

**Leyden Selectboard  
Leyden Town Offices  
Regular Session Minutes  
September 28, 2020  
7:00pm**

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

**Others Present:** Michele Giarusso, John Higgins, Beth Kuzdeba, Brian Pelletier, William Hughes, Bob Depalma

Meeting Called to Order at 7:08 pm.

**Minutes**

**Motion:** Jeff moved the minutes of September 21, 2020 as printed. Unanimous.

**Discussion**

**BOH** -Beth Kuzdeba discussed her letter from the BOH in regards to the assessor's clerk desk area. She stated a barrier has to be put up around the desk and people must distance 6 feet if the clerk is not going to wear a mask. The clerk cannot use copier or be in common area of the building without wearing a mask. Michele stated we could probably use the plexiglass purchased for voting for the time being since it will not be in use until election day and that is not the same day the clerk works. John Higgins stated he can bring the plexi glass down from the town hall.

**Fire Department**

William Hughes interviewed for fire department. William has been living in Leyden since Covid at his parent's second home. His permanent address is Glendale, NY. He is a virtual student at Trinity College. He has completed all the fire standards and training through the state of New Hampshire as well as EMS training and FEMA training. He would like to help out the town while he is in Leyden. He does not know if he will be going back to school in person in February or not. Even if he does go back to in person school he will be back to Leyden in the summer months. Brian stated he will not need any further training at this time.

**Motion:** Jeff moved to hire Wil Hughes as a volunteer fire fighter. Unanimous.

Brian has been looking into fire ponds but can only find a report from 1975. He stated there are 40 locations listed for fire ponds in Leyden. 40 years later we have only 4 hydrants in town and those have been getting dry or the beavers have been in them. Brian asked who has the authority to put in a fire pond as it pertains to conservation issues? He spoke to Rich Dimatteo and he said Conservation commission has not done anything with them as for as following them for any issues. Brian stated Ryan Cleary can do topographical maps for him.

Brush truck update generator not working. Jeff stated he will have Dan be on the lookout for any surplus brush trucks since replacing the generator is probably very costly and the truck is so old. Brian asked about keys to town offices should there be a fire. No decision made. For information MA Fire Detection will be out to inspect all fire extinguishers in town owned building on Oct. 5

**Municipal Assistant**-Michele stated she has received the \$5,000 grant for election expenses due to Covid. This can be used for poll workers salaries, plexiglass, mailings etc. She will have to keep track submit a report back. Meanwhile the Coates road culvert has a tight timeline to hire an engineer, submit design drawings etc so we can be ready for the construction grants in the winter/spring.

**Motion:** Bill moved to adjourn meeting at 8:20pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele Giarusso