

State of New York  
County of Lewis  
Town of Leyden  
Minutes (March 12, 2024)

Supervisor Rosalie White called the regular meeting for the Town of Leyden Board held at the Town Hall on March 12, 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; Legislator Jeff Nellenback, Scott Sawyer, and Vincent Burgundy

**COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:**

Scott Sawyer spoke to the Board regarding his concern of a possible lithium battery storage facility being built by his home. Lithium batteries are highly flammable and the local fire departments are not trained if there should be a fire. He's concerned that more facilities will be built in our area because NYS is offering incentives for Green Energy. Legislator Nellenback informed Mr. Sawyer that many towns share in his concern and at this time; there's no proper guidance to local fire department on how to handle a lithium battery fire. He also suggested contacting Cassandra Buell – Lewis County Planning to discuss guidance on a Solar Energy Facilities and/or Battery Energy Storage System Moratorium.

Steve Fox introduced Resolution #26

**RESOLUTION #26**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**ESTABLISHING 12 MONTH MORATORIUM**  
**FOR SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES AND/OR**  
**BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS**

**BE IT SO RESOLVED;** that The Town Board of the Town of Leyden does hereby schedule a Public Hearing for April 9, 2024 at 5:00 PM to hear comments regarding Local Law #1-2024 establishing a town wide 12-month Moratorium on Solar Energy Facilities and/or Battery Energy Storage Systems. Motion made by Steve Fox and seconded by Bruce Krug. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Bruce Krug and seconded by Andy Millick to accept the minutes from the February 13, 2024 regular meeting as amended. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**BILL APPROVAL:**

General Fund bills numbered 40 through and including 60 were audited; Highway Fund bills numbered 13 through and including number 20 were audited. All bills were signed and ordered to be paid by a motion from Steve Fox and seconded by Bruce Krug. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT:**

Supervisor White reported revenues received; \$4,396.19 February Interest–NYClass Investment & Community Bank; \$300.00 Medical Ins. Premiums – February; \$271.00 Clerks January Revenue Paid in February; \$3,755.00 Justice January Report – Town's Share \$1,658.00 (NYS Share \$2,097.00), \$2,877.00 NYMIR Insurance – Capitalization Refund, \$602.12 Tax Collector February Penalty Fees, \$202.94 Tax Collector PILOT Payment 2024 – Lewis County IDA, \$2,639.89 Time Warner (Charter Communications) Franchise Fee 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023.

**CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT:**

The clerk's **February** monthly report was passed. Total taken in **\$490.00** for the following breakdown

	<i>Dog License Renewal</i>	\$ 60.00
	Birth Certificate	\$ 10.00
	Certificate of Death	\$ 100.00
	Building Permit	\$ 370.00
	Zoning Permit	\$ 50.00
<b>Paid to:</b>	<b>Town of Leyden Supervisor</b>	<b>\$ 483.00</b>
	<b>NYS Ag &amp; Markets</b>	<b><u>\$ 7.00</u></b>
	<b>Total Dispersed</b>	<b>\$ 490.00</b>

**CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.:**

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that Susan Martin – Town Assessor left a message regarding revaluations. Discussion was held on revaluations. Legislator Nellenback informed the Town Board that Lewis County has had discussions in the county handling all the assessment for the towns in Lewis County.

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that she has received complaints from a resident in Water District #2 (Port Leyden). She believes her water is still testing unsafe after the Boil Water Order was lifted. Village employees have been to her residence and tested the water; all testing came back good. The Village has tested the water and all testing has passed with no concerns.

**NEW COPIER/PRINTER FOR TOWN HALL:**

Supervisor White received quotes from Ed & Ed. To purchase a copier with stand would cost \$802.30 this would include full service maintenance program that included toner plus \$.019/page or minimum of \$35.00/month.

Bruce Krug introduced Resolution #27

**RESOLUTION #27**  
**PURCHASE**  
**COPIER/PRINTER**

**BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town of Leyden does hereby authorize the purchase of a copier with a stand for \$802.30 from Ed & Ed that includes a service maintenance program (including toner) plus \$.019/page or a minimum of \$35.00/month. Motion made by Bruce Krug and seconded by Andy Millick. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays**

**ATTORNEY:**

Supervisor White informed the Board that the County Court decided in the Town's favor on the Miller Lawsuit. (The judgement was reversed and small claims action dismissed).

Attorney Gilbert spoke with MMA Building Associates regarding the deposit paid for windows and doors for the Town Barn and informed him that he would refund the Town. "They are waiting on a refund from the window manufacturer first. It should be coming soon."

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**NEW CONSTRUCTION – TOWN HALL:**

Councilmember Fox informed the Town Board that they had a meeting on 2/27/24. The Justice and Court Clerk will share an office and records storage. The court will need their own secured internet that is separate from the other office. Justice DeVeines will look into JCAP Grants. Restrooms can be shared. An architect/engineer will need to be hired. He also suggested combining 2 parcels into 1 parcel. Councilmember Krug would like to know what the cost would be to add an addition onto the existing Justice Building in Port Leyden.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

No Report

**CTHC:**

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Next regular meeting will be April 9, 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 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Janice Dosztan, Town Clerk