

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Leyden
Minutes (December 30, 2025)

Supervisor Rosalie White called the Special Meeting for the Town of Leyden Board held at the Town Hall on December 30, 2025 to order at 6:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Members in attendance were: Councilmembers Steve Fox; Councilmember Stanley Jones; Councilmember Bruce Krug; Town Clerk Janice Dosztan; Bruce Myers; and Joe Beck (Councilmembers Andy Millick – excused)

***PUBLIC HEARING
LOCAL LAW #2-2025***

A Public Hearing was held regarding Local Law #2-2025 Extending The Town wide Moratorium For (6) Months For All Large Solar Energy Systems And/or Medium/Large Battery Energy Storage Systems. Supervisor White read the Public Notice that was published in the Boonville Herald.

Motion to close the Public Hearing by Steve Fox and seconded by Bruce Krug at 6:30.

BILL APPROVAL:

General Fund bills numbered 235 through and including 246 were audited; Highway Fund bills numbered 106 through and including number 110 were audited. All bills were signed and ordered to be paid by a motion from Steve Fox and seconded by Stanley Jones. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Steve Fox asked if the roads could have more “hot mix” on them. He currently doesn’t feel like the mix that is currently being use is working well. Bruce Myers informed the Town Board that he usually mixed 1 load of salt with 5 loads of sand on the “high traffic roads” but indicated this did get adjusted with conditions.

Discussion was held on the Widrick Truck & Diesel Service quote to repair the 1992 Oskosh transmission for \$10,477.37. Steve Fox asked if the transmission was new or rebuilt and if it came with a warranty. He would like it tabled until January 2, 2026 meeting.

Supervisor White indicated that the Town did not receive a quote from Riverside Rentals for the 2023 Doge 3500 plow.

Discussion was held on setting the rate of pay for the highway employees as budget at \$.80/hr – 3% increase.

Steve Fox introduced Resolution #62

***RESOLUTION #62
SET RATE OF PAY
HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES***

BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town of Leyden does hereby set the rate of pay as Regular \$26.55/hour O/T \$39.83/hour; PT Laborer \$20.00/hour O/T \$30.00. Motion made by Steve Fox and seconded by Bruce Krug. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

CORRESPONDENCE, ETC:

Supervisor White received an email from Talcottville Cemetery Association offering to take over the “Old Town Garage Property” and the benefits it would have to the Town. Bruce Krug was concerned with the liability if the Cemetery Association dissolved it would go back to the Town. Steve Fox indicated the liability would go back on NYS. He also informed the Town that the liability would fall on the association. The transfer would be the same if it was a private sale. Bruce Myers asked if the ground would be maintained; and he indicated they would.

Bruce Krug asked if the association would keep it open to the public; he indicated that the association would decide that. Bruce Krug would like the Town attorney to review and give recommendations.

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that she received notice from North County Regional EMS Council, Inc. will hold a Public Hearing regarding Certificate of Need (CON) on 1/5/26 at 7 PM.

CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT:

The clerk's **December** monthly report was passed. Total taken in **\$90.00** for the following breakdown

	<i>Dog License Renewal</i>	\$	30.00
	Septic	\$	50.00
	Marriage Cert Copy	\$	10.00
Paid to:	Town of Leyden Supervisor	\$	86.00
	NYS Ag & Markets	\$	<u>4.00</u>
	Total Dispersed	\$	90.00

NYS RETIREMENT:

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that the Standard Work Day Reporting Resolution needs to be revised for the following-

- Board Member Steve Fox – Standard Work Day 6/hrs. (ROA. 56)
- HWY Superintendent – Sean Shanks Standard Work Day 8/hrs. (ROA 28.84)
- Court Clerk – Carrie Kubinski Standard Work Day 6/hrs. (ROA 4.20)

Stanley Jones introduced Resolution #63

RESOLUTION #63
NYS RETIRMENT
STANDARD WORKDAY
& REPORTING RESOLUTION

BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town of Leyden does hereby submit the revised Standard Workday & Reporting Resolution for Board Member Steve Fox – Standard Work Day 6/hrs. (ROA. 56); HWY Superintendent – Sean Shanks Standard Work Day 8/hrs. (ROA 28.84); and Court Clerk – Carrie Kubinski Standard Work Day 6/hrs. (ROA 4.20). Motion made by Stanley Jones and seconded by Bruce Krug. Motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays – Steve Fox abstained.

LOCAL LAW NO 2-2025:

Steve Fox introduced Resolution #64

RESOLUTION #64
LOCAL LAW 2-2025
EXTENDING THE TOWN WIDE
MORATORIUM FOR (6) MONTHS FOR ALL LARGE
SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND/OR MEDIUM/LARGE
BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the Moratorium regarding Solar Energy Facilities and/or Battery Energy Storage Systems was recently adopted by the Town Board and which is due to expire on/about December 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board for the Town of Leyden, New York is considering a number of steps to update, revise and amend its Zoning with regard to Solar Energy Facilities and/or Battery Energy Storage Systems, but anticipates that completion of that process will not be accomplished by December 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in light of the above, the Town Board has determined that extending the moratorium for up to an additional six (6) months is reasonably necessary and appropriate to ensure that adequate time exists within which the Town Board might adopt reasonable amendments to Town Zoning in respect to Solar Energy Facilities and/or Battery Energy Storage Systems.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing to extend the moratorium for an additional six (6) months (subject to earlier cancellation by Resolution) was conducted on December 30, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that extending the moratorium to provide adequate time to amend Zoning in regard to Solar Energy Facilities and/or Battery Energy Storage Systems is appropriate and the local law is approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion made by Steve Fox and seconded by Bruce Krug. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Organizational meeting will be held 1/2/26 at 5:30 p.m.

The 2026 NYS Historical Membership is \$100.00. Steve Fox submitted the invoice for payment.

Bruce Krug asked about the Port Leyden Water Project and asked if it would affect the Town of Leyden Water District. Janice Dosztan informed him that the Water Project will take place mainly in the Town of Lyonsdale. The Village has not established rates but will soon. To her knowledge, the only affect it will have on the Town of Leyden Water District is the quarterly water rates to outside users. The engineers plan to meet with the Town to discuss the project in detail.

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Fox and seconded by Stanley Jones. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Janice Dosztan, Town Clerk