

**Leyden Selectboard  
Leyden Town Hall  
Regular Session Minutes  
February 4, 2019  
7:00pm**

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

**Others Present:** Michele Giarusso, Ginger Robinson, Elwin Barton

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm

**Minutes**

Selectboard members reviewed mail and signed warrants for 2/1/19.

**MOTION:** Lance moved to accept the minutes of January 14, 2019 as written. Unanimous.

**Discussion**

**HEART Committee**

**PVRS District agreement** - Discussion with Ginger and Michele on the district agreement draft so far. Ginger specifically wanted to know if the board was in agreement on the reimbursement to the town once a school was closed.

**Motion:** Jeff motioned to keep the reimbursement out of the district agreement. Unanimous

**Motion:** Lance motioned the chair of the selectboard to discuss the closure of the PRES with the chair of the school committee and superintendent of schools to negotiate an amount that is mutually acceptable to the town and the district. Unanimous.

**Formation of a new planning committee for a merge of 2 school districts**

Ginger explained that part of the Gill-Montague/PVRS community compact grant recommendation from the consultants is to form a new planning committee to look at the feasibility of merging the 2 districts into one. The consultants stated this planning committee shall be comprised of 3 members from each town. One of the members shall be a school committee member and selectboard member or their designee. The third member can be anyone within that town. The 3 members shall be appointed by the moderator of each town.

**Motion:** Lance motioned if there are 6 towns involved the planning committee shall have 18 members which is too large. He motioned 2 members would be more appropriate. The committee shall have one member of the executive branch of the town, the chair of the selectboard and one school committee member. These members can solicit recommendations from residents of the town. Unanimous.

**PVRSD Lunch Deficit vote**

Ginger asked if the board wanted to make another payment of their share of \$90,000 towards the lunch deficit during this fiscal year. She explained this is a result of last Monday's meeting of the 4 towns of the PVRS district selectboards and finance committee meeting in Northfield. The finance committee did vote to pay if we had the money.

**Motion:** Jeff motioned we could possibly do during a special town meeting prior to the annual town meeting in May but that we would not be holding a special town meeting prior. Unanimous.

**Rifle Gun Club**

Elwin Barton concerned that he is not receiving his special permit in a timely manner from the building inspector. Selectboard explained they had no authority one way or the other and that Elwin has to continue to follow the process through the building inspector.

**Municipal Assistant Update**

Sheriff's department will begin painting the inside of the town hall tomorrow. Paint has to be purchased.

**Motion:** Jeff motioned that Michele to get the Home Depot credit card from Dave Brooks and purchase the paint from the town hall. Unanimous.

**Caucus**

Michele inquiring when the board wished the caucus be scheduled.

**Motion:** Jeff motioned to inquire with the town clerk what the requirement is (how many days before the election) and the municipal assistant schedule with town clerk. Unanimous.

**Mileage**

**Motion:** Lance motioned to accept the new federal mileage rate. Unanimous.

**Website posting for Green Community members**

Michele would like to post on town website that she is seeking volunteers to join a newly formed committee for our Green community grant.

**Motion:** Jeff motioned to approve posting on website. Unanimous.

**Old Business**

**Fire Department**

**Motion:** Jeff motioned he heard Lance's concerns with last draft of intergovernmental agreement. He would like to change the termination clause to state...the assets will be used within 6 years. This will equal \$24,000/yr. for 6 years. Unanimous.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Lance moved to adjourn at 8:53pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele Giarusso