

**Leyden Select Board
Leyden Town Offices
Regular Session Minutes
April 26, 2021
6:00pm**

Select Board Members Present: Bill Glabach, Jeff Neipp

Others Present: Beth Kuzdeba, Carole Kuzdeba, Dan Galvis, Gilda Galvis, Thomas Luck, Elizabeth Kidder, Alain Peteroy, Susan Bobe, Robert Penfield, Nour Elkhattaby Strauch
Bill called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Motion: Bill moved the minutes of March 29, 2021 as written. Unanimous.
Warrant signed.

Alain Peteroy, Franklin County Land Trust-on behalf of Tom Luck and Liz Kidder Alain presented an amendment to the original conservation restriction they had for a total of 16 acres. Alain will send the original documents to Michele G. to be signed by the board and Michele will notarize all signatures (including Tom and Liz's) and send back to Alain. The select board will have to take a formal vote to approve this amendment at their next meeting.

Robert Penfield-has purchased 33 acres of land on Hunt Hill Road. He does not plan on building a house on the property but he may want to log it. He would like permission to build a driveway at his own expense to the land so he can get in there. He stated he has spoken to Jim Brodeur from our planning board about this and Jim has emailed the select board with his thoughts. Bill stated he had no problem with Bob going in with his own equipment and improve his land. Bob stated Jake Browning will probably do the work.

Motion: Bill moved he had no problem for Bob to go in with his own equipment and improve the road to get to his land without the town. Unanimous.

Nour Elkhattaby Strauch-Manager for the Age Friendly Communities Program of Lifepath presented a slide presentation on what he will be doing to apply for grants for the towns in our region to be a part of the Age Friendly designation through AARP. He presented the same presentation to Leyden's Council on Aging and would like the Select board to sign a commitment letter to be part of this movement. Nour stated in 2034 it is estimated that Franklin County will have over 50% of the population over the age of 65. Nour said the board needs to vote and send a letter of support to join the grant.

Motion: Jeff feels it is good idea and motioned to accept to become part of the grant and write a letter of support. Unanimous.

Municipal assistant-Michele stated she put reminders in dept. head mailboxes again asking for budgets since she has received very few. 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 also coming in slowly. Michele asked when the select board wanted to close the warrant. Bill stated May 24th looks like it will give enough time to work on finalizing the budgets. She also asked about opening up the town offices to residents. All in agreement Tuesday, April 20th will be the date to do so since Monday is a holiday. Beth will write up something to post. Michele stated the \$120,000 has been deposited for broadband.

Citizen's concerns- Dan Galvis stated there have been a lot of EMS calls this year and he may be over budget. John Higgins mentioned the

Council on Aging will be resuming weekly drive by lunches in May and June.

Motion: Bill moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Giarusso