

**Leyden Selectboard  
Pearl Rhodes Elementary School  
Regular Session Minutes  
November 4, 2019  
7:00pm**

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

**Others Present:** Michele Giarusso, Zack DeLucca, Bob Ryan, Brian Pelletier

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm

**Minutes**

Selectboard members reviewed the mail and meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Lance moved to accept the October 28, 2019 meeting minutes with minor change to add John Higgins to those who attended. Unanimous.

**Discussion**

**Motion:** Lance moved to hire Stacy Mousseau as Town Accountant. Unanimous.

Reverse 911 discussion to be tabled until further notice. There is no meeting with the state as Dan originally stated.

Police department update-Chris Garmalo and Mitch Turner no longer employed as police officers. Both are within the 6 month probationary period.

Virtual school interested in renting space at PRES-Michele stated she received a call to see if board would be interested in renting out space. Jeff stated to post a meeting for Thursday between the hours of 9a-5p. All 3 selectboard members could then attend to meet with the Virtual school administration.

Auction format November 13, keep as previously discussed. The auction will be held at the school. Michele to post a selectboard meeting for 1pm at school so board can sign warrant and discuss mail or other issues.

STM December 9, 2019 potential warrant articles discussed. Michele provided balances in several accounts as of today.

Bob Ryan Broadband committee chair gave update on progress of new pole placement and line transfers. Currently \$540,000 in available funds. Working on 5 intergovernmental agreements with Westfield Gas & Electric (WG&E). Looks like WG&E best suited to be our ISP for internet or internet and phone. There will be no phone only. Bob is recommending them.

**Motion:** Lance moved the selectboard and MLP board move forward to execute WG&E as our ISP provider. Unanimous.

Brian Pelletier in to ask who is our procurement officer? He is inquiring on the sale of the 1976 fire truck and why the FRCOG is not advertising for us. He also needs to know for a MIIA grant he is applying for. Bill stated Michele is procurement officer. Jeff will sign for grant. Brian wants to know if the auction site Dan has truck on is an international site and if he can have the address. Jeff will get from Dan. He also stated 7 towns have put in for a grant for washing firefighting gear. Leyden will be part of it and the washing equipment will be housed in Shelburne as they have the facilities available. Brian stated he has two inquiries for fire fighters, Billy Baker and Colton Stebbins.

Jeff will be attending a follow up meeting with superintendent of PVRSD on Friday.

Lance has his first planning committee on November 13 in the evening for the PVRSD and Gill-Montague possible discussion of shared services.

**Municipal Assistant Update:**

Michele stated the internet and wireless system is all set at the school. She did call the second locksmith, he should be coming soon. Asked for permission to sign electronically contract for Five College movers. Jeff stated ok to sign. When Bob Kumin from virtual school called she asked multiple questions as to how many people would be in building at one time. He stated 10 at the most with an administrator and paraprofessional at all times. They would need to use the

refrigerator or bring their own. They would only be operational M-Th and follow the public school calendar for the most part. They would need wireless and internet capability and would bring their own furniture. Michele stated she asked what they are paying currently and has researched/inquired as to how much commercial space is being rented for around Franklin County and Greenfield. Michele feels they would not be disruptive to her.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** Jeff moved to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele Giarusso