

**Leyden Selectboard
Leyden Town Hall
Minutes**

March 9, 2016

Selectboard Members Present: Jeff Neipp, Lance Fritz.

Others Present: Bob Hardesty. Bob Ryan, Carol Collins, Dan Kelley, Robert Haigh, Mayor William Martin joined meeting at Greenfield Town Hall.

Call to order 9:30am at Leyden Town Hall.

Minutes

MOTION: Lance moved to accept the minutes of March 3. Jeff seconded. Minutes approved.

9:45: Left for Greenfield Town Hall to meet with Mayor Martin.

Meeting with Mayor Martin

Meeting started at 10:25am. First discussion was about Greenfield's high speed internet network, and if it would be feasible for Leyden to join their network by connecting at the Greenfield/Leyden Town line. Bob Ryan, Leyden Broadband Committee, joined the discussion, asked questions concerning service, Town costs, and costs per Leyden resident. Dan Kelley explained the operation and financials of the system. Leyden would build its own network, and own its own MLP. Leyden would probably be financing through a general obligation bond. Estimated cost for internet and phone would approximately \$40.00 per month. Bob will discuss the information with the Broadband Committee at next meeting.

Second discussion concerned joining Greenfield's Light and Power Electrical Aggregate. Carol Collins described how the Aggregate was created and organized. The Aggregate was up and running in January 2015. It has been very successful, and they would like expand to other communities. They estimate that Leyden residents could save about 40% on their electrical bills. Carol will send pertinent info and guidelines for joining.

Third discussion explored the possibility of Leyden joining a Fire/Police/EMS dispatch network with Greenfield and Montague. Greenfield Police Chief Robert (Robbie) Haigh explained how the system works, and thinks it would be easy for Leyden to be incorporated into the system. Bob will send Police Dept. budgetary information to Robbie. He will then draft a proposal and send to the Selectboard.

Meeting with the Mayor adjourned at 11:25am. Jeff, Lance, and Bob returned to Leyden Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jeff moved to adjourn. Lance seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:50am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty