

**Leyden Select Board
Leyden Town Offices
Regular Session Minutes
Joint Meeting of the Select board and Finance Committee
June 7, 2021
6:00pm**

Select Board Members Present: Bill Glabach, Jeff Neipp

Others Present: Michele Giarusso, Ginger Robinson, Michele Higgins, Nate Messer, John Higgins, Gilda Galvis, Beth Kuzdeba, Katherine Dimatteo

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Motion: Jeff moved the meeting minutes of May 24, 2021 as printed. Unanimous.

Motion: Jeff moved the minutes of May 25, 2021 as printed. Unanimous.

Annual Town Meeting budget and warrant articles- Select board and Finance Committee went over each warrant article and line item in the omnibus budget. Michele Giarusso raised the question about how they came to the decision on her salary request. The answer was everyone was receiving a 3% raise across the board. Michele asked if they looked at the FRCOG Wage and Salary survey for comparable work and job description and the answer was no. Ginger stated they were going to wait until the consultant finished the wage and salary classification and job descriptions. Ginger went on to say the Finance Committee said they would look into salary adjustments in the fall once the consultant was finished. Michele answered as long as it is done fairly she would be ok. When the Board of Health stipends were discussed Beth raised the question why the Board of Health stipend was lowered to such a low amount when she specifically gave the Finance Committee the reasons why she asked for more money, especially that the boards are taking so many online courses. Katherine Dimatteo stated why don't you pay the board for professional development? You can add a line item for that specifically. There was more discussion back and forth. Bill came up with a suggested compromise. The Finance Committee stated they will discuss it further in their upcoming meetings.

Municipal Assistant-Michele presented an email from Gill Engineering that they would like to move money from the engineering part of their estimate to the permitting and surveying part so they could survey Coates Road. Bill stated he had no problem with it. Michele asked Bill if he wanted to discuss the other two agenda items. Jeff asked these items be put on the agenda pertaining to opening up the town offices and town hall. Bill said he would like to wait until after June 15th when the Governor makes his announcement on opening up the state.

Citizen's Concerns-Katherine Dimatteo as the moderator is concerned that we do not have an infrastructure at the Annual Town Meeting to vote by ballot. We need to create a way to have ballot votes. Because we are not having an election we do not have the voter registration in place like we do when we have an election on the same day. She said she would follow up with the town clerk to make sure some infrastructure is in place. Michele G. said the Town Clerk needs a warrant for the election because that is not on the annual town meeting warrant.

Motion: Bill moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Giarusso

