

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Leyden
Minutes (April 9, 2024)

Supervisor Rosalie White called the Public Hearing for the Town of Leyden Board held at the Town Hall on April 9, 2024 to order at 5:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Members in attendance were: Councilmembers Andy Millick; Steve Fox; Bruce Krug; Stanley Jones; Town Clerk Janice Dosztan; CTHC Christine Healt; Lois Compo, Bruce Myers, Scott Sawyer, David Prukno, and Jim Brach

**PUBLIC HEARING
LOCAL LAW 1-2024
ESTABLISH A TOWN WIDE 12 MONTH
MORATORIUM ON SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES
AND/OR BATTERY STORAGE FACILITIES**

A Public Hearing was held regarding Local Law 1-2024 Establish a Town wide 12 Month Moratorium On Solar Energy Facilities and/or Battery Storage Facilities. Supervisor White read the Public Notice that was published in the Boonville Herald on 4/3/2024 and asked for comments.

Bruce Krug asked if the Town currently has a Solar Law; Supervisor White informed him that we do. Once Local Law 1-2024 is approved the Solar Law will be on hold as well.

Jim Brach informed the Town Board that he has been in contact with the Boonville Fire Department and there is currently nothing in place for solar farm fires or for lithium batteries. If there is a fire, the fire department will secure the area and let it burn until the fire is out. He also informed the Board that the panels are not biodegradable and will eventually be in a landfills that it will take years before they are recycled.

Supervisor White informed the Board that Local Law #1-2024 couldn't be adopted until Lewis County Planning reviewed the Law at their 4/18/24 meeting and submitted their recommendations.

Motion made by Steve Fox to close the Public Hearing at 5:30 and seconded by Bruce Krug. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Andy Millick and seconded by Stanley Jones to accept the minutes from the March 12, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

BILL APPROVAL:

General Fund bills numbered 61 through and including 79 were audited; Highway Fund bills numbered 21 through and including number 26 were audited. All bills were signed and ordered to be paid by a motion from Andy Millick and seconded by Stanley Jones. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Supervisor White reported revenues received; \$4,674.01 March Interest–NYClass Investment & Community Bank; \$300.00 Medical Ins. Premiums – March; \$483.00 Clerks February Revenue Paid in March; \$6,455.00 Justice February Report – Town's Share \$1,771.00 (NYS Share \$4,684.00

CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT:

The clerk's **March** monthly report was passed. Total taken in **\$772.40** for the following breakdown

	<i>Dog License Renewal</i>	\$ 110.00
	Birth Certificate	\$
	Certificate of Death	\$
	Building Permit	\$ 512.40
	Zoning Permit	\$ 150.00
Paid to:	Town of Leyden Supervisor	\$ 661.40
	NYS Ag & Markets	<u>\$ 11.00</u>
	Total Dispersed	<u>\$ 772.40</u>

CORRESPONDENCE, ETC:

Supervisor White informed the Town Board Water District #1 (Lyons Falls) is due for 5-year renewal in June 2024.

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that she signed a contract with Ed & Ed for the new Town Hall copier/printer.

NEW CONSTRUCTION – TOWN HALL:

Steve Fox informed the Town Board that they reviewed the measurements required for the Justice Court and will send a layout to NYS Court System for review and approval.

Supervisor White asked if Mr. Olmstead was contacted to complete drawings; Steve indicated that he had not but would contact him.

Bruce Krug asked about the current court building and the possibility of updating that building. Stanley Jones indicated that there were several issues with the building; electrical issues, roof leakage, inadequate lighting, not enough parking, and meeting rooms did not meet court specs.

Bruce Myers asked if the Town makes money off the court; he suggested the Town dissolve the court.

Steve Fox asked Supervisor White if she asked the assessor about combining the 2 parcels on School Road; she had not but plans to.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that the HWY/FEMA/DHSES will meet on 4/23/2024 for an onsite inspection of Ziegler #2 and New Road culverts.

CTHC:

Christine Healt informed the Town Board of all the grants that are available to the Town and the deadlines.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Bruce Krug spoke to the Town Board regarding a new NYS Law called the RAPID Act and he'd like the Town to write a letter opposing it.

Bruce Krug introduced Resolution #28

RESOLUTION #28
LETTER OPPOSING
PART O, THE RAPID ACT

WHEREAS; The Town Board of the Town of Leyden has been made aware of the proposed Rapid Act, Part O, of the NYS Governor's Budget and,
WHEREAS; The Town Board of the Town of Leyden agrees the passage of this act would not be in the best interest of the Town of Leyden nor upstate NY.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Leyden does hereby oppose Part O, the Rapid Act and,
FURTHERMORE, Notify our Representatives of the NYS Assembly, the NYS Senate and the Association of Towns of this opposition. Motion made by Bruce Krug and seconded by Stanley Jones. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays

Bruce Myers asked if there was an update on the plow turnaround. Supervisor White informed him that the Town was not going to pursue eminent domain on the prior turnaround because of the legal cost. The Highway Superintendent will contact the property owner across the road regarding a turnaround on his property.

Bruce Myers asked for an update on MMA Builders refund. Supervisor White informed him the last response she received from MMA Builders they were waiting for a refund from the window and door retailer. Mr. Myers would like the Town to take legal action towards him. Supervisor White will discuss with our new attorney for guidance.

He also asked about the charging station at the Edge Hotel. Supervisor White informed him that the Town currently has a contract with the Edge and has no plans of moving the charging station until the contract ends.

Next regular meeting will be May 14, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall

Motion to adjourn was made by Stanley Jones and seconded by Bruce Krug. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Janice Dosztan, Town Clerk