

**Leyden Selectboard
Leyden Town Hall
Regular Session Minutes
March 25, 2019
7:00pm**

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

Others Present: Michele Giarusso, Michele Higgins, Tom Luck, Karen O'Neil, Abby Pratt

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 pm

Minutes

Selectboard members reviewed mail and minutes. Bill signed MIAA insurance proposal for 2020.

Motion: Lance moved to accept the minutes of March 11, 2019 as written. Jeff abstained due to his absence. Bill seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion

Tom Luck - Tom presented a prepared plan and map depicting a parcel of land to transfer to the town and his property prepared by Dan Warner. Transfer consideration is for \$1.00. Tom needs to go before the planning board before the selectboard can sign.

Motion: Lance moved to accept the de minimus transfer between the town and the Luck's property for \$1.00. Jeff seconded. Unanimous.

School committee representatives- selectboard invited Leyden school committee members to discuss the school budget and the possible closure of PRES. Karen O'Neil and Abby Pratt present. BOS explained their disappointment with the 5 year contract for a new inexperienced superintendent who has only been on the job for eight months. Karen explained the school committee was unanimous in its decision and was looking for consistency. Board felt contract excessive at this time in light of our financial situation. Question also asked what the status of closing PRES is and the SC members stated it is on the agenda for a special meeting on Thursday March 28. Bill stated he wants to see the town receive money back if the closure happens. The entire board expressed an assessment increase of \$58,000 with a looming school closure is not warranted. Discussion followed that the SC has some controversy over this, some SC members would like any cost savings to go towards school programs.

Citizen's Concerns - Carolyn Asbury Library Trustee inquiring about advertising for librarian position and process to hire a new librarian. Chris Johnson has submitted her resignation effective April 30. Position was posted in Leyden newsletter, Michele to post on town website and posted at library and town hall. From newsletter alone trustees have received 3 candidates. Selectboard stated once trustees have interviewed to recommend candidate to the selectboard for approval.

Custodian/Maintenance position- Resignation received from custodian. Michele to post on town website and town hall posting board. Reviewed policy, position will include shoveling snow. Salary to be decided upon after interviews but not necessarily line item amount voted at town meeting.

Special Town Meeting Warrant-discussed the articles that should be on the warrant. Much discussion on which stabilization accounts remaining free cash should be transferred to. Michele will present final draft for vote next meeting.

Annual Budget- deferred closing date until after special school committee meeting.

Municipal Assistant - Finance committee would like to come to meetings to discuss budgets beginning next meeting. Selectboard in favor.

COA recommending to hire Linda Allis as their assistant.

Motion: Lance moved to hire Linda Allis. Unanimous.

April 20 is the town wide cleanup. Michele would like to know what size dumpster to order. Dave Brooks would like to clean out highway garage and this would be a good opportunity to clean out items in town hall.

Motion: Jeff motioned to order a 30 cubic yard dumpster. Unanimous.

Inspector of Barns and animals – Nicole Glabach has notified Mun. Asst. of her intent to fill this position.

Motion: Jeff motioned to appoint Nicole Glabach. Lance seconded. Bill abstained. Motion passed.

Locks need to be changed in town hall and record keeping of who receives.

Motion: Jeff motioned to call locksmith to change keys. Unanimous.

Town report discussion tabled to next meeting due to the late hour.

Adjournment

MOTION: Bill moved to adjourn at 10:10pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Giarusso