

**Leyden Selectboard
Leyden Town Hall
Regular Session Minutes
November 5, 2018**

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

Others Present: Bob Hardesty, Bob Ryan, Michele Giarusso.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:01pm

Minutes

MOTION: Lance moved to accept the minutes of October 16 as written. Bill, yes; Lance, yes; Jeff abstained.

MOTION: Lance moved to accept the minutes of October 22 as written. Unanimous.

Broadband Update

Bob Ryan updated the Board with progress of the Broadband project. There are police details included in the construction. Some of these are on roads that will not require police details. So, those costs would be reduced. He said that we will figure that out as we progress. Our “make ready” costs, originally estimated at \$370,000 could go as high as \$470,000, but the State would help with the overage. They have \$12,000,000 set aside to help towns with any increases in make ready that exceed the original estimate. He will be submitting paperwork to the State for \$129,500 in reimbursement funds in the next couple days. Right now, the contracts are for wire to the curb. Underground wiring will increase the costs, some of which will be passed on to the resident. Bob feels that we are still in good shape budget wise. Bill signed the contracts as Selectboard Chair and Lance signed as MLP Chair.

Municipal Assistant Job Description

Michele asked the Board if they would consider changing the Municipal Assistant job description to reflect 35 hours instead of 32 hours. She said that she called the Retirement Office for general information and, during the conversation, was told that if the job was for 35, her retirement would be considered full time and figured at 100% for calculating rather than 90%. She would work the extra hours for the current salary.

MOTION: Jeff moved change the Municipal Assistant job description from a 3 hour per week position to a 35 hour per week position, but to be paid at the current salary. Unanimous.

Fire Department Officer in Charge

MOTION: Lance moved that since he is the current senior officer, the Board should appoint Brian Pelletier as the Officer-in-Charge for the Fire Department. Unanimous.

Veterans' Day Celebration

Bob Clancy informed the Board that the PRES would like to observe Veterans' Day at the school on November 16, at 9:00am. All agreed to attend.

Fire Services Agreement Update

Jeff reported that Bob Strahan is working an agreement proposal. He has been in contact with the State Fire Marshal Steven Rourke and their General Counsel. When the proposal is complete, we will send it to Kopleman and Paige for their review.

MOTION: Lance moved to authorize Jeff to proceed with negotiations with Greenfield for fire protection. Unanimous.

The Board also discussed how to deal with transferring or selling the tanker to Greenfield. This will have to be researched. The Ford could be left here to be used as a brush truck.

Adjournment

MOTION: Lance moved to adjourn. Unanimous. Meeting Adjourned 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty