

**Leyden Select Board
Leyden Town Offices
Regular Session Minutes
June 28, 2021
6:00pm**

Select Board Members Present: Bill Glabach, Jeff Neipp

Others Present: Michele Giarusso, Susan Bobe, Michele Higgins, Ginger Robinson, Gilda Galvis

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

Motion: Jeff moved the minutes of June 14, 2021 as printed. Unanimous.

Loan for broadband-Susan Bobe, Treasurer, presented loan papers to sign for \$878,558.00 for one year at .36% interest rate with Easthampton Savings Bank. The note will be due July 7, 2022.

Motion: Jeff moved the loan be signed in the amount of \$878,558.00 for one year. Unanimous. Both Bill and Jeff signed the note.

Municipal Assistant-Michele stated Ginny Rockwood has resigned from the Historical Commission. Don Jacobs, consultant who is working on our Community Compact grant for job descriptions and wage and salary classifications would like to come back on July 12th and present to the select board the proposed classification plan. Michele receiving phone calls about the change from Assessor's Clerk to Assessor's Assistant. Residents want to know when it was discussed at a select board meeting, they are asking for the job description and hours and how it was arrived at a rate of pay. Michele reached out to Senator Jo Comerford's office in regards to the ARPA funds and using some of these funds to help pay for broadband. Everything Michele has learned about the ARPA funds the broadband reimbursement does not start until March 2021. Michele stated we were pretty much done with all the drops by March 2021 and the construction payments paid as she pays these bills. Comerford's office will look into this but also suggested we write to our Senators in Washington as this is federal money being disbursed to the states. Michele did reach out to Andy Killeen about new drops and he has emailed the 3 new drops he knows of and the cost. Michele stated she can put this in for reimbursement for ARPA funds. From the state budget it looks like Chapter 90 funds will be leveled funded again this year and any new construction money has to come from grants that individual towns apply for. Michele wanted to make sure the select board saw the bridge and culvert reports from MASSDOT in their correspondence. Some of these are in satisfactory shape only, that is why she was recommending money be put in an infrastructure fund for our annual town meeting. A letter has been received that elevator inspections may be increasing in price, yet we did not know this before we completed the FY22 budget.

Ginger Robinson, Chair, Finance Committee requested that the next 2 select board meetings be posted as a joint meeting of the select board and finance committee.

John Higgins thanked the select board for their support for additional money for the pavilion and Michele Giarusso for the Annual report. He stated it is one of the better reports he has seen.

Motion: Bill moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Giarusso

