

MLP Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Leyden Town Office Building
January 15, 2025
5:30pm

MLP Board Members Present: Jack Golden, John Wallace

Advisory Board Present: Anders Ferguson

Jack called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

Discussion

Minute taker for 10/16/24 meeting:

Motion: Jack moved that Jack take minutes for the 10/16/24 meeting. John second. Vote: unanimous

Review of Minutes:

Motion: John moved to approve 10/16/24 minutes as written. Anders second. Vote: unanimous

Manager's Report

Select Board Rep:

It is anticipated that Jeff Baker will become Select Board rep.

WCF Service Plan:

After months of planning, the WCF service plan is no longer happening. It was predicated on all towns participating but many towns-especially wired west towns- are not interested.

CAF II-

4th disbursement will be coming the end of January for \$27,628.14 (approx.).

Paving at hut:

At a recent select board meeting it was suggested that we pave the driveway at hut- approx.. 100'. Anders will get contact info for paver from his neighbor. Jack will also get estimate. There is a possibility of doing a townwide paving project with other locations, ie library, around town hall and other spots.

New Member:

Liz Kidder suggest Jared Garfield as a potential new member to the MLP advisory committee. Jack will contact him and invite to next meeting.

BEAD:

A house on Marynuk Road is served by Vermont. There might be funds available to connect through Leyden. It was mentioned that the connection might be very hard to maintain so might not be worth doing.

2023/2024 Budget Discussion:

John is still trying to get figures from WCF regarding equipment values and future costs. Questions of how to get values for network and hut electronics. Jack will try to contact other MLP managers to see what they do.

Digital Equity Program:

Jack explained the idea behind the Digital Equity Program and types of programs that could be funded by this grant. Jack reached out to Karin Parks (librarian) to ask if she could give budget estimates for her ideas for possible projects. These projects include:

- Getting WiFi to pavilion
- Small device rental at library
- Tech help at library
- Phone photography classes
- Library card sign up for ebooks, audiobooks and other media

Discussion of the possibility of partnering with other towns to participate in Cyber Seniors program offered through GCC. Questions about the quality of tech support and the complications of working in a group were voiced.

Next Meeting:

Quarterly meeting: Wednesday January 15, 5:30pm, Town Office

Motion: Anders moved to adjourn at 6:35 pm. John seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Respectively submitted,
Jack Golden