

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Leyden
Minutes (February 10, 2026)

Supervisor Rosalie White called the regular meeting for the Town of Leyden Board held at the Town Hall on February 10, 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; Town Justice Brandy DeVeines; Christine; Healt; Jim Brach; Lois Compo, and Scott Sawyer

TOWN JUSTICE:

Town Justice Brandy DeVeines addressed the Town Board and informed them that she will not be running for Town Justice when her term ends. She has been the Town Justice for 12 years. She also informed them that she currently has a Sovereign Citizen case and has informed the FBI. Once a judge is involved with a Sovereign Citizen they advise them to monitor their credit for up to a year. The Board agreed that the Town will pay for this service. She informed the Town Board that if no interested party ran for the position or are written in on the ballot, the Town Board can appoint a neighboring judge to hear the Town's cases.

She also informed the Town Board that the door handle at the court house is broken. She did receive 1 quote and has requested an additional quote for the repair/replacement. This is a priority to have it replaced for the added security.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Dawn Rava-Crofoot and seconded by Bruce Krug to accept the minutes from the January 13, 2026 regular meeting as amended. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

BILL APPROVAL:

General Fund bills numbered 27 through and including 46 were audited; Highway Fund bills numbered 9 through and including number 15 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 5 ayes and 0 nays.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Supervisor White reported revenues received; \$2,830.68 January Interest–NYSClass Investment & Community Bank; \$300.00 Medical Ins. Premiums – January; \$5,305.00 Justice Court December Fees (Town's share \$2,781.00; NYS share \$2,524.00); \$497,242.00 Tax Collector – 2026 Tax Revenue; \$52.50 Town of West Turin – Repay DCO Mileage to Lyons Falls; \$50.00 redeemed credit card points from HWY card.

CORRESPONDENCE, ETC:

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that there will be an EMS Meeting (in person 2/25/26 Lowville Fire Hall, virtual 2/26/26).

North Country Regional EMS Council will hold a Public Hearing on the amended Certificate of Need (CON).

Tyler McDonald – ADK Asset Auctions would like to assist in selling any surplus equipment the Town may have.

The DEC has requested a Periodic Review Report (PRR) be completed yearly at the Town of Leyden Justice Building (former gas station).

National Grid has informed Supervisor White that the Gulf Road Substation Expansion will be on Route 12D adjacent to Gulf Road Intersection.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that \$23,112.80 has been filed for CHIPS Reimbursement for the Dutch Hill guiderails.

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that the Town was awarded the Water Quality Improvement Project Grant (WQIP) for a new salt storage building for up to \$552,485.00 pending final approval from the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC).

Supervisor White informed the Town Board that a 3rd employee was hired. Councilmember Myers asked if he has a CDL; he does.

Councilmember Myers asked if they changed the plowing/sanding route this year? He has concerns of the trucks back tracking on roads. Now that a 3rd man has been hired; this should reduce the amount of travel each truck is making.

CTHC:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Further discussion was held on Talcottville Cemetery Association acquiring the Old Town Barn Property. Councilmember Krug I concerned that the Town will still be held responsible for the property even if it is acquired by the Talcottville Cemetery Association. The likely hood of the Town disturbing the land is minimal.

Bruce Krug introduced Resolution #25

RESOLUTION #25
DECLINE THE TRANSFER
OF THE OLD TOWN BARN PROPERTY

BE IT SO RESOLVED; that The Town Board of the Town of Leyden does hereby decline the offer to transfer the Old Town Barn Property to the Talcottville Cemetery Association. Motion made by Bruce Krug and seconded by Dawn Rave-Crofoot. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays (Stanley Jones – Abstained).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Brach asked the Town Board for an update on the battery storage facilities. Supervisor White informed him that the Town's moratorium has been extended and no permits are being issued at this time. She also informed him the Planning Board and Town Board are working on updating the Zoning Law & Solar Law.

Scott Sawyer informed the Town Board that he has been in contact with Senator Mark Walczyk's office and they've been informed to not get involved with any litigation regarding "clean energy". He also informed the Board that property owner across the road from the Route 12D substation is willing and preparing to sell his property. He also spoke to the Town Board on the CO2 Storage Facilities.

Next regular meeting will be March 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 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Janice Dosztan, Town Clerk