

**Leyden Selectboard
Leyden Town Hall
Regular Session Minutes
August 5, 2019
7:00pm**

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

Others Present: Michele Giarusso, David Brooks, Nicole Glabach, Rourke Herron, Linda Slattery

Meeting Called to Order at 7:01 pm

Minutes

Selectboard members reviewed the mail, meeting minutes and signed warrant.

Motion: Lance moved to accept the July 22, 2019 meeting minutes as printed. Unanimous.

Discussion

Drainage issues from 543 West Leyden Road-received some complaints that gravel from driveway is washing onto West Leyden Road. This is a safety hazard. There was a motorcycle accident last year from this. The highway crew has cleaned up several times but they cannot do anymore. Owner must be contacted.

Motion: Lance moved to write a letter to owners, Michele to research who the owners are, have the owners attend the Selectboard meeting on August 26, 2019 at 7:15 pm to discuss amicable fix to their driveway to avoid liability to them. Jeff can sign the letter as chair. Unanimous.

Dave Brooks would like Davey Tree service contacted to come back to clean up sides of roads since the town/tree warden was never notified of the cutting in the first place. They kept us out of the loop and went straight to the homeowner, now the town is left to clean up the sides of the road with the wood homeowners do not want or cannot clean up. Michele to call supervisor at Davey Tree.

Discussed audit estimate from Scanlon and Associates. The cost will be \$15,000 and cannot be done until Spring. All in agreement to proceed with audit.

Lance would like to take some time at a future meeting to discuss how to proceed with moving offices into PRES. He suggested mapping out the entire building and to have a conversation with dept. heads.

Discussed writing to Assessors in regard to Spirit Fire, what their property assessment is and what they are paying in lieu of taxes.

Motion: Lance moved to write a letter to the Assessors inquiring about Spirit Fire's assessment, how much they pay to the town each year, have Jeff sign the letter as chair. Unanimous.

Discussed recent planning board public hearing. Selectboard not in favor of granting the special permit for Odyssey Behavioral Healthcare. Lance motioned to have a letter written to planning board with the selectboard's concerns and have Jeff sign the letter as chair.

Municipal Assistant Update:

Michele did contact town counsel about updating the IMA with the PVRSD on the use of PRES for 50% usage for town offices. Town Counsel is on vacation until August 12 and said she will work on it when she returns.

MIIA insurance breakout of vehicle costs-Michele has not received updated information yet.

There are 3 important conferences happening in Western MA in the fall. Michele plans on attending all 3. Encouraging selectboard to attend the Oct. 5 meeting at UMASS for all selectboards.

Adjournment:

Motion: Jeff moved to adjourn at 8:40pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Giarusso

