

Town of Leyden
Joint Meeting of the Finance Committee and Select Board
April 30, 2024

Finance Mtg was called to order at 4:12 p.m.

Present: Katherine DiMatteo, Select Board member, Glenn Caffrey Select Board member, Ginger Robinson, Finance Committee Chairperson, Paul Hake, Finance Committee member, Nate Messer, Finance Committee member and Pam Brown, Finance Committee member; Jeff Baker

Nate moved to accept the minutes from joint meeting of the Select Board and Finance Committee meeting on 4/23/24, Pam seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Select Board Meeting was called to order at 4:19 p.m.

Present: Katherine DiMatteo, Select Board Member, Glenn Caffrey, Select Board Member, Ginger Robinson, Finance Committee Chairperson, Paul Hake, Finance Committee member, Nate Messer, Finance Committee member and Pam Brown, Finance Committee member, Jeff Baker

Pam moved to accept the notes for the Finance Committee meeting of 4/16/24. Nate seconded, passed unanimously by Finance Committee members.

Erica Jenson, Select Board member arrived at 4:40 p.m.

Discussion of role of Finance Committee took place in order to determine which warrant articles should be recommended by the Finance Committee to the Town. The Town of Leyden does not have a by-law that defines the role of the Finance Committee, which is a recommending body. With the absence of a by-law and the fact that the Leyden Finance Committee is an appointed committee, the function of the committee is defined within the bounds of state law, by the elected official who appoints the committee, which is the Town Moderator. Sections of the state manual defining the role of municipal Finance Committees were referred to. After a robust discussion, the group reached consensus that after the budget process was completed for this fiscal year, the Finance Committee would invite the Town Moderator and the Select Board to a meeting to clarify the scope and role of the Finance Committee. Discussion took place about which Articles for this year's warrant should be recommended by the Finance Committee and it was agreed that the Finance Committee would review each Warrant Article and that the Finance Committee would decide whether to approve each article individually.

Review of the 2024-04-30-Draft ATM WARRANT FY25 (Attached)

Article 1: Motion for the Finance Committee to recommend made by Paul, seconded by Pam, passed unanimously.

Article 2: Motion to for the Finance Committee to recommend made by Nate, seconded by Pam, passed unanimously.

Article 3: Motion to for the Finance Committee to recommend made by Nate, seconded by Paul, passed unanimously.

Article 4: Motion to for the Finance Committee to recommend made by Nate, seconded by Paul, passed unanimously.

Article 5: Motion to for the Finance Committee to recommend made by Nate, seconded by Paul, passed unanimously.

Article 6: Modified to \$20,000 Fire/EMS Equipment and Development Fund from Free Cash. Motion to for the Finance Committee to recommend with change made by Pam, seconded by Paul, passed unanimously.

Article 7: Motion to for the Finance Committee to recommend made by Nate, seconded by Paul, passed unanimously.

Article 8: No vote by the Finance Committee

Article 9: No vote by the Finance Committee

Article 10: No vote by the Finance Committee

Article 11: No vote by the Finance Committee

Article 12: No vote by the Finance Committee

Article 13: No vote by the Finance Committee

Article 14: No vote by the Finance Committee

Article 15: No vote by the Finance Committee

Article 16: Motion to for the Finance Committee to recommend made by Nate, seconded by Paul, passed unanimously.

Article 17: Motion to for the Finance Committee to recommend made by Nate, seconded by Paul, passed unanimously.

Article 18: Motion to for the Finance Committee to recommend made by Nate, seconded by Paul, passed unanimously.

Article 19: Motion to for the Finance Committee to recommend made by Nate, seconded by Paul, passed unanimously.

Article 20: Motion to for the Finance Committee to recommend made by Nate, seconded by Pam, passed unanimously.

Article 21: Motion to for the Finance Committee to recommend made by Nate, seconded by Paul, passed unanimously.

Article 22: Motion to for the Finance Committee to recommend made by Nate, seconded by Paul, passed unanimously.

Article 23: Motion to for the Finance Committee to recommend made by Nate, seconded by Paul, passed unanimously. Noted that Town Attorney may recommend changes.

Article 24: Motion to for the Finance Committee to recommend made by Nate, seconded by Paul, passed unanimously.

Article 25: No vote. Note that this article is not clear needs to be rewritten.

Article 26: Motion to for the Finance Committee to recommend made by Nate, seconded by Paul, passed unanimously.

Article 27: No vote by the Finance Committee

Article 28: No vote by the Finance Committee

Article 29: No vote by the Finance Committee

Reviewed proposed warrant articles for the Special Town Meeting- 2024-4-19 Draft FY25 STM Warrant (attached)

Article 1: No vote by the Finance Committee

Article 2: No vote by the Finance Committee

Article 3: Motion to for the Finance Committee to recommend made by Nate, seconded by Paul, motion passed: 3 in favor (Nate, Paul, Ginger); one abstention (Pam)

ATTACHED: 2024-04-30-Draft ATM WARRANT FY25
2024-4-19-Draft FY25 STM Warrant