

Supervisor Rosalie White called the Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Leyden held at the Town Hall on November 19, 2024 to order at 6 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Members in attendance were: Councilmembers Andy Millick; Steve Fox; Stanley Jones; Bruce Krug; Town Clerk Janice Dosztan; Code Inspector Joe Pfeiffer; Matt Cervini – GYMO; Jessie Irwin – GYMO; Andrew Higby; Carrie Higby; Mike Higby; Scott Sawyer; Ray Trainor; Wendell Roberts; Debbie Roberts; Clyde Johnson; Ron Spann; Sean Shanks; Donald Jackson; Rebecca Jackson; Kenny Kulpa; Carol Kulpa; Tom Stratton; Andy Dolan; Clifford Hrim; Kim Hrim; Gary Hoffman; LeeAnne Greene; Elizabeth Miller; Kelly Backer; Randy Wellema; Patty Wellema; Jon Walston; Crystal Jones; Arleen Walston; Carol Munn; Dawn Rava-Crofoot; Mary Paluck; Blane Kaiding; Lisa Kaiding; and Wendi Croniser

Matt Cervini and Jesse Irwin – GYMO Engineers reviewed the site and building plans for the current Port Leyden Municipal Building Expansion and new building in Talcottville.

Town of Leyden Municipal Expansion cost estimate - \$1,804,111.00
Town of Leyden New Building – Talcottville cost estimate - \$2,300,995.00

Possible grants available for the amount of \$50,000.00 - \$100,000.00. Grant process usually takes 6 months.
Loan options – USDA 30-year loan at 3.25% interest rate

Stanley Jones had concerns regarding the Brownfield at the Port Leyden Municipal building. The engineers do not have concerns of any contamination at this time.

Many residents had concerns on the size of the proposed buildings and the cost of the building. They were concerned on how the projects would impact taxes. Residents also asked why the current Town Hall was not being repaired. Supervisor White indicated that advertisement for bid was in the paper at 2 different occasions with no bids received. The Board voted down repairing the Town Hall due to the cost and age of the building.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on amending the Preliminary Budget by a reduction of \$15,000.00 in the unexpended balanced total. The amount to be raised by taxes in 2025 is down 3.5% from 2024.

Bruce Krug introduced Resolution #53

RESOLUTION #53
ADOPT 2025
BUDGET

BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town Of Leyden does hereby adopt the 2025 Budget as amended with the total amount to be raised by taxes \$507,310.00. Motion made by Bruce Krug and seconded by Andy Millick. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 nay – Steve Fox

The Town Board asked GYMO Engineers to look at less costly options for a new building or addition and repairs to the current buildings.

Steve Fox introduced Resolution #54

RESOLUTION #54
GYMO ENGINEERS

BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town Of Leyden does hereby authorize Gymo Engineers to submit further options to the Town Board – repair current Town Hall with option of adding an addition for the court system, and reduced the building size on the proposed new building in Talcottville and Port Leyden Municipal addition. Motion made by Steve Fox and seconded by Stan Jones. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Krug and seconded by Steve Fox. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Janice Dosztan
Town Clerk