

**Leyden Selectboard  
Leyden Town Offices  
Regular Session Minutes  
July 27, 2020  
7:00pm**

**Selectboard Members Present:** Bill Glabach, Jeff Neipp

**Others Present:** Michele Giarusso, Brian Pelletier, Michele Higgins, John Higgins, Bob Depalma, Andrea Zimmerman

Meeting Called to Order at 7:03 pm.

**Minutes**

Board signed warrant.

**Motion:** Jeff moved the minutes of July 20th, 2020 open meeting minutes as written.

Unanimous. Executive Session portion of the minutes will be read over and accepted at next meeting.

**Discussion**

Custodian-Andrea Zimmerman in to inquire about the custodian position. She was given the custodian policy that spells out the cleaning of both the town building and the town hall. She may be interested and will stop by to discuss with municipal assistant the duties and tour the buildings. Cares Act money for Pioneer Valley Regional School District (PVRSD)-Michele attended a zoom meeting with the superintendent, business manager and representatives from all 4 towns. Spreadsheet handed out for Leyden's share that the district is asking from each town to be able to start in person school in September. Many new cleaning processes and barriers needed due to Covid pandemic. Michele stated we have the money to share with the district. It was given to help offset schools in person startup.

**Motion:** Bill moved \$9286.00 of Leyden's Care Act money for the PVRSD. Unanimous.

Tag Sales and opening of town hall- John Higgins stated Council on Aging would like to have a foot clinic in the town hall. They have contacted the Board of Health (BOH) about opening and they told them the select board would have to open the building first. Michele Giarusso stated broadband has scheduled two community meetings for town hall. Much discussion on protocols for both. Policies and procedures will have to be put in place to open according to guidelines by the state and local BOH. Jeff stated the town hall will only be open to town sponsored events and no private parties allowed at this time. Tag sales are allowed as there is not much that can be done on private property but if there were complaints it will be reviewed. Residents should know if they hold a tag sale masks must be worn and they should enforce social distancing.

Brian Pelletier-Brian explained that the bill schedule he had the fire department personnel fill out was not for 5 hours of annual town meeting detail as all the officers and himself put in for. It was for standby for Leverett. Bill stated so now you are saying this needs to be rewritten? We have the paperwork right here it states \$5 hours at \$50 per hour for town meeting detail. Bill stated everyone have been paid we are not going back where you can change. Brian stated the moderator asked for fire department presence at town meeting and it is her meeting technically. Jeff stated you do not take orders from the moderator, since when? Jeff continued, I still maintain this was an abuse of town funds.

Brian stated he did tell the select board of the mutual aid training it is not his fault if the liaison did not relay to the board and is no longer here. Bill stated he is not ready to appoint anyone to the fire department at this time, there is too much conflicting information.

FY Annual Appointments-Michele Higgins mentioned the names printed for cultural council is not correct. She stated when Kathie Benson moved there was an article in Leyden Life that they were looking for members and several people volunteered including herself. Bill stated no one ever contacted the Select board to be appointed then. Michele stated they were probably not aware they had to.

**Motion:** Bill moved all appointments as written except for FRTA representative, fire department and cultural council. He also wanted to add pound keepers and an alternate member to the planning board but does not have a name for planning board alternate at this point. Unanimous. Michele Giarusso stated the highway superintendent called her on her day off to ask about a pole hearing for Zimmerman Hill this evening. Michele stated she has not heard about this earlier nor has received any information from Verizon or Eversource. Jeff stated it is a broadband issue and they are dealing with it. Michele stated the bridge work paperwork has picked up and completion is not far off. Jeff said he thinks the amount will go over the \$500,000 and we should be watching that. The construction company found that an abutment needed more work than the engineer had estimated.

**Motion:** Jeff moved to adjourn meeting at 8:30pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele Giarusso