

Leyden Select Board Minutes
Leyden Town Office Building
Regular Session
March 13, 2023
6:00 pm

Select Board Members Present: Katherine DiMatteo, Glenn Caffery, Bill Glabach

Others Present: Michele Giarusso, John Higgins, Liz Kidder, Jack Golden, Sara Seiberg, Ginger Robinson, Nik Adamski, Jim Brodeur, Susan Bobe, Remote-Beth Kuzdeba, Liesel Nygard from the Greenfield Recorder

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. The Select Board read correspondence file and reviewed and signed FY 23 warrants. Announcement from chair that the meeting was being recorded.

Motion: Katherine moved the February 21 meeting minutes. Glenn seconded. Unanimous.

Motion: Katherine moved the February 27, meeting minutes. Glenn seconded. Glenn made two amendments to the East Hill road articles to add "a portion of". Unanimous.

Motion: Glenn moved the March 6 meeting minutes. Katherine seconded. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION

MLP updates- Jack Golden

The ISP agreement has been hammered out with WG&E. Contract is complete for next 10 years. MBI let us out of the 1 gig agreement we had. They offered a 10 gigabyte including other towns to complement the agreements signed with Crown Castle and Verizon for our backhaul. The backhaul will be 3 gigabytes for us and will cost less money than anticipated. This increase in gigabyte should be plenty for Leyden since we are running close to capacity now.

MLP advisory committee-Donna suggested Select Board should appoint. Will discuss it at our MLP meeting later this month.

Road Maintenance Discontinuance

Discussion on layout of the maps for the two roads we will be voting on. Jim Brodeur brought up the fact that a surveyor does not measure the same way Glenn and the highway crew did. He would suggest using the pin when presenting the motion and plus or minus the feet in distance.

Motion: Katherine moved to accept the maps Glenn laid out to use for the special town meeting articles and for Glenn to ask town counsel if there is a special form to fill out for this. She also would suggest referencing the pin in the motion. Glenn seconded.

Unanimous.

Mass in Motion grant and Senior Services

Katherine provided a written report on what has been done so far with volunteers who are interested in senior services. Linda Allis will continue to work as needed; state funds are almost spent. The Mass in Motion grant we are obligated to put a working group together. Katherine will put something in Leyden Life looking for participants.

Outdoor police sign

Glenn brought the police sign to a local sign company. They said the sign's letters are stickers so it may cost around \$300 to redo the lettering. It has been suggested to put "Welcome" and maybe town offices with an arrow at the bottom.

Police Agreement

Work is still being done on the final document as well as the police budget. Hope to have withing the next couple of weeks.

Municipal Assistant

Electric vehicle charging station construction may start within the next couple of weeks. MVP-Michele spoke to Gill engineering about design plans for the West Leyden road bog. They have agreed to work on the plans. MDAR Barns and Animal paperwork- Michele will contact the current person in this position to see if he wants to continue. Chapter 90 letter for 2024 in. Leyden to receive \$140,8687.18. HUD person has not returned telephone messages. Winter maintenance account over run.

Public Comments

Liz Kidder updated the Select Board that she Ginger and Katherine met with the Colrain Ambulance. Things are moving right along in a cooperative manner more to come at a later date.

Nik Adamski shared that the tanker pump needs fixing. Steve Foley has given him some names of certified technicians to call. He is asking the board for permission to bring the truck to New Hampshire to get the pump fixed. Nik is now certified as a fire inspector.

Ginger Robinson asked about the cemeteries in town. Are they all town owned? If they are, when plots are purchased does the money go through the town Treasurer? Bill replied they all have associations. The associations are nonprofit. Ginger would like more information as to their balance sheets, why does the town pay for the mowing and not the association.

Sara Seinberg asked when the town caucus will be.

Motion: Katherine moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Glenn seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Giarusso
Municipal Assistant