

**Leyden Selectboard
Leyden Town Hall
Town Accountant Interview Minutes
September 19, 2019
1:00pm**

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

Others Present: Michele Giarusso, Lowell Laporte, Dave Fierro,

Jeff called the Meeting to Order at 1:07 pm

Minutes

First interview Lowell Laporte-Lowell has his own bookkeeping business, Laporte bookkeeping. He would want to do only part time but he himself said he has no municipal experience and would need a lot of handholding. He would need the board to be patient as there would be a learning curve. He has served on the ZBA in the town of Shelburne for 8 years so he does know how town government works. After more discussion and realizing he would not have many resources to ask questions of as well as what the position pays he stated he needs \$35-40 per hour and does not think this would be a good match for him. Jeff thanked him for submitting his resume and interviewing and appreciated the candid response.

Dave Fierro, Jr. of Stamford, Vt. was the second candidate. He has his own accounting business-Hilltown Accounting but would like to work for Leyden part time. He is currently employed by the City of North Adams as their full time City Auditor. A position he has held since 2007 so he is very experienced with municipal finance. Other towns he has as clients are Colrain and Charlemont. He stated he would work for Leyden on the weekends or later in the evening. He has spoken to Tracey in Rowe and will be hopefully taking on the other towns Tracey works for as clients. When told the amount the town has appropriated for the position he stated he would need the amount quoted in his email as \$1650 per month. He said this is a firm amount and cannot be negotiated.

Motion: Jeff moved to hire Dave Fierro as town accountant through June 30, 2020 at \$1650.00 per month. Lance seconded. Unanimous.

Adjournment:

Motion: Jeff moved to adjourn at 3:15pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Giarusso