

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Leyden
Minutes (January 13, 2026)

Supervisor Rosalie White called the regular meeting for the Town of Leyden Board held at the Town Hall on January 13, 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; Joe Pfeiffer; Christine; Healt; Megan Marolf; Tim Wheelock; Lois Compo; Melissa DeValles; Giancarlo DeFranco; David Martin; Bill Polymeros; Ken Kulpa; Carol Kulpa; Rebecca Jackson; Don Jackson; Scott Sawyer; Chris Flack; Stacey McCall; Katrina Beltowski; Vincent Brigandi; and Highway Superintendent Sean Shanks.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:

Energy Dome Technology – David Martin gave a presentation to the Town Board regarding CO2 energy domes. He informed the Town Board that they do not use lithium batteries, and it does not omit CO2 into the environment. They are proposing to install 3 domes on property located on 12D near the current sub-station and utilize approximately 48 acres. It would produce 66 megawatts of power. They would store the CO2 for 8 + hours then release it back to the grid for power. Each dome is approximately 150' tall, 300' wide, and 1000' long. He did inform the Town Board that they plan to do conduct visual impact study on the proposed location. He also informed the Town Board that they do not currently have a contract with NYSERDA but they are currently negotiating with them. The project would bring approximately 200 jobs to the area during construction and would employ approximately 6 long-term employees after construction is completed.

The concerns that residents had –

Interference with the radio station and their line of sight; they would conduct a study to ensure that the domes would not interfere with the radio station and their signal.

CO2 leakage – he indicated that the risk is very low and if there was a leak it would happen very slowly. During a storm they would have the capability to deflate the domes.

How durable are they during cold weather? They are rated for -35 and it would only be an issue if the dome was “offline” during those temperatures.

Lifespan of the domes – they have a life span of 40 years after that period they would decommission and remove all materials from the sight. They indicated that the dome material is replaced every 10 years.

Vibration from the domes – the surrounding residents would not be affected by vibrations of the units.

Many residents are concerned that it would decrease the surrounding property values; if it did reduce their property value, would they be compensated for that loss? They would need to investigate this further.

Efficiency of the domes – he indicated that they have a 70-75% efficiency rating. There are no batteries involved and the environmental impact is minimal. There is no risk of an explosion.

Noise level – the compressor would be the loudest piece of equipment used and that will be enclosed in a building.

Who will regulate the domes – they would be regulated and be required to follow the guidelines set by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

This project would be considered as Renewable Energy and would be on a PILOT Program. The Town Board has concerns on a PILOT agreement.

David Martin informed the Town residents that he would be happy to answer any further questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bruce Krug and seconded by Stanley Jones to accept the minutes from the December 9, 2025 regular meeting as amended. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Bruce Myers and seconded by Dawn Rava-Crofoot to accept the minutes from the December 30, 2025 Public Hearing and final 2025 meeting as amended. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Dawn Rava-Crofoot and seconded by Bruce Myers to accept the minutes from the January 2, 2026 Organizational meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

BILL APPROVAL:

General Fund bills numbered 1 through and including 26 were audited; Highway Fund bills numbered 1 through and including number 8 were audited. All bills were signed and ordered to be paid by a motion from Dawn Rava-Crofoot and seconded by Bruce Krug. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 nay - Bruce Myers (Widrick Inv – doesn't agree to pay until completed). Supervisor White did inform the Town Board that she would not pay the Widrick invoice until the work is completed.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Supervisor White reported revenues received; \$2,797.85 December Interest–NYSClass Investment & Community Bank; \$300.00 Medical Ins. Premiums – December; \$373.20 Clerks November Revenue Paid in December; \$86.00 December Final Revenue; \$5,025.00 Justice Court November Fees (Town's share \$1,606.00; NYS share \$3,149.00); \$486.61 Tax Collector – Water Relevy – Water District #1

CORRESPONDENCE, ETC:

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that NYSEERDA will be holding a webinar on Bulk Energy Storage Wednesday 1/21/26 from 2:00-3:30 PM. Register at the link or join the Supervisor at the Town Hall to watch.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that \$228,147.56 is available in CHIPS Reimbursement Monies for 2026.

Highway Superintendent Shanks informed the Town Board that there is currently a MEO and laborer position available. He has a few possible candidates; a help wanted ad will also be placed.

LEWIS COUNTY 2025 MULTI JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR (LOCAL) ADOPTION:

Stanley Jones introduced Resolution #24

**RESOLUTION #24
ADOPTING The 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan**

WHEREAS the Town of Leyden recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Town of Leyden; and

WHEREAS the Town of Leyden has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as The 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan passed on January 13, 2026 in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS The Hazard Mitigation Plan passed on January 13, 2026 identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Town of Leyden from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by The Town of Leyden demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in The 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town of Leyden NY THAT:

Section 1. In accordance with (local rule for adopting resolutions), the Town of Leyden adopts the 2025 Hazard Mitigation plan on January 13, 2026. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years. Motion made by Stanley Jones and seconded by Bruce Myers. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

CTHC:

Christne Health informed the Town Board of the grants and training that are available to the Town and the deadlines.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilmember Bruce Myers asked why we are not using the Port Leyden sand pit. Highway Superintendent Shanks informed him that the route has changed but has no objection in using the pit. He also asked if the international truck that was purchased recently ran; Highway Superintendent Shanks informed him it was running. He also asked why they are not burning wood in the Town Barn this winter; Highway Superintendent Shanks indicated that the garage gets cold when opening the overhead doors. He also asked if the equipment that is not used can be sold; yes, it can and Sean will get a list of equipment. He would also like to know if the proposed Energy Domes would be covered in the Towns Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

Councilmember Stanley Jones asked why the roads are not being scraped down over the weekends when they start to melt; he indicated that currently they only have 2 people plowing roads.

Councilmember Dawn Rava-Crofoot asked Highway Superintendent Shanks to make sure that the roads are plowed early on the weekends. There is a lot of residents in the Town that work weekends.

Councilmember Bruce Krug indicated that the Town Roads are currently rough to drive on and are a mess. The Town Board would like to get a better handle on how the roads are plowed and maintained.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Scott Sawyer asked Supervisor White if the NYSERDA webinar was open to the public; she indicated that it was.

Stacy McCall asked the Town Board if they had an incentive program for hiring, such as offering to pay for their CDL with a sign on contract. Bruce Myers believes that the Highway Superintendent can hire an employee and they'd be able to get a CDL as long as they stayed employed by the Town.

She also informed the Town Board that the Town currently does not have anything in the Zoning Law regarding CO2 Storage Facilities.

Katrina Beltowski suggested the Town should add restriction to the law. She also informed the Town Board that currently there is only 1 Zoning Law and they may want to consider having multiple Zoning Laws.

Next regular meeting will be February 10, 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 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Janice Dosztan, Town Clerk