

**Leyden Selectboard  
Leyden Town Hall  
Regular Session Minutes  
September 24, 2018**

**Selectboard Members Present:** Lance Fritz, Bill Glabach, Jeff Neipp.

**Others Present:** Bob Hardesty, Melissa Hancock, John Higgins, Dan Galvis, Matt Muka.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm

**Minutes**

**MOTION:** Lance moved to accept the minutes of September 10 as written. Unanimous.

**New Eversource Representative**

Melissa Hancock introduced herself as the new Eversource representative for Leyden. She will be our voice for any problems and concerns. She would like to establish a relationship that will make the Town feel comfortable with contacting her with any questions or concerns; feel free to e-mail, call, or text at any time. Jeff mentioned that we have problems often with the lines on Mid County Road coming down during storms. Eversource did come and cut down all the trees that could come down on the wires and trimmed limbs from other trees that could affect wires. They also marked spots for new poles. The poles are owned by Verizon. They have not been back to set the poles. Melissa said she would check into this project.

**Recreation Committee Update**

John Higgins updated the Board for the Recreation Committee. He reported that PRES wants to have a Halloween Dance for the kids. The Committee has decided to combine the pumpkin carving party with the dance. John suggested that for FY20 more funds be budgeted for mowing for the parking area by the Pavilion. Also, the roof on the Pavilion is in bad condition. They will cover it with a tarp for winter and work on it in the spring. John asked who is actually responsible for giving permission for people to take part in the Tractor Pull. He said people have been asking him. Dan said he feels that he and A.J. [Egloff] are running the festivities. Dan asked the Board to authorize a two day alcohol permit so beer can be sold during the Columbus Day celebration. John added that Santa's Visit is set for Sunday, December 16. Jeff will talk to the Santa to make sure he's available.

**MOTION:** Lance moved that the Selectboard issue a two-day alcohol permit for the Columbus Day celebration. Unanimous.

**PVRSD Revised Budget**

The Board and Finance Committee members Michele Giarusso and Michele Higgins discussed the revised PVRSD FY19 budget. The Committee members requested that the Board ask for a copy of the revised line item budget from the District. Bob will request a

copy so it is available for the October 1 meeting of the District Selectboards and Finance Committees.

### **Cemetery Update**

Jeff reported that West Leyden Cemetery is currently solvent and can eventually be turned over to the Town.

### **Fire Department Update**

Matt Muka informed the Board that he will resign as Fire Chief, effective November 1. He explained that his new nursing job is stressful as he is sometimes working double shifts to get the experience he needs. Being a new father also demands more time at home. He is recommending that the Town join forces with Bernardston or Greenfield. The Board accepted his resignation with regret, but understands his decision. Jeff will look into joining with Bernardston or Greenfield.

### **Planning Board Appointment**

**MOTION:** Lance moved to appoint David Curtis to the Planning Board, to serve until the next Town election. Unanimous.

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Bill moved to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty