

**Leyden Select Board Minutes
Leyden Town Office Building
Regular Session
March 14, 2022
6:00pm**

Select Board Members Present: Bill Glabach, Erica Jensen

Others Present: Michele Giarusso, Liz Kidder, Beth Kuzdeba, John Higgins, Michele Higgins, Sara Seinberg, Ginger Robinson, Mary Glabach, Gilda Galvis, Andrea Zimmerman, Nik Adamski, Brian Pelletier, Katherine Dimatteo, Glen Caffrey, Carol Kuzdeba, Julian from the Greenfield Recorder

Selectboard signed FY 22 warrants and FRCOG amendment to the Police Reform earmark for the Bridge Academy training. They also signed AJ Egloff's offer letter and minimum wage policy updated for the Fire Department.

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:25pm.

Motion: Erica moved the meeting minutes of March 7 as written. Unanimous.

Expression of Interest items to submit by deadline of March 18-

Motion-Erica moved to have Michele submit the 10-mile bridge and the West Leyden Road bog as our two projects we would like to receive grants for in the future.

Unanimous. Katherine Dimatteo asked if the town will be working on these projects or if the town will hire out a contractor.

Town Caucus date change- Bill stated the Town Clerk will be on vacation on April 4, so we should move to the following Monday.

Motion: Erica moved to postpone the town caucus until Monday, April 11, 2022. Unanimous.

Funding return of LESO equipment- Erica said she has discussed with the Finance Committee where the money would come from for the return of the equipment. There is money available to return this equipment. Dan has an estimate of \$2400 and it will be delivered the third or fourth week of March. Sara Seinberg stated there is equipment that belongs to LESO and the federal government and there is also equipment that belongs to the town. She asked what is the status of this equipment? Ginger Robinson asked specifically where the utility trailer is that she has asked about on several occasions. Sara said I do not see there has been any attempt still to bring the equipment back to the town. Why is there no sense of urgency on returning the equipment to the town? Erica stated she will email the head of the LESO program and let them know there is money to send the equipment back. Bill Glabach said he spent 2-3 hours going over the list of equipment due to the town with Dan. Ginger stated the lack of concern for returning this equipment is not okay. I still maintain the original estimate for all the equipment is around \$1.5ml. I am concerned about the things that are supposed to be on town property and are not. I especially would like to know about the four utility trailers. Bill said he will ask Dan.

RAVE alert -Erica stated whatever happened with the last RAVE alert was a huge problem. It went to 5300 people instead of 325 households. My concern is the content of the messages going out and what is the criteria? We have had a wide variety go out in the past. We need to determine what this is supposed to be used for. I would like it to be for

emergency broadcasts. I thought the original intent was for emergencies. Gilda Galvis read what RAVE messages had been used for in the past. Many were non emergencies. Susan Bobe asked if the town sign is included with the RAVE alert messaging? John Higgins stated we had this same discussion back in 2018. I think it is a great thing. The messages should go before the select board before putting out to the public. There should be a policy and procedure to follow. Mary Glabach stated people from the east side of town do not even see the sign they don't necessarily come through this part of town if going into Greenfield. Beth Kuzdeba stated the way it was explained to her is you can put as little or as much as you want in the RAVE alert. If we are not going to use RAVE for emergencies only maybe people will want to take out their information. Erica feels the RAVE messaging should start with this is an emergency or this is a non-emergency message. I think the Municipal Assistant under the Select board should be the one to put the messages out. Liz Kidder asked to clarify does this mean any committee can put out an alert? Michele stated she will get policies to review from other towns.

Town sign-Erica wants several users to be able to use the sign. The sign is sitting on the Galvis's property. Dan has all the instructions and I think it needs to move to town property. John Higgins suggested a policy should be set up for the sign also. Bill said we need to revisit this after he gets more information.

Municipal Assistant update – Michele asked the board if they wanted to go with the same amount of diesel and fuel oil as last year? Bill Brooks would like to increase the highway fuel oil to 1000 gallons. Bill stated if that looks reasonable to increase. Michele shared the mold estimate from Occupational Health and Safety Environmental (OHI) Consultants to be around \$2450 to conduct testing on both the basement of the town offices and town hall.

Motion: Erica moved to have Michele contact (OHI) to proceed with the testing. Unanimous.

Michele stated the contract for the Public Safety Advisory Committee grant needs to be signed. The grant received is for the full requested amount of \$187,000.

Motion: Erica moved to sign the contract. Bill seconded. Unanimous. Contract signed.

Public Comment- Brian Pelletier asked about the EMS personnel's hourly wage. He stated he needed to know if the hourly wage they previously had is what they will be receiving? Jeff had said the new EMS personnel would be receiving less money. Erica replied we need to discuss this offline with the Treasurer.

Motion: Erica moved to adjourn at 7:50pm.

Respectively submitted,
Michele Giarusso
Municipal Assistant