

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Leyden
Minutes (April 14, 2026)

Supervisor Rosalie White called the Public Hearing/monthly meeting for the Town of Leyden Board held at the Town Hall on April 14, 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; Town Of Leyden Attorney James Burrows, Lois Comp, Marshall Mooney, Gary Moscicki, Greg Grower, Ryan Battles, John Bodnar, Ray Hastwell, Corinne Earl, Kim Hrim, Clifford Hrim, John Brand, Stephen Pritchard, Craig Dutch, Lacy Dutch, Ray Trainor, David Cavanaugh, Crystal Ringwald, James Ringwald, Charlie Domville, Brenda Solomito, Joseph Solomito, Patty Wellema, Randy Wellema, Ryder Wellema, Nancy Niet, Frank Niet, Nichole Moore, Melissa Fox, Jim Williams, James Backer, Derek Crofoot, Stephanie Podkowka, Todd Podkowka, Donald Jackson, Rebecca Jackson, James Jackson, James Chase, Martin Shue, Ray Davies, Jeff Nellenback, Rebecca Conway, Kevin Gaylord, Bruce Brach, Jackie Mahoney, Kim Myers, Maci Pribble, Carrie Higby, Mike Higby, Andrew Higby, Chris Higby, Thomas Dolan, Rich Welch, Steve Worlock Sr., Hope Cronieser, Patrick Croneiser, Aaron Bourgeois, Gary Hoffman, Barry Lyndaker, Dave Hutchins, Lorrie Hutchins, Doug Hetrick, Scott Riggan, Larry Dolhof, Sean Raymond, Jennifer Raymond, Dana Charbonneau, Guy Case, Terry Sweirnick, Kim Crane, Dave Wendt, Kim Serra, Tim Serra, Drew Crofoot, Doug Dietrich, Mike Leviker, Steve Demko, Angie Kimball, Wayne Lampman Jr., Ryan Lampman, Nicole Lampman, Josh Leviker, Richerd Lewis, Jennifer Ventura, Richard Ventura, Gary Matt, Andy Allen, Charles Kraeger Jr., Susan Baily, Eric Ripp, Lee Anne Greene, Charles Howard, Lu Howard, Trevor Kane, Fred Perry, Mathew Lewis, Patrick Croneiser Jr., Tesslynn Makuch, Elyse Siegrist, Jarrett Croneiser, Brandy Deveines, Anthony Ventura, Dylan Lyon, JR Mooney, Greg Stiefuater, Jennifer Myers, Gregory Myers, Joe Beck, Susan LaRoy, Kim Tengel, Sarah Lee, Travis Purckno, Alexis Hartmann, Justin Hartmann, Patricia Mooney, Brad Young, Ryan Charbenau, Mike Prukno, Tammy Toth, Joe Toth, Knilee Caristad, Mike Chambers, John Bailey, Dan Polce, Nick Polce, Keven Birardi, Sara Cervino, Carrie Dolan, Joe Dolan, Justin Stietravent, Connor Daskeach, and Noah Dolan

PUBLIC HEARING TO RESCIND LOCAL LAW #2-2017:

Attorney James Burrows reviewed the public hearing procedures and opened public comments on Rescinding Local Law #1-2017 Opening Sections of Certain Roads To ATV's To Access County Trail Systems.

Gary Moscicki who owns property on Neff Road informed the Town Board that he enjoys riding ATV's/snowmobiling to his camp. He enjoys that he has access to the trails and does not understand why the Town would want to close them. He would like the trails to remain open.

Susan Bailey who lived in the area as a child indicated that they would ride 3 wheelers all the time. Kids would ride them to work; it's a way of life in our area. She also indicated that recreation riding brings a lot of revenue to our area and many have second homes. She agrees there is always some bad apples in the bunch but does not want this taken away from anyone.

Creg Dutch – Zeigler Road is an ATV rider. He heard a rumor that the reason for closing the trails was ATV's damage the roads, he indicated the roads have been in bad shape for years and it was not due to ATV's.

Sheri Underwood who is the daughter of Eli & Beverly Schindler who resided in the town indicated that her father is disabled so he enjoys being able to ride on the trails with his ATV. She feels the town should not take riding the trails away from the residents.

Josh Leviker gave several statistics on the revenue that recreation activities bring into the town and county. He indicated that many own homes in our area so that also brings in revenue for local businesses such as contractors. He also mentions the Town of Leyden's Comprehensive Plan that on file mentions the benefit of ATV and snowmobiling to the area.

Greg Grower – the trail parking lot is located on his property. He dedicated years to getting the trails open. He currently uses a walker so it's hard for him to get around but he is able to still ride his ATV.

Mike Leviker indicated that the Town can close the roads but the majority will still ride on them. He feels the town should try to control it not close it down. He would like NYS to honor and recognize ATV's. He also mentioned the road signs are in horrible shape in the Town.

Pat Croniser simply asked the Town the reasoning why they wanted to close the road.

Mike Higby indicated when he was a kid, he would ride 3 wheelers with Councilman Krug's children doing farm work and he no issues with that then. Now that he no longer farms, he has a problem with riding ATV's.

Bruce Broch indicated he grew up riding dirt bikes in the area. He would ride to White Lake on occasion with no issues. Closing the trails would take more things away from kids. He feels that it's motivation for young kids to want to have an ATV and contribute to society. He encouraged the board to keep an open mind in leadership.

Guy Case who moved to the area around 1971 indicated his parents built the Hideaway. They were intrigued with the area and loved to ride. He has around 50 military members who come to ride every year and would like the trail system to remain open.

Wayne Lampman Jr. who resides in the Town indicated that most are not concerned with tickets and will ride if they decide to close the trails but feels he voted for the board and they should not take that right away.

Gary Myers who owns the Towpath expressed his concern to businesses if they close the trail system down. They closed the trail behind his business several years ago and it was a huge impact on their business. The trail has opened back up and the ATV traffic has increased. He encourages the board to think of the businesses in the area and how closing the trails may affect them. He feels you should regulate them but not close them.

Mike Prukno has been working on getting the road opened from Boonville to have riding access to Tug Hill. This would affect their route if it was closed.

Chuck Howard doesn't believe that the ATV's are tearing the roads up. A truck with a trailer will do more damage than an ATV.

Andy Allen enjoys riding with his family and often will ride to visit a local restaurant and would like to be able to continue to do that.

Carrie Hutchins Dolan indicated that the Town road have not been properly maintained and the Town roads have been neglected for years and the ATV/UTV's did not do that. When she was younger she did have local authorities called on her for riding. She believes that most riders are cautious and local kids use ATV/UTV's to check on family members or work. Closing the roads take away how we lived in this area and she doesn't want that freedom taken away from her kids. She would like the board to remember that we were all young once. She appreciates the board but you were elected for the people.

Kevin Berrati who owns property on the Neff Road indicated if he knew they would close the trails he would not have purchased the property. He is a law enforcement officer and feels that you shouldn't punish the majority of the people because of a few bad people. He also indicated that property owned on seasonal roads do not get access to all the benefits as an open road but his taxes are still the same. Local businesses are happy to have the business from ATV/UTV's and he wants the trails/roads to remain open.

Joe Beck indicated that it's been 9 years the roads have been open and there has not been an issue until now. It's approximately 2.8 miles of road so it's not much and the amount off people who showed up to the meeting is good reason to keep the trail/roads open.

Attorney Burrows asked for a show of hands who is in favor of closing the roads and none of the attendees raised their hands.

A motion by Councilmember Dawn Rava-Crofoot to close the Public Hearing at 6:15 and seconded by Bruce Krug. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Attorney Burrows reviewed the Environmental Review SQR Part 1-2-3. He indicated before any action could take place, the Board needs to move on a Short Environmental Assessment.

Dawn Rava-Crofoot introduced Resolution #32

RESOLUTION #32
NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR SEQR
(SHORT FORM)
REPEAL LOCAL LAW #2-2017
ATV ACCESS TO PORTION OF CERTAIN ROADS

RESOLUTION ATTACHED.

Dawn Rava-Crofoot introduced Resolution #33

RESOLUTION #33
CONSIDER AND VOTE UPON
LOCAL LAW #1-2026

BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town of Leyden does hereby make a motion to consider and vote upon proposed Local Law #1 of 2026 to Repeal Local Law #2-2017. Motion made by Dawn Rava-Crofoot and seconded by Stanley Jones. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Dawn Rava-Crofoot introduced Resolution #34

RESOLUTION #34
ADOPT LOCAL LAW #1-2026
REPEAL LOCAL LAW #2-2017
ATV ACCESS TO PORTIONS OF CERTAIN ROADS

RESOLUTION ATTACHED
UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, THE RESOLUTION FAILED TO PASS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Stanley Jones and seconded by Dawn Rava-Crofoot to accept the minutes from the March 10, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

BILL APPROVAL:

General Fund bills numbered 70 through and including 93 were audited; Highway Fund bills numbered 25 through and including number 31 were audited. All bills were signed and ordered to be paid by a motion from Stanley Jones and seconded by Dawn Rava-Crofoot. Motion carried with 3 ayes and 2 nays Bruce Krug and Bruce Myers do not authorize the National Grid bill for the EV charger.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Discussion was held on the 2026 paving. Superintendent Shanks asked the board if they'd prefer cold or hot mix on Leyden, Gulf, and Dutch Hill Road. They would prefer to use hot mix on the roads. Supervisor White indicated that there was approximately \$200,000.00 of CHIPS money left over from 2025.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Supervisor White reported revenues received; \$4,001.06 March Interest–NYS Class Investment & Community Bank; \$300.00 Medical Ins. Premiums – March; \$4,110.00 Justice Court February Fees (Town's share \$1,449.00; NYS share \$2,661.00); \$6,285.00 Justice Court March Fees (Town's share \$2,500.00; NYS share \$3,785.00) \$241.00 Clerks Feb Revenue Paid in March; \$994.87 Tax Collector – March; \$195.89 Tax Collector PILOT Payment; \$23,112.80 CHIPS Reimbursement Dutch Hill Road guide rails; \$52.00 Justice check to zero account – old checks never cashed; \$788.57 SIMS Metal – Scrap Metal Sale; \$77.21 HWY Employee (Hastwell) Uniform Charge; \$43.28 Refund Column Ads – Boonville Herald Ads Cancelled

CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT:

The clerk's March monthly report was passed. Total taken in **\$828.48** for the following breakdown

	<i>Dog License Renewal</i>	\$	180.00
	Building Permit	\$	278.48
	Zoning Permit	\$	150.00
	Site Plan Review	\$	200.00
	Marriage License Copies	\$	10.00
	Copies	\$	10.00
Paid to:	Town of Leyden Supervisor	\$	810.48
	NYS Ag & Markets	\$	18.00
	Total Dispersed	\$	828.48

CORRESPONDENCE, ETC:

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that She received a request from Spirit Animal Sanctuary asking for the Town to donate sand. She informed them that the town is not allowed to make donations but will talk with the highway department and they may be able to give her a few loads when they clean the roads.

Brian Bourgeois quoted the Town \$3,000.00 to mow all 4 cemeteries & the Munger Plot (up \$250.00 from 2025).

Bruce Krug introduced Resolution #35

RESOLUTION #35
CEMETERY MOWING
QUOTE

BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town of Leyden does hereby accept Brian Bourgeois quote to mow the Town's 4 cemeteries and the Munger Plot for \$3,000.00. Motion made by Bruce Krug and seconded by Bruce Myers. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

SOLAR LAW ADDENDUM SECTION 12:

Further discussions was held on the Solar Law Addendum Section 12. Supervisor White informed the Board that a Public Hearing needs to be scheduled.

Stanley Jones introduced Resolution #36

RESOLUTION #36
SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING
SOLAR LAW ADDENDUM
SECTION 12
BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town of Leyden does schedules a Public Hearing on June 9, 2026 at 5:30 PM to hear public comment on the Addendum section 12 Battery Energy Storage Systems amending the current Solar Law #2-2022. Motion made by Stanley Jones and seconded by Bruce Krug. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

CTHC:

Angie Kimball informed the Town Board of the grants and training that are available to the Town and the deadlines.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that Grievance Days is scheduled for 5/28/26.

A meeting will need to be scheduled to discuss the Woodford Brothers quote to repair the Town Hall foundation. The cost has increased due to the NYS Law Prevailing Wage Results. Discussion will also need to be held of the Town Hall use during construction for the clerk, codes officer, and assessor that will be holding 4 weekly appoints.

Susan Martin Town Assessor asked if the Town will hire her a data collector; will consider it in next year's budget.

Bruce Krug would like to write our local representative indicating the Town will be fighting back on the Green Energy Projects.

Bruce Krug introduced Resolution #37

RESOLUTION #37
OPPOSING GREEN ENERGY

BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town of Leyden does hereby authorize Supervisor White to draft a letter and send to local representative indicating the Town of Leyden is opposing green energy. Motion made by Bruce Krug and seconded by Dawn Rava-Crofoot. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Stanley Jones asked if the court house door has been repaired; Supervisor White informed him that they only received 1 quote and it is scheduled to be repaired.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lorrie Hutchins asked if the Town can publish an agenda; will post on the website prior to the meeting.

Next regular meeting will be May 12, 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 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Janice Dosztan, Town Clerk

Town of Leyden

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Phone: 315-942-3444

RESOLUTION # 32 of 2026

NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR SEQR (Short Form) REPEAL LOCAL LAW 2 of 2017 ATV Access to Portions of Certain Roads

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Leyden, New York has considered the adoption of Legislation in the Town of Leyden intended to Repeal Local Law 2 of 2017 - ATV Access to Portions of Certain Roads; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Leyden has reviewed appropriate SEQR regulations and considers repealing legislation does not constitute an "action" requiring review under SEQR 6 NYCRR 617.2(b)(3); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Leyden in an abundance of caution has prepared an Environmental Assessment Form for the purpose of assisting the Town Board in making a determination of significance in respect to the Legislation (whether repealing Legislation would have a significant adverse impact on the environment); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the criteria for determining significance of an action that is set forth at 6 NYCRR §617.7(c); and

WHEREAS, having considered the action, consisting of the repealing of Legislation only and the potential environmental impacts associated with the same, the Town Board has determined to proceed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Leyden finds that it may be possible that repealing legislation might be subject to SEQR; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if so, the action constitutes an Unlisted action under SEQR 617.2(a1); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board is the agency with jurisdiction by law to fund, approve, or directly undertake this action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Leyden, New York:

1. Based upon the examination and consideration of the Short Environmental Assessment Form and comparison of the proposed action and criteria set forth at 617.7, no significant impact on the environment is known by the adoption of the proposed legislation.
2. The Supervisor for the Town of Leyden is authorized to execute the Short Environmental Assessment Form to the effect that the Town Board is issuing a “negative declaration” under SEQR.
3. A complete copy of the EAF including its negative declaration shall be maintained in the Town Clerk’s office in a file that will be readily accessible to the Public. All subsequent notices regarding the undertaking of the action as set forth in this Resolution shall state that a negative declaration has been issued.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member, Dawn Rava Crofoot and seconded by Board Member, Bruce Krug, and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

	YES	NO
Rosalie White, Supervisor	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Dawn Rava-Crofoot	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Stanley Jones	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Bruce Krug	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Bruce Myers	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

Dated: April 14, 2026

Janice Dosztan
Janice Dosztan, Town Clerk

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RESOLUTION # 34 of 2026 TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026

REPEAL LOCAL LAW 2 of 2017 ATV Access to Portions of Certain Roads

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously adopted Local Law 2 of 2017 – Open Portion of Certain Roads shall be open for ATV access to connect to off-road trails on private property; and

WHEREAS, the Local Law 2 of 2017 was filed with the NYSDOS on/about June 29, 2017; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the Town Board's attention that this Local Law is no longer necessary and/or appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Leyden has decided to repeal Local Law 2 of 2017 in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board for the Town of Leyden, New York as follows:

1. The forgoing recitations are incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if set forth hereafter.
2. The Town Board hereby enacts Local Law No. 1 of 2026 to REPEAL Local Law 2 of 2017 – Open Portion of Certain Roads shall be open for ATV access to connect to off-road trails on private property.
3. The Supervisor and the Town Clerk for the Town of Leyden, their respective agents and employees are authorized to sign all documents and take all steps necessary to enact the legislation.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member, Dawn Rava Crofoot, and seconded by Board Member, Bruce Krug, and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

	YES	NO
Rosalie White, Supervisor	_____	<u>X</u> _____
Dawn Rava-Crofoot	_____	<u>X</u> _____
Stanley Jones	_____	<u>X</u> _____
Bruce Krug	<u>X</u> _____	_____
Bruce Myers	<u>X</u> _____	_____

Dated: April 14, 2026

Janice Dosztan
Janice Dosztan, Town Clerk