

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Leyden
Minutes (December 10, 2024)

Supervisor Rosalie White called the regular meeting for the Town of Leyden Board held at the Town Hall on December 10, 2024 to order at 5:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Members in attendance were: Councilmembers Stanley Jones; Steve Fox; Andy Millick; Bruce Krug; Town Clerk Janice Dosztan; CTHC Christine Healt; Bruce Myers; Legislator Jeff Nellenback; Lois Compo; Kim Hrim; Cliff Hrim; Scott Sawyer; Amanda Croniser; Carrie Higby; Andrew Higby; Mike Higby; Ron Spann; Wendi Croniser; and Andy Dolan

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bruce Myers asked again why the Highway Superintendent purchased sand instead of making it? Supervisor White indicated that was not her decision. She also indicated if you calculated the cost of labor it would be comparable. Bruce Krug would like a breakdown of both scenarios to see what would be more cost effective for the Town.

Wendi Croniser asked the Town Board how much addition cost will it be for the engineers to re-design the proposed new Town Hall? Councilmember Fox indicated that we paid a flat fee for plans.

Kim Hrim asked the Town Board if the engineers looked at the land prior to designing the plans; Councilmember Fox indicated that they had.

Scott Sawyer asked if there were any additional grants available besides the grant that were discussed at the prior meeting? At this time, we are not aware of more grants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Steve Fox and seconded by Stanley Jones to accept the minutes from November 6, 2024 Public Hearing Budget meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Steve Fox and seconded by Stanley Jones to accept the minutes from November 12, 2024 regular meeting as amended. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Bruce Krug and seconded by Andy Millick to accept the minutes from November 19, 2024 special meeting with GYMO Engineers. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

BILL APPROVAL:

General Fund bills numbered 222 through and including 240 were audited; Highway Fund bills numbered 88 through and including number 98 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; \$3,193.99 November Interest–NYClass Investment & Community Bank; \$300.00 Medical Ins. Premiums – November; \$589.28 Clerks October Revenue Paid in November; \$6,115.00 Justice October Report (Towns share \$2,523.00 NYS \$3,592.00); \$2,584.61 Time Warner/Spectrum Franchise Fees.

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CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT:

The clerk's **November** monthly report was passed. Total taken in **\$116.08** for the following breakdown

	<i>Dog License Renewal</i>	\$ 20.00
	Building Permit	\$ 96.08
Paid to:	Town of Leyden Supervisor	\$ 114.08
	NYS Ag & Markets	\$ <u>2.00</u>
	Total Dispersed	\$ 116.08

CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.:

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that the Lewis County 2025 Exemption Questionnaire is due back to the county by January.

Steve Fox introduced Resolution #55

RESOLUTION #55
LEWIS COUNTY
2025 TAX EXEMPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town Of Leyden does hereby authorize Supervisor White to sign and submit the Tax Exemption questionnaire to Lewis County Real Property with no changes for 2025. Motion made by Steve Fox and seconded by Bruce Krug. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

HIGHWAY:

Supervisor White reviewed the Lewis County Snow and Ice Agreement (4-year contract) with the Town Board. 2024/2025 payment \$7,650.00/mile (\$105,991.20) + 4%/year for next 4 years. Councilmember Fox asked if there was terms and conditions? He would like them reviewed prior to signing the agreement.

Several Boards Members have expressed their concern about the roads not being plowed the last snow storm.

Discussion was held on paying mileage and/or gas for the Highway Superintendents person vehicle. Councilmember Fox suggested that we only pay mileage.

TAX COLLECTOR:

Supervisor White informed the Board that Kim Hrim Tax Collector request a new computer. Pixamation submitted a quote for a Dell Inspiron 16 for \$1,554.00.

Steve Fox introduced Resolution #56

RESOLUTION #56
TAX COLLECTOR
NEW COMPUTER

BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town Of Leyden does hereby authorize a purchase of a Dell Inspiron 16 from Pixamation for \$1,554.00. Motion made by Steve Fox and seconded by Andy Millick. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

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NYSERDA AGREEMENT (REVISED FROM TOWN HALL TO TOWN BARN):

Supervisor White reviewed options for the NYSERDA grant –
LED street lights in Talcottville
New heat pump installed at Town Barn (bathroom, office, and break room)
EV Charger in the Town – Choose location (Talcottville or Port Leyden)
Councilmember Fox proposed insulation for the Town Barn.

TOWN BOARD AUDIT OF JUSTICE 2023 RECORDS:

RESOLUTION #57
TOWN BOARD AUDIT OF JUSTICE
COURT RECORDS -2023

WHEREAS: The Town of Leyden Justice Court has submitted all court records and bank records for the year 2023 to the Town Board for audit; and

WHEREAS: The said records have been duly examined, and that the fines therein collected have been turned over to the proper Town official.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Town Board of the Town of Leyden does hereby enter in the minutes of December 30, 2024, the completion of said audit.
Motion by Andy Millick and seconded by Bruce Krug. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays

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 the final meeting of 2024 needs to be scheduled.

Steve Fox introduced Resolution #56

RESOLUTION #58
SCHEDULE
FINAL MEETING OF 2024

BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town Of Leyden does hereby schedule the final meeting of 2024 on Monday December 30, 2024 at 6:00 PM. Motion made by Steve Fox and seconded by Andy Millick. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Councilmember Krug suggested that the Board form a committee to review bills.

Councilmember Fox informed the Town Board that Wreaths Across America will take place in December. He will be placing wreaths in cemeteries in Constableville (Constable Cemetery/St. Pauls), Port Leyden, and Talcottville.

Councilmember Fox informed the Town Board that he met with a local contractor regarding the Town Hall and he gave him a rough estimate of between \$500,000.00-\$600,000.00 to repair. He will be meeting with another contractor this week.

Supervisor White would like to ask Tim Munn to repair the overhang on the Town Hall; the Board agreed.

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Next meeting will be December 30, 2024 at 6:00 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