

**Leyden Select Board
Leyden Town Offices
Regular Session Minutes
March 29, 2021
6:00pm**

Select Board Members Present: Bill Glabach, Jeff Neipp

Others Present: Michele Giarusso, John Higgins, Beth Kuzdeba, Susan Bobe, Dan Galvis, Karin Parks

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm.

Motion: Jeff moved the minutes of March 15, 2021 as written. Unanimous.

Warrant signed. Bill discussed the letter Marcia Miller wrote to the select board about setting up a food pantry. He shared with Beth Kuzdeba as he wanted her input on this on as to who would be responsible. Is the BOH involved. Beth stated she would follow up with Marcia.

Motion: Jeff moved to declare the Stewart-Stevenson MTO78 truck as surplus equipment. Unanimous.

Dan Galvis-Dan presented the board with paperwork on a Commonwealth Security Trust Fund Grant for FY21 that he thinks the town should apply for towards a new cruiser. Bill handed it to Michele and said you can apply for this. Michele said she would read through and apply. Jeff asked Dan about the move and he said he can be ready to move on April 15. Michele will call movers to set up. Jeff also stated to Michele to order 30 cubic yard dumpster for 2 weeks so Dan can throw things away that do not need to move to town office building, highway has some cleaning up to do and there will be earth day clean up again this year. Michele asked Dan about his needs for connection to broadband in this building and he said CJIS people will be doing.

John Higgins – John presented the board with 3 requests: To receive up to \$500 for the cleaning and sanitizing of the 139 blue cloth chairs and the carpets in the dining room. Work to be done by Camelot Carpet cleaners, request up to \$500 for the purchase of 2 room air purifiers, and to have broadband remove their equipment from the pavilion site so demolition can begin on the pavilion. Jeff said he would contact Andy Killeen for Broadband removal of equipment. John stated for information purposes the state requires that both restrooms be ADA compliant so the design of the restrooms is being redrawn. Art Baker is working up material costs to accommodate this and if within budget will submit for a building permit. There are quite a few volunteers that have come forward for these renovations. There was discussion about taking money out of the Cares act for the first 2 items. Michele stated she already looked at the criteria and drop down list in the Cares report she has to submit quarterly. This is routine maintenance, the stains have been there for years, the building has been closed for 1 year. No one has used the chairs or carpets so she does not see how this falls under the Cares Act. This should come out of town buildings. The air purifiers yes, as they will be running for when the building is open. Michele stated she is attesting to the report where she asks for money from the DOR for reimbursement costs as it relates to Cares Act money and she will not submit without following the criteria to the law. Jeff stated to order 2 air purifiers for town buildings also if they work correctly maybe order one for each building to start.

Elizabeth Kuzdeba gave updates from the Board of Health. Leyden has seen about 20 positive cases of COVID since January which is very high for such a small town. It just tells us people are letting their guard down. Camp Lion Knoll would like to open this summer. Randy Crochier is working with them. The FRCOG nurses will be going to homebound residents to vaccinate them. If we know of any homebound residents please let Beth know. Beth stated Michele gave her the names of some residents. Jeff asked about her opinion of opening up the town offices. Beth stated

everyone still has to wear masks and social distance. Most employees will probably have their vaccines by the end of April so maybe we should just wait a little bit. She would like to ask town clerk and tax collector how they feel about opening to the public first. She also stated we have to make sure that all employees are following the mask ruling to the law and no excuses. Jeff did not think it would be a problem and Beth stated nothing was resolved from the issue that existed a year ago.

Beth also asked the board when someone has a complaint who do they go to. Jeff stated the select board. Beth said she is getting almost harassed by one resident on various issues and it is getting old. Jeff said no one should be harassing anyone in town.

Municipal assistant-Michele stated she put reminders in dept. head mailboxes again since she has not received any budgets. She has been in contact with the Finance Committee and they will be meeting on Monday evening. Ginger wanted to know if Bill wanted to attend. Bill thought a little too early since we have no school budget or budget requests. Michele has contacted the Sheriff's office and they will be printing annual reports again . Michele stated those are coming in slowly also.

Motion: adjourn meeting at 7:40pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Giarusso