

**Leyden Selectboard
Pearl Rhodes Elementary School
Regular Session Minutes
September 16, 2019
7:00pm**

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

Others Present: Michele Giarusso, Roxanne Zimmerman, Nicole Glabach, Susan Bobe, Brian Pelletier, Peggy Sloan

Meeting Called to Order at 7:15 pm

Minutes

Prior to the meeting a walkthrough of the school was conducted so the town clerk, tax collector and treasurer could see the rooms they may want to occupy.

Selectboard members reviewed the mail and meeting minutes.

Motion: Lance moved to accept the September 4, 2019 meeting minutes as printed. Unanimous.

Discussion:

Selectmen Dinner October 24th-all 3 selectboard members and Michele will be attending the meeting.

Discussed town accountant position with Susan. Sue stated she can work with anyone but is somewhat reluctant to hire someone with no municipal experience although they can also go to the training at UMass.

Peggy Sloan, FRCOG Director of Planning presented an overview and update on the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership that she has been working on for 5 years. Special legislation has been passed and 13 towns have opted in so far. The Baker-Polito administration is very supportive of the funding for municipal grants. They think it will increase tourism in the western part of the state and the US forest service cannot own land in this so it will not hurt the town's taxes. This was heard loud and clear by small towns. The partnership is a locally driven partnership, it is very flexible and driven by the towns.

Jeff stated the board will take under advisement and will take a vote at their next regularly scheduled meeting. He thanked Peggy for all her efforts.

Fire Engine #1 discussion with Brian Pelletier. Brian would like to take possession of the KME truck in the fire district #9 yard that is surplus. This will replace engine #1.

Motion: Lance moved that Brian be able to procure the KME surplus truck. Unanimous.

Motion: Bill moved Engine #1 will be taken out of service and auctioned off once the KME is equipped. Unanimous.

Discussed burning Croutworst farmhouse as a training exercise. Brian has to fill out forms with DEP and the State Fire Marshall's office first. There will be no cost to the town. Jeff wanted to make sure there was no hazardous materials in the building and the neighbors were informed well ahead of the burn as well as other fire depts. be invited to the training. Brian stated the paper work he has to file makes sure there are no hazardous chemicals in the building plus this has to be approved by both offices of the state.

Jennifer Paris presented a letter to the selectboard of her unhappiness with the letter that was presented to the planning board against the special permit for Odyssey Behavioral Health. She asked the entire selectboard to attend the next hearing to listen with open minds. She said Odyssey will be doing another presentation.

Municipal Assistant Update:

Michele updated the board on the utilities at the school. The electricity and telephone are in place under the town, the fire alarm will be activated within the next couple of days, she has 3 quotes on dumpsters and Triple T is the lowest. We need an internet consultant to get the network up and running and would like to use Mark Smith again. Crocker can do any wiring necessary. Five

College movers came in much lower \$2190 than Sitterly \$8504. The 3rd company backed out due to not paying prevailing wage. Michele emailed Mr. Warren to notify him we will be moving storage boxes out of the forge at some point. The Leyden democratic party is hosting Sen. Jo Comerford and Rep. Paul Mark on October 20th upstairs in the town hall.

Jeff updated the board of the 4 town selectboard chairs meeting with the superintendent of schools. He stated Warwick did not attend. The meeting was productive and going in the right direction for better communication. He stated they did discuss the Warwick elementary school becoming a Horace Mann 2 charter school.

Adjournment:

Motion: Jeff moved to adjourn at 9:30pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Giarusso