larry Farber, whose office is in Amherst. So far, he has been very responsive. Jeff suggested calling Dawn Bloom to see if she has heard anything from Reid's office.

Selectboard Meeting Schedule Change

The Board discussed the new Monday meeting schedule, and decided that they prefer to meet in the evenings every week, instead of alternating mornings and evenings. Meetings will start at 7:00pm with an intended adjournment at 8:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Lance moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty