

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Leyden
Minutes (October 14, 2025)

Supervisor Rosalie White called the regular meeting for the Town of Leyden Board held at the Town Hall on October 14, 2025 to order at 5:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Members in attendance were: Councilmembers Andy Millick; Steve Fox; Stanley Jones; Bruce Krug; Town Clerk Janice Dosztan; Highway Superintendent Sean Shanks; Christine Healt; Lois Comp; Jeff Nellenback, Jackie Mahoney, Larry Dolhof, Sue Bailey, Deforest Flangsborg, and Bruce Myers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bruce Krug and seconded by Stanley Jones to accept the minutes from the September 9, 2025 regular meeting as amended. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Bruce Krug and seconded by Steve Fox to accept the minutes from the October 3, 2025 special meeting (Budget). Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM:

Jackie Mahoney Lewis County Trail System explained to the Town Board how the Lewis County Trail Permits work and how event permits are issued. To obtain a Lewis County Trail Permit the individual must include proof of insurance when the permit is purchased. When an event permit is issued, it's up to the organization to insure the riders have permits. The Lewis County Sheriff's Department is also supposed to do spot checks to ensure the riders have permits and insurance. They are also required to obtain a Lewis County Trail Permit to participate in the event. Councilmember Krug indicated that there is not adequate law enforcement. He also does not agree with the ATV/UTV riding on closed roads. Councilmember Fox asked what is the approximate attendance of participants in events such as SNURT; Mrs. Mahoney indicated that the bigger events can get over 2000 participants. Councilmember Fox also asked if a Town Road was damaged during an event would the county repair it; due to the Town not opting in to an IMA with the County they would not repair it. Larry Dolhof indicated that a parking area can be opened to connect trails. He also indicated that some riders will purchase property in our area; they also would be spending money in the county.

BILL APPROVAL:

General Fund bills numbered 177 through and including 195 were audited; Highway Fund bills numbered 64 through and including number 78 were audited. All bills were signed and ordered to be paid by a motion from Andy Millick and seconded by Bruce Krug. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

A guardrail complaint was received for Dutch Hill Road. To replace with new guardrail, it would cost \$39,152.00 which would be reimbursable by CHIPS. Highway Superintendent Shanks indicated that he will get a quote for used guardrails. Bruce Myers indicated that the Town has 3 days to acknowledge the complaint.

Further discussion was held on the loader purchase from Tracey Road Equipment for \$45,000.00; no action taken.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Supervisor White reported revenues received; \$3,285.65 September Interest–NYSCClass Investment & Community Bank; \$150.00 Medical Ins. Premiums – September; \$7,325.00 August Justice Report (Town’s Share \$2,642.00 – NYS Share \$4,683.00), \$1,024.34 Clerks August Revenue Paid in September; \$54,368.01 CHIPS Reimbursement – Dutch Hill Peeling Shoulders May/June 2024, \$285.82 NYS (OSC) Real Property Shared Services Refund, \$14,076.00 NYS AIM Payment

CLERK’S MONTHLY REPORT:

The clerk’s **September** monthly report was passed. Total taken in **\$575.52** for the following breakdown

	<i>Dog License Renewal</i>	\$	220.00
	Building Permit	\$	205.52
	Zoning Permit	\$	50.00
	Death Cert Copies	\$	50.00
	Septic	\$	50.00
Paid to:	Town of Leyden Supervisor	\$	551.52
	NYS Ag & Markets	\$	24.00
	Total Dispersed	\$	575.52

CORRESPONDENCE, ETC:

Supervisor White received notice from NYMIR that the insurance appraisal of buildings is scheduled for 10/23/25 (Town Barn & Justice Building).

Supervisor White reviewed the 2026 Exemption Questionnaire from Lewis County Real Property.

Steve Fox introduced Resolution #47

RESOLUTION #47
2026 EXEMPTION
QUESTIONNAIRE

BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town Of Leyden does hereby authorize Supervisor White to sign the 2026 Exemption Questionnaire for Lewis County Real Property with no changes. Motion made by Steve Fox and seconded by Bruce Krug. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

LOCAL LAW NO 2-2025:

The Town Board informed Supervisor White that the Solar Law needs amendments with the Planning Board before it can be submitted to the County.

ASSESSOR:

Supervisor White informed the Board that there was a term correction – Correct Resolution #43 from September minutes to read: Susan Martin is appointed as assessor to a 6-year term effective 10/1/25 to 9/30/31.

Due to snakes in and around the building, she will meet at the Town Hall by appointment only during her regular hours; 1-4 PM on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Her hours and phone number should be published on the website. When the foundation is repaired in the spring of 2026 appointments may not be necessary.

The Town Board does not agree with the assessor's proposal and they will be seeking a replacement.

LEGISLATOR:

No Report

CTHC:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor White informed the Town Board the General Election will take place on 11/4/25; set up on 11/3/25 at Justice Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

We are pausing the comment period until further notice. The "Privilege of The Floor" has been abused by disruptive guests which is not allowed. Therefore, if you have any concerns for the Town Board you may put it in writing to the clerk or supervisor prior to the meeting.

Next regular meeting will be November 11, 2025 at 5:30 pm at the Town Hall (review payables at 4:30).
Special Meeting will be October 24, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. Public Hearing on the 2026 Preliminary Budget.

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Fox and seconded by Stanley Jones. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Janice Dosztan, Town Clerk