

**Leyden Select Board Minutes
Leyden Town Office Building**

**Joint Meeting with Finance Committee and MLP Board Regular Session
June 6, 2022
6:00pm**

Select Board Members Present: Bill Glabach, Erica Jensen

Others Present: Michele Giarusso, Liz Kidder, Glen Caffrey, Katherine Dimatteo, Ginger Robinson, Nathan Messer, Beth Kuzdeba, Gary Russell, Mary Glabach, Michele Higgins, John Higgins, Erik Johnson, Nik Adamski, Jack Golden, Ann Zavaruha, Jeffrey Baker

Select Board signed FY 22 warrants, read correspondence

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:12pm.

Motion: Erica moved the meeting minutes of May 23, 2022, as written. Unanimous.

Municipal Light Plant (MLP) budget and vote-

Motion: Bill moved the May 24, 2022, MLP meeting minutes as written. Unanimous.

Jack Golden handed out the MLP budget he prepared and explained it in detail. He explained the non-detail budget is what he gave Michele to put on the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) warrant. Everyone agreed. Jack mentioned again about the makeup of the MLP. Taking the pressure off the Select Board as being the full MLP board. He suggested having one member from the Select board and one member at large resident. Katherine Dimatteo suggested calling for volunteers to see who would like to serve. Jack asked the Select board if they knew how to proceed with the future makeup of the MLP board. The select board did not have answers. Jack will call town counsel on how to proceed. Jack handed out the Crown Castle agreement for the construction of the backhaul redundancy project. He proceeded to explain in detail how the new backhaul will work. He also mentioned five towns involved in this project just received a grant to pay for the project in full. A full 100% for the startup costs which they did not expect. He thanked Michele Giarusso for telling him about this new grant being offered for the first time by the State of MA. As soon as all 5 towns sign the agreement with Crown Castle, they will start ordering the equipment. Construction is expected to be complete within 1 year.

Motion: Erica moved to sign the Crown Castle contract. Unanimous.

Vote to have EMS under the Fire department-Bill stated he thought they had decided this. Erica explained there was no formal vote taken. They did talk at length though back in the fall.

Motion: Erica moved to have EMS services be under the Fire department starting immediately. Bill seconded. Unanimous.

Vote on FRCOG bids for diesel and heating oil-there was discussion on the high price of fuel and whether to lock in a fixed price or go with a flexible one.

Motion: Erica moved to lock in diesel and heating oil at a fixed price with the lowest bid. Bill seconded. Unanimous.

Layout of private ways- this was passed over until all information can be obtained from the Assessors.

Vote on town clerk position being placed on ATM warrant to be an appointed position once the current elected term expires- DLS suggesting this for all communities as they did for Leyden in their technical review last year.

Motion: Erica moved to have warrant article put on ATM warrant for Town Clerk position to be an appointment. Bill seconded. Unanimous.

Vote on Special Town Meeting (STM) warrant article-Michele explained to the select board town counsel said there was no need to have a STM for these articles for free cash. All this can be done at the ATM. This was all taken care of in the Municipal Modernization Act of 2016. Michele stated there are other items in this act that Leyden needs to be in compliance with. Bill read the articles out loud as was written by Michele.

Motion: Erica moved the STM warrant articles as printed. Bill seconded. Unanimous.

FY 23 Budget and ATM warrant articles-Michele handed out the draft of the FY 23 budget as of this evening as well as the warrant articles she has prepared. The select board should review as they will need to vote next week.

Municipal Assistant Update-Michele pointed out the email in their correspondence from Director of the Boys and Girls club in regard to private rentals of Camp Lion Knoll. The select board read FRCOG's public health representative recommendations as to signage and always having a phone available for emergencies. Erica asked that a certificate of liability insurance for July 9th event be presented before a one-day liquor license is approved. Michele to contact the Boys and Girls Club with all stipulations.

Motion: Erica moved the okay for Camp Lion Knoll if everything as stated is followed through. Bill seconded. Unanimous. Michele explained the MA Opioid settlement. She did apply for this, and Leyden will receive money for the next 10 years as outlined for each municipality who signed up. Michele stated the generator install date is July 18th. It will take a few days to complete, and she will oversee the project.

10-mile bridge grant-Michele worked all day last Friday to compete the grant before the deadline. She did get in and has received confirmation of that from the MA. Gov One Stop for Growth grant. Moderator sent Select board an email asking that she appoint a member of the Public Safety Task force to work with Bernardston representatives.

Motion: Erica moved to have moderator appoint a member to the Public Safety Task Force. Bill seconded. Unanimous.

Erica moved to adjourn at 8:00pm. Bill seconded. unanimous.

Respectively submitted,
Michele Giarusso
Municipal Assistant