

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

Supervisor Rosalie White called the regular meeting for the Town of Leyden Board held at the Town Hall on January 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; Codes Enforcement Joe Pfeiffer; CTHC Christine Healt; and Bruce Myers

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:

Bruce Myers asked if MMA Builders have delivered the new doors/windows for the Town Barn; Supervisor White informed the Town Board that she called Mike and informed him that there was room in the Town Barn to store the doors and windows. She informed him that they need to be delivered or the Town would start legal action towards him. He informed Supervisor White that delivery was delayed because he broke his hand.

Bruce Myers also asked for an update on snowplow turnaround with the Millers. Supervisor White has no updated. Bruce feels the town should proceed with eminent domain; the town has used that turnaround for 40+ years. Councilmember Fox suggested talking with neighboring landowners to build a new turnaround.

Joe Pfeiffer informed the Town Board that there's questions regarding the Dollar General signage. The sign dimensions are different in the plan than what the designer has.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Steve Fox and seconded by Stanley Jones to accept the minutes from the December 12, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Bruce Krug and seconded by Andy Millick to accept the minutes from the December 27, 2023 special meeting as amended. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Steve Fox and seconded by Stanley Jones to accept the minutes from the January 3, 2024 Organizational meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

BILL APPROVAL:

General Fund bills numbered 1 through and including 23 were audited; Highway Fund bills numbered 1 through and including number 6 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.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Supervisor White reported revenues received; \$2,655.03 December Interest–NYSClax Investment & Community Bank; \$300.00 Medical Ins. Premiums – December; \$923.00 Clerks November Revenue Paid in December; \$2,885.00 Justice Court November Fees (Town's share \$531.00; NYS share \$2,354.00); \$3,330.00 Justice Court December Fees (Town's share \$826.00 NYS share \$2,504.00); \$557.96 Village of Port Leyden-1/2 Third QTR. 2023 Court Expenses; \$169,340.63 CHIPS, PAVE NY & EWR Reimbursement

CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT:

The clerk's **December** monthly report was passed. Total taken in **\$660.00** for the following breakdown

	<i>Dog License Renewal</i>	\$ 460.00
	Building Without a Permit	\$
	Certificate of Death	\$ 200.00
	Septic	\$
	Zoning Permit	\$
Paid to:	Town of Leyden Supervisor	\$ 610.00
	NYS Ag & Markets	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
	Total Dispersed	\$ 660.00

CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.:

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that she received notice of Public Hearing on 1/8/2024 from the Town of Boonville regarding Proposed Modification to Town of Boonville Zoning Ordinance.

Supervisor White informed the Town Board she contacted Attorney James Burrows regarding a new attorney for the Town effective 3/31/23. He quoted her \$225.00/hour.

Bruce Krug introduced Resolution #22

RESOLUTION #22
JAMES BURROWS
TOWN ATTORNEY EFFECTIVE 4/01/24

BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town of Leyden hereby appoints Attorney James Burrows as the Town of Leyden Attorney effective 4/01/24 – 12/31/24. Motion made by Bruce Krug and seconded by Steve Fox. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays

RESERVE INVESTMENTS:

Supervisor White informed the Town Board the yearend balance on hand is \$646,009.92 – year end balance with Community Bank N.A. \$1,1012.55. Interest earned YTD NYCLASS \$35,744.30, Community Bank N.A. \$27.04.

TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS/NYSERDA CEC AGREEMENT:

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that she will be having a zoom meeting Friday 1/12/24 with Jeff Scharl, NYSERDA to discuss finding an alternative project for the funding intended for the Town Hall.

ATTORNEY:

No Report

TOWN BARN IMPROVEMENTS:

MMA Building will contact the Highway Superintendent to set up delivery schedule of the windows and doors for the Town Barn.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Port Leyden Mayor, Heather Collins asked the Town of Leyden to go back to plowing the sections of the village streets that we've plowed in the past. She also asked the Town to help open a path to the sewer plant on 1/8/24. The Village will amend the IMA regarding plowing village streets.

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 that a \$50.00 donation was made to the Lewis County Humane Society in honor of David Compo (Lois Compo).

A discussions was held on raising the cemetery plots to \$325.00 for the town cemeteries.

Steve Fox introduced Resolution #23

RESOLUTION #23
CEMETERY PLOT
RATE

BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town of Leyden hereby does change the cost for Town of Leyden Cemetery plots to \$325.00/plot. Motion made by Steve Fox and seconded by Andy Millick. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays

Further discussion was held on the Town Hall renovations and building a new Town Hall. Councilmember Fox proposed a new Municipal Building in Talcottville and selling the Justice Building in Port Leyden.

Steve Fox introduced Resolution #24

RESOLUTION #24
NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING

BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town of Leyden will move forward with plans for a new municipal building in Talcottville. Motion made by Steve Fox and seconded by Stanley Jones. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 abstained – Rosalie White

Next regular meeting will be February 13, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Fox and seconded by Stanley Jones. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Janice Dosztan, Town Clerk