

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Leyden
Minutes (February 13, 2024)

Supervisor Rosalie White called the regular meeting for the Town of Leyden Board held at the Town Hall on February 13, 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; Lois Compo; and Dave Reese

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:

Lois Compo thanked the Town Board for the sympathy card and donation the Town made in her late husband's name.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Steve Fox and seconded by Andy Millick to accept the minutes from the January 9, 2024 regular meeting as amended. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

BILL APPROVAL:

General Fund bills numbered 24 through and including 39 were audited; Highway Fund bills numbered 7 through and including number 12 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; \$3,005.05 January Interest–NYSClass Investment & Community Bank; \$300.00 Medical Ins. Premiums – January; \$610.00 Clerks December Revenue Paid in January; \$555.12 Village of Port Leyden-1/2 Fourth QTR. 2023 Court Expenses; \$\$48,032.52 Lewis County Snow & Ice Agreement (Pmt. 1 of 2); \$525,879.00 Tax Collector 2024 Tax Revenue; \$1,083.12 Tax Collector – January Installment Fees (On 2 PMT Option to Pay)

CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT:

The clerk's **January** monthly report was passed. Total taken in **\$290.00** for the following breakdown

	<i>Dog License Renewal</i>	\$ 190.00
	Building Without a Permit	\$
	Certificate of Death	\$ 100.00
	Septic	\$
	Zoning Permit	\$
Paid to:	Town of Leyden Supervisor	\$ 271.00
	NYS Ag & Markets	<u>\$ 19.00</u>
	Total Dispersed	<u>\$ 290.00</u>

CORRESPONDENCE, ETC:

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that she signed a retainer with Attorney James Burrows effective 4/1/24.

Supervisor White informed the Town Board she spoke to Matt Johnson THC regarding grants available for the Town Hall Preservation/current condition. Crawford Associates would do a condition report for the Town Hall for \$1,500.00. At this time the Board does not want to put any further money in renovating the Town Hall.

TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS/NYSERDA CEC AGREEMENT:

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that she had a zoom meeting on Friday 1/12/24 with Jeff Scharl, NYSERDA to discuss alternative projects for the funding intended for the Town Hall.

- LED lighting for the Town Barn
- LED street lights
- Heat pump at the Town Barn to replace electric heaters
- EV charging station
- Solar array for power at the Town Barn/Town Hall – Not an option
- Electric vehicle

TOWN HALL NEW CONSTRUCTION:

Discussion was held to form a committee to discuss the plans for construction on a new Town Hall/Court House.

Steve Fox introduced Resolution #25

RESOLUTION #25
NEW TOWN HALL
COMMITTEE

BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town of Leyden hereby designates a committee of 2 Town Board member (Steve Fox/Stanley Jones), Codes Inspector Joe Pfeiffer, and Justice Brandy DeVenies to discuss plans for a new Town Hall and grants available for the build. Motion made by Steve Fox and seconded by Stanley Jones. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays

ATTORNEY:

No Report

TOWN BARN IMPROVEMENTS:

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that MMA Builders did start installation of 1 door and left it unfinished. Supervisor White had the Town Attorney write MMA Builders a letter indicating the Town wishes to terminate the contract we have with him.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that the attorney discouraged the Town from the process of Eminent Domain on the Iseneker Road turnaround. He feels it is a long and expensive process. Supervisor White spoke to the Town driver and he doesn't have any issues backing up the road. She will ask the Highway Superintendent to contact Mr. Farr to see if the Town can use his driveway as a turnaround for next year.

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 the copier needs to be replaced at the Town Hall.

She also reminded the Board that the Local Government Conference registration is due by April 1, 2024.

Steve Fox informed the Town Board that there is another Revolutionary War Veteran in the Town of Leyden; Ebenezer Davis.

Steve also informed the Board that he has found several grants that the Town may utilize in the new Town Hall Building.

He also suggested that the Town receive an appraisal on the Justice Building in Port Leyden.

Next regular meeting will be March 12, 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 5:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Janice Dosztan, Town Clerk