

**Leyden Select Board
Leyden Town Offices
Regular Session Minutes
Joint Meeting of the Select board and Finance Committee
June 1, 2021
6:00pm**

Select Board Members Present: Bill Glabach, Jeff Neipp

Others Present: Michele Giarusso, Angelica Desrochier by phone, Susan Bobe, Ginger Robinson, Michele Higgins, Nate Messer, Barbara Francis, John Higgins, Zack Delucca

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. Bill read an email from Bob Hardesty that he has appointed Michele Giarusso as Assistant Town Clerk while he recuperates.

There was much discussion on the wording to transfer the \$120,000 and \$18,500 in state grant money for broadband.

Motion: Jeff moved to transfer \$120,000 plus \$18,500 from state drop cost money to the Enterprise fund for FY22 for broadband debt. Bill 2nd. Unanimous.

Historical gift account this was discussed at last week's meeting.

Motion: Jeff moved to establish a gift account under Chapter 44 section 53A for the Historical commission. Bill 2nd. Unanimous.

Select board Discussed closing out the septic system account as it has been inactive for several years and this was a recommendation when Tom Scanlon conducted the audit earlier this past fiscal year. This money should revert to free cash next year.

Motion: Jeff moved to close out the septic system account for \$82,000. Bill 2nd. Unanimous.

Special town meeting discussion.

Select board read over all warrant articles. It is ready for posting as soon as Michele can complete the recommendations under each article. Michele will call a constable to post.

Motion: Jeff moved the Special town Meeting warrant articles as written. Bill 2nd. Unanimous.

Annual Town Meeting budget and warrant articles- Ginger handed out a spreadsheet on the stipends that Finance Committee is recommending. Select board stated they would like to be in alignment with the Finance committee. Selectboard will discuss at their next meeting. Both boards finished going through the budget and warrant articles. There was discussion on a police cruiser whether it should be leased or purchased. Michele G. stated she put in for a grant for the police as instructed by the selectboard but has not heard from the state authorizing body, she will email them this week. Ginger

Municipal Assistant-Michele presented to the board an invoice for \$2500 from Kuzmeskus busing to deliver meals to Leyden children through the summer. She stated this could come out of the Cares Act. Also, the FRCOG has sent a bill for contact tracing in Leyden and this also can come out of the Cares Act. Annual Report will be ready to go to the printer electronically this week. It is taking a lot more time since it all has to be sent electronically and you must know how to use the software to do so like everything else you must know how to use various software in order to do the jobs required in today's world.

Motion: Bill moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Giarusso

Beth Kuzdeba questioned why the Board of Health stipend she requested was lowered to such a low amount when she specifically gave the Finance Committee the reasons why especially . There was back and forth discussion and Bill offered a