



**LEYDEN MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT**  
**Leyden Town Office Building**  
**Minutes**  
**November 17, 2021**

**Selectboard Members Present:** Jeff Neipp, Bill Glabach, Erica Jensen

**Others Present:** Michele Giarusso, Jack Golden, Susan Bobe, Angelica Desroches, Michele Higgins, Ginger Robinson, Bob Anson, Tom Luck

Jeff called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

**Motion:** Erica moved to accept Andrew Killeen's resignation letter effective December 1, 2021.

Discussion on outstanding invoices were moved up in the agenda so Whip City representatives could attend remotely.

Chris LeVitre from Whip City joined remotely and stated due to the outstanding construction bill in the amount of around \$149,000 Whip City will no longer accept any future drops for the Town of Leyden as of December 1, 2021. There was discussion on how these bills kept adding up over time and Jeff pointed out we had no way to pay these bills at this time without having a Special Town Meeting. Jeff stated he contacted town counsel who stated not to pay until we had an audit or complete accounting of the bills. Michele and Susan will look at them next week. Jeff asked if a compromise could be reached until December 15, 2021, when we hope to have more information. Chris stated he will ask his boss. Chris left the meeting.

Discussed the MLP manager position, how many hours would be involved versus hiring Wired West to oversee the operations of the MLP. There were many pros as pointed out by Jack but cons as voiced by Ginger Robinson of the Finance Committee and Erica. More work has to be done on the actual costs for both.

Jack Golden shared documents on Cebula Alarm Company and Kinsela Generator services. He would like both contracts signed so the work can begin.

Michele pointed out the generator maintenance must have already happened because she has received a statement stating it was already serviced. Jack did not know about this and stated he will call and get the actual invoice.

Jeff asked Jack if he would be willing to be interim MLP manager and he said he would think about it.

Angelica mentioned there is still money in the construction account that could pay for most of the outstanding bills. The other money would have to come out of another account. Jeff stated it could possibly come out of a stabilization account.

**Motion:** Erica moved to accept the meeting minutes of October 5, 2021, as written. Unanimous.

In order for the contracts to be signed Jeff asked Michele to post a MLP meeting for next Monday November 22 at 7:30pm.

It will be a quick meeting to sign the contracts.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele Giarusso

**1-24-22 Addendum:**

When approving of these minutes Jeff Neipp added town accountant transferred \$26,000 from a general fund account to pay the past due construction bill.