

**Leyden Selectboard  
Leyden Town Offices  
Regular Session Minutes  
August 31, 2020  
7:00pm**

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

**Others Present:** Michele Giarusso, John Higgins, Brian Pelletier, Angelica Desroches, Jessica Snow.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:10 pm.

**Minutes**

**Motion:** Jeff moved the minutes of August 10, 2020 as printed. Unanimous.

**Motion:** Jeff moved the minutes of August 24, 2020 as printed. Unanimous.

Signed Chapter 90 request, continuation work for Simon Keets Bridge and request letter for municipal assistant to obtain energy data for the town of Leyden for MVP grant. Read Peter Tusiniski's email request to be an alternate member for planning board.

**Motion:** Jeff moved to appoint Peter Tusiniski as an alternate member to the planning board. Unanimous.

**Discussion**

**Angelica Desroches** applicant for town accountant position. Board read over Angelica's resume and asked questions. Angelica has a master's degree and is town accountant for Greenfield and Cummington. She can start immediately. Jeff would like her to work with Stacey before she leaves September 30. References will be forthcoming.

**Jessica Snow** applicant for custodian position and town accountant consideration. Board read over her resume and asked questions. She lives in town and is available to clean both buildings as well as shovel steps in winter. She has accounting experience but not specifically town accounting.

Michele stated other applicants on agenda withdrew their applications earlier in the day.

Fire Department appointments for FY 21.

**Motion:** Jeff moved to appoint all fire personnel listed. Unanimous.

Brian stated brush truck is out of service and he is waiting for Raymond's to get back to him. Brian stated he would like to bring in two new candidates for fire personnel. Board decided to have a meeting on Sept. 14 to interview possible new fire personnel.

**Motion:** Bill moved to hire Angelica Desroches as town accountant with a prorated salary of \$12,000 per year. Unanimous.

**Motion:** Bill moved to hire Jessica Snow as custodian with an hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour. Unanimous.

Michele will write up offer letters, obtain CORI, call references, obtain I-9 and have applicants fill out all paper work.

**Municipal Assistant-**Michele stated she submitted the Massworks Strap grant by the deadline. Total she applied for was \$675,000. This was based on Dave's estimates and Gill engineering's estimate of new construction based per mile. Michele stated a resident, Richard Pendelton inquired about using a metal detector on town property. Board has no problem. Michele will be on vacation Sept. 13-19 so someone will have to take minutes next meeting Sept. 14.

Bill stated the meeting will be quick, the only item on the agenda will be to interview 2 candidates for fire dept.

**Motion:** Bill moved to adjourn meeting at 8:40pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele Giarusso

