

**Leyden Selectboard Meeting**  
**Leyden Town Hall**  
**Minutes**  
February 23, 2017

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

**Others Present:** Bob Hardesty, Bob Ryan, Dan Galvis.

Call to order 6:45pm.

**Minutes**

**MOTION:** Lance moved to accept minutes of February 16 as written. Unanimous.

**Ice and Snow Removal Deficit Spending**

**MOTION:** Lance moved to authorize the Town Accountant to deficit spend for ice and snow removal for FY17. Unanimous.

**Leyden Life articles for Broadband Committee and WiredWest Articles**

Lance mentioned that the Broadband Committee and WiredWest articles in Leyden Life seem to be confusing residents rather than to explain the broadband project. He feels that both committees should continue to hold meetings and present their findings and ideas to the Board. The articles should be presented without conflict and confusion. Jeff feels that the Board should not interfere with the content of Leyden Life. After further discussion, Lance agreed to leave the situation the way it is.

**Broadband Committee Update**

Bob Ryan updated the Board on the Broadband Committee meetings and their concerns. He's disappointed that MBI isn't moving faster. He shared an e-mail he sent to Ed Donnelly, MBI Strategic Policy Director, suggesting some changes to the MBI-Assisted Build Program. That e-mail is attached to these minutes.

**Engine One Update**

Dan reported that Engine One is back together. Engine needs tuned, and the carburetor needs to be rebuilt. Rebuilding the carburetor will cost about \$20.00. Pump is in and engages, and the valves were adjusted. If, in the future, the Board should decide to switch to electronic ignition, the cost would be about \$1600.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Jeff moved to adjourn. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty

February 23, 2017

To: Ed Donnelly  
From: Bob Ryan  
Subject: Leyden's comments to draft of proposed "MBI Assisted Build Program".

Hi Ed,

As we discussed yesterday, I would suggest that some changes be made to the proposed MBI-Assisted Build Program. Leyden concurs with the concept of MBI engaging a design firm to do the design work, which would include the construction bid package. That said, we see no need for either the State or the Town(s) to pay pole application fees and make ready estimates until after all the design engineering work is done and the construction bids are set to go out.

By submitting pole applications a few weeks before putting the construction RFP out to bid, we would get both sets of costs back at about the same time. This would then provide the town(s) the opportunity to review the overall projected cost for the entire project (make ready, as well as construction) rather than have to lay out make-ready costs in advance of knowing the ultimate overall cost to the Town(s).

We in Leyden believe that if this approach is managed properly, it should result in minimum time delay, if any. We believe there is an inherent 5-9-month procurement delay in the construction end of the project due to lead time in obtaining fiber, and that the necessary make ready work can be done while waiting for the fiber. We see no reason why MBI or the Town(s) should put out make-ready \$\$ until all of us know the overall cost of the project and whether those \$\$ are within the Town(s) Borrowing Authorizations.

Sincerely,

Bob Ryan, Chair  
Leyden Broadband Committee  
MBI Town Designee