

State of New York  
County of Lewis  
Town of Leyden  
Minutes (March 10, 2026)

Supervisor Rosalie White called the regular meeting for the Town of Leyden Board held at the Town Hall on March 10, 2026 to order at 5:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Members in attendance were: Councilmembers Dawn Rava-Crofoot; Bruce Myers; Bruce Krug; Stanley Jones; Town Clerk Janice Dosztan; Highway Superintendent Sean Shanks; Lois Comp, Scott Sawyer; and Maria Covey

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Stanley Jones and seconded by Bruce Krug to accept the minutes from the February 10, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**BILL APPROVAL:**

General Fund bills numbered 47 through and including 69 were audited; Highway Fund bills numbered 16 through and including number 24 were audited. All bills were signed and ordered to be paid by a motion from Dawn Rava-Crofoot and seconded by Stanley Jones. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays. Bruce Myers did note that he will not be approving extra bills for Widrick on the drive shaft/yokes and it was not on the estimate.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that she received correspondence from Hunter Bourgeois regarding an accident that occurred on Dutch Hill Road on 2/11/2026. Highway Superintendent Shanks informed the Town Board that he did not report it to the insurance company and is unsure if there is an accident report.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT:**

Supervisor White reported revenues received; \$3,202.74 February Interest–NYSClass Investment & Community Bank; \$300.00 Medical Ins. Premiums – February; \$6,790.00 Justice Court January Fees (Town's share \$2,491.00; NYS share \$4,299.00); \$39.00 Clerks January Revenue Paid in February; \$1,263.61 Tax Collector – Interest paid on January's Installments; \$534.77 Tax Collector – February Interest Penalty, \$819.59 Milton Cat – Refund Core Charge; \$2,173.29 Charter Communications Franchise Fee 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025; \$43,999.13 FEMA (Prepayment) For Culvert Work On New Road and Zeigler Road #2; \$55,115.42 Lewis County Snow & Ice Payment (Check 1 or 2).

**CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT:**

The clerk's **February** monthly report was passed. Total taken in **\$260.00** for the following breakdown

	<i>Dog License Renewal</i>	\$	180.00
	Building Permit	\$	
	Zoning Permit	\$	
	Death Certificate	\$	60.00
	Marriage License Copies	\$	20.00
<b>Paid to:</b>	<b>Town of Leyden Supervisor</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>241.00</b>
	<b>NYS Ag &amp; Markets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>19.00</u></b>
	Total Dispersed	<b>\$</b>	<b>260.00</b>

**CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.:**

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that the Lewis County Legislators have passed a resolution in opposition to the Rapid Act.

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that the Lewis County Codes Enforcement will do inspections of Town buildings – Property Fire Safety 3 year intervals.

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that the Lewis County Humane Society Contract expired on 12/31/25 and discussed the new contract. Bruce Krug informed the Board that they are not a county department, and the County has very little oversight over the shelter even though their name is "Lewis County" Humane Society. The annual agreement is for 5 years, the annual charge is \$3,450.00 for 2026, shelter costs will be \$30.00/day per animal for 10 days, and a maximum of 9 dogs/year.

Dawn Rava-Crofoot introduced Resolution #26

**RESOLUTION #26**  
**2026 LEWIS COUNTY**  
**HUMANE SOCIETY AGREEMENT (5 YEARS)**

**BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town of Leyden does hereby authorize Supervisor White to sign the agreement with Lewis County Humane Society. Motion made by Dawn Rava-Crofoot and seconded by Stanley Jones. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.**

**SOLAR LAW ADDENDUM SECTION 12:**

Supervisor White reviewed the Solar Law Addendum (Section 12) to the current law as revised by the Town Board.

Change the following –

- B. Permitting change from 100' setback to 400' minim setback from existing residential structures.
- F. Within taken out and add now 30 days prior to for ownership change.
- J. Should read areas within 100' not 50' for clearing combustible vegetation
- K. Fencing should be 2' below grade
- R. Section 5 last page has been updated with response and safety procedures.
- A. Add municipal host agreement (Leyden as host community)

Bruce Krug introduced Resolution #27

**RESOLUTION #27**  
**SOLAR LAW ADDENDUM**  
**SECTION 12**  
**BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS**

**BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town of Leyden does hereby approve Addendum section 12 Battery Energy Storage Systems to be added to the current Solar Law and submit to the county for approval. Motion made by Bruce Krug and seconded by Dawn Rava-Crofoot. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.**

Stanley Jones introduced Resolution #28

**RESOLUTION #28**  
**PULIC HEARING**  
**AMENDED SOLAR LAW**

**BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town of Leyden does hereby schedule a public hearing on May 12, 2026 at 5:30 on the Amended Solar Law. Motion made by Stanley Jones and seconded by Bruce Myers. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.**

Bruce Myers introduced Resolution #29

**RESOLUTION #29**  
**OPPOSING**  
**GREEN ENERGY PROJECTS**

**BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town of Leyden does hereby oppose the development of Green Energy Projects and will consider appropriate actions, including local laws or regulations, to address such development. Motion made by Bruce Myers and seconded by Bruce Krug. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.**

**CTHC:**

Maria Covey informed the Town Board of the grants and training that are available to the Town and the deadlines.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Bruce Krug discussed Local Law #2-2017 Opening portions of Fitch Road, Neff Road, and Ziegler Road to ATV's. He would like the Town Board to consider rescinding the law. He has concerns on the damage done to the roads and the extra repair would come back on the tax payers. Currently, he believes there is little to no law enforcement in that area and if the roads were closed that would take the liability off the town. He also believes that proper procedures were not followed to pass the law. Dawn Rava-Crofoot would like to look into the law more before the law is rescinded.

Bruce Krug introduced Resolution #30

**RESOLUTION #30**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**RESCIND LOCAL LAW #2-2017**

**BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town of Leyden does hereby schedule a public hearing to hear comments on rescinding Local Law #2-2017 "Opening portions of Fitch Road, Neff Road, and Zeigler Roads to ATVs to access the county trail system. Motion made by Bruce Krug and seconded by Bruce Myers. Motion carried with 3 ayes and 2 nays Dawn Rava-Crofoot and Rosalie White.**

Bruce Krug informed the Town Board that he spoke with Grace Metzler – Lewis County Planning Department and informed him that we could re-apply for the Historical Grant for the Town Hall. The town would be responsible for 20% of \$600,000.00.

Bruce Krug introduced Resolution #31

**RESOLUTION #31**  
**REAPPLY**  
**HISTORICAL GRANT**  
**TOWN HALL**

**BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town of Leyden does hereby authorize Lewis County Planning Department to reapply for the Historical Grant for the Town Hall. Motion made by Bruce Krug and seconded by Stanley Jones. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.**

Stanley Jones has a relative that just completed training at MVCC to receive his CDL License but was trained on automatic. He suggested that in the future the Town may want to consider purchasing an automatic truck instead of a manual. Or, have a current employee train a new hire how to drive a manual truck. Highway Superintendent Shanks will look into it with the DMV. Bruce Myers would also like him to look into getting a new hire a temporary CDL license as long as they are an employee of the Town. Scott Sawyer asked if the Town currently owns any automatics, we do but not all trucks are automatic.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Comment

Next regular meeting will be April 14, 2026 at 5:30 pm at the Town Hall

Motion to adjourn was made by Dawn Rava-Crofoot and seconded by Stanley Jones. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Janice Dosztan, Town Clerk