

**Leyden Select Board
Leyden Town Offices
Regular Session Minutes
May 24, 2021
6:00pm**

Select Board Members Present: Bill Glabach, Jeff Neipp

Others Present: Michele Giarusso, Richard DiMatteo, Beth Kuzdeba, John Higgins, David Brooks, Robert Penfield, Jason Penfield, Jason Robert Penfield, Jeffrey Glabach, Jolene Glabach, Wendy Spofford, Ryan Spofford, Tony Streeter, Dan Lively, Aza Glabach, Bruce Dopbias, Evan Abramson, Peg Neville, Harry Neville, Mark Penfield, Mitch Penfield, Andrea Zimmerman, Zack Delucca, Dan Galvis, Gilda Galvis, AJ Egloff

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Motion: Jeff moved the minutes of May 19, 2021 as written. Unanimous.

Hunt Hill Road- Bill stated when a town road is to be upgraded the owner can upgrade the road with the approval of the select board and supervision of our highway superintendent. Jeff Glabach stated since no one can tell where the property lines are he wants to make sure there is no upgrading without knowing where the property lines are. He stated Tammy Collins owns the property on the south side until Tony Streeter's. Dave Brooks interjected and said he has dropped dirt on Hunt Hill Road in the past. Jeff Glabach said he has logging company trucks show up to look at the property and he is concerned they will start to log but need access to the property. He said he heard the town was going to upgrade the road. Jeff Neipp stated the town is not planning on doing anything to that road we just heard what Mr. Penfield would like to do. Jolene Glabach stated the residents must see the same maps where the property lines are to be consistent. Mr. Penfield has maps from someone. Tony Streeter stated Hurricane Irene washed out a lot of Hunt Hill and now the road meanders with twists and turn downhill where it never went before and is not straight. Bill Glabach stated in 1986 the town tried to not maintain several roads in town but Hunt Hill was not one of them. Evan Abramson stated a stream runs down the property line and goes under the road . The Conservation Commission discussed this at it's last meeting and the property owner must get a wetlands delineator at the owners expense. Evan continued no one can cross over this stream with heavy equipment until this is complete. Jim Brodeur said he went down there and there was water running down the south side of the road. The culvert is only 12 inches wide and 20 feet long on a curve with wetlands and the road looks only 8-10 feet wide there. Jim asked if Penfield's could build a small bridge over the stream. Evan stated the Penfields would have to file a notice of intent, a scientist will have to take a look at it. Rich DiMatteo stated even if the town were to upgrade this road then the town would have to delineate first. Jeff Neipp countered if the town were to upgrade the Hunt Hill Road then the lots would all be buildable. He continued we wanted to work with the property owner to have access to his property as he stated he did not want to build on it. Tony Streeter stated he filed a notice of intent with the Conservation Commission and they did not find any wetlands on his property. Beth Kuzdeba stated we must follow the Wetlands Protection Act lets just do what is right. Dave Brooks stated first of all property lines must be figured out before anyone does anything. Bill said surveying is very costly. Jeff Neipp said there is nothing in the budget for upgrading the road and he hopes something can be worked out so all parties in agreement. Unfortunately we are not going to solve this tonight, we can always meet over this again.

John Higgins-John presented several requests. One was an increase of \$10,000 for the pavilion construction to go on the town meeting warrant due to price increases across the board. He stated he gave to Michele before the closing of the warrant. Michele has placed a hold for the Annual

town meeting warrant articles. The other for purchasing of tables and chairs for the pavilion. The third for two air purifiers for town hall and 2 fans and the fourth he was wondering if Michele could get reimbursed under the Cares Act the loss of revenue in cancelations due to the pandemic for the pavilion last year. . Michele stated she could put in Cares Act report as long as John could provide breakdown of dates and cost and payment for the air purifiers could also be from Cares Act. Jeff and Bill stated they would discuss table and chairs for the pavilion and they must be under lock and key so no one could take.

Beth Kuzdeba-Citizen's Concerns-Beth shared with the select board the mosquito control plan the Board of Health is submitting on behalf of the town. Jeff and Bill thanked her for submitting this.

Andrea Zimmerman-Citizen's Concerns-Andrea stated people are still angle parking outside the town office building on the weekends. Andrea also wanted to discuss Michele's hours. Michele stated she would like an Executive session as she should not be discussed in an open session without being given warning. Bill stated Michele has rights and proper procedure has to be followed when discussing an employee of the town. Andrea can come back in two weeks. Bill stated we will follow the correct procedures for the town employee. Beth Kuzdeba stated if Andrea is going to look into things she should look at all employees not just one who and the hours they work.

Municipal assistant-Michele stated due to the lateness she will give her report next week.

Motion: Bill moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Giarusso