

**Leyden Selectboard  
Leyden Town Hall  
Minutes  
November 6, 2017**

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

**Others Present:** Bob Hardesty, Gilda Galvis, Matt Muka.

Call to order 7:02pm.

**Moment of Silence**

Jeff suggested a moment of silence in honor of those killed during the church shooting in Texas. Lance called for a moment of silence.

**Minutes**

**MOTION:** Lance moved to accept the minutes of October 16 with the correction of a couple typos. Unanimous.

**MOTION:** Lance moved to accept the minutes of October 23 as presented. Unanimous.

**Amendment for House Bill 3449 – Extension of Chief Galvis’ Employment Past Age 65**

The Board discussed Senator Rosenberg’s amendment request for House Bill 3449.

**MOTION:** Lance moved approve accept Senator Rosenberg’s amendment to House Bill 3449 to add “SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of June 11, 2017”. Unanimous.

**First Responder No-Shave November**

The Board adopted the “No-Shave November” campaign in support of Home Base’s mission to help Veterans and their families heal from the invisible wounds, such as post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury. Police and First Responders are encouraged to not shave during the month of November. They will accept pledges to skirt the customary restrictions on facial hair. Ceremonial shave-off will be held November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Veterans’ Day Ceremony at PRES**

Jeff reported that PRES Principal Bob Clancy would like to have Leyden veterans attend a short ceremony at the school on Wednesday, November 8, at 2:15pm. Jeff will contact veterans in Town.

**Council on Aging Update**

Gilda reported that Amy St. Clair resigned from the COA effective immediately. Cecelia Tusinski will resign effective December 30. The Board and Gilda discussed how to find a replacement for Cecelia. They all decided that, since this is an appointed and paid position, the COA should announce the vacancy in their December Leyden Life article. The Board feels that the COA should be the appointing authority. Gilda also reported that Tracey is concerned about deficit spending from the State COA grant money.

**MOTION:** Jeff moved to allow the Accountant to deficit spend from the COA grant in anticipation of full reimbursement. Unanimous.

**Fire Dept. Update**

Burning of Blueberries on State Property - Matt Muka addressed the Board concerning the burning of the blueberries on State Fish and Game property. He reported that the State has the permits to burn of the blueberries. This will happen sometime between now and snowfall, but will not happen during shotgun deer hunting season. Colrain and Leyden Fire Departments will provide water for extinguishing. Bob will post on the website so residents are aware of the burning.

Fire Department Presentation at PRES – The Selectboard complimented the Fire Department on their recent Fire Prevention and Safety presentation that they gave to the students at PRES.

Permanent Appointment as Fire Chief – Jeff reminded the Board that Matt’s six month probation period as Fire Chief expires the first week of December. Discussion.

**MOTION:** Lance moved to permanently appoint Matt Muka as Fire Chief at the December 11 Selectboard meeting. Unanimous.

Jeff suggested that Matt’s parents be invited to attend the appointment. All agreed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Lance moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty