

Leyden Broadband Committee Meeting

Minutes

January 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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

Ryan Clary was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chm. Ryan at 7:08 pm.

The minutes from our last regular Broadband Committee Meeting of December 6, 2016 were accepted.

Ryan Clary is a Leyden resident who works for the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (COG) as a GIS mapping specialist. He created and brought a detailed relief map of Leyden for our examination. This type of technology will be valuable to the Committee in many respects as we make decisions in the coming months about the network. The results of the ongoing pole survey can be placed as an added element upon the relief map. This will include GPS coordinates and elevation among other elements. Just this additional capability alone could inform our decisions concerning the type of broadband technology that Leyden will employ.

One of Ryan's points was that a wireless system is something that the Broadband Committee could consider as we seek a solution for our broadband needs. Wired broadband is a mature technology, whereas wireless technologies are rapidly evolving and improving. An additional advantage of building in a wireless component to our network is that we can provide cell phone coverage for everyone across the entire town.

Bob Ryan spoke with Anthony Findley, Project Manager for Osmos who said that the company expects to have completed their field work in the Town of Leyden by February 3, 2017. They expect to have a deliverable product by February 10, 2017. Bob believes that the deliverable result will be in the form of an Excel spreadsheet. We hope that Ryan might be able to use that data and pinpoint the references on a map.

The Select board has designated Bob Ryan, Chair of the Broadband Committee as the primary contact with signing authority for matters pertaining to Broadband in the Town of Leyden.

Al Woodhull gave a report on the activities of Wired West.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Anson, Clerk