

**Leyden Selectboard
Leyden Town Hall
Regular Session Minutes
September 4, 2019
1:00pm**

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

Others Present: Michele Giarusso, Robert Snow, John Higgins, Brian Pelletier, Susan Bobe, Zack DeLucca

Meeting Called to Order at 1:00 pm

Minutes

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

Motion: Lance moved to accept the August 26, 2019 meeting minutes as printed. 2 in favor, Lance abstained.

Motion: Lance moved to accept with regret a resignation letter from Tracey Baronas, Town Accountant.

Bill feels she should at least stay to complete the recap sheet so the Assessors can set the tax rate. Jeff wants Michele to put ad in Greenfield Recorder for 5 days for Town Accountant. He would also like her to call David Fierro and FRCOG for quotes for town accountant services.

Unanimous.

Discussion

Change of use for PRES. Jeff first wanted to mention the IMA should be voted on at the Sept. 12th school committee meeting. We will know then that we are definitely receiving the agreed upon money for maintenance costs for this year. Michele shared an email she received from the PVRSD business manager stating they turned off all utilities as of September. She has been in contact with Eversource to turn on the power. She would like the board to make decisions on trash, how big of a dumpster. Jeff stated 2 ½ yard that is in good condition and can be locked. Plowing-our highway department can do. Annual boiler inspection, Mike Townsley has been doing for the PVRSD see if he can do for us. All other issues Michele is getting 3 quotes for. Discussed floor plan and filled out who could possibly occupy each room. Michele will send floor plan to Dave Vreeland to fill out each area and send to building inspector for change of use paper work.

Motion: Jeff would like town clerk, treasurer and tax collector invited to the next meeting for a walk through of the building. Next meeting will be at PRES on September 16. Unanimous.

Veteran's plaque-resident questioning how name gets placed on plaques. Discussed the criteria-it was the understanding that if person entered the service while living in Leyden their name got put there. Bob Snow and John Higgins Co-chairs for Veteran's plaque stated all veteran's should have their name on the plaque who live in Leyden if they would like.

Motion: Jeff moved to allow any resident who served in a war to have their name on plaque if they live in town. Unanimous.

Official posting site for posting agendas-discussed you only need one official posting place according to the law not two.

Motion: Jeff moved the official posting site for the town is the posting board on the rear of the town hall in between office door and dining hall. Unanimous.

Blinking sign on Greenfield Road discussion - the sign is town owned, mobile, on wheels and under the purview of the selectboard. It is for the general interest for the town and people must go through the selectboard to post. This should stop the rumors that the sign is against our zoning by-laws.

Surplus property

Motion: Jeff moved to declare Forest Avenue and other town owned lands taken by tax title as surplus property and would like Treasurer to contact Attorney Bloom to start process for auctioning off properties. Unanimous. Susan Bobe will contact Attorney Bloom.

Municipal Assistant Update:

Michele received a call from Jim Paquette at DOR. He is the one who sets our EQV and explained that the assessors can challenge the EQV when they receive the letter in regards to the assessment. He gave Michele his number and stated she could call with any further questions. Michele asked about instituting reverse 911 in town. Jeff said he would speak to Dan Galvis to begin the process as the town's Emergency manager. Michele has called 3 moving companies for quotes for moving town owned property to the school. They all go by prevailing wage.

Adjournment:

Motion: Jeff moved to adjourn at 2:15pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Giarusso