

State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of Leyden
Minutes (November 6, 2025)

Supervisor Rosalie White called the Public Hearing for the Town of Leyden Board held at the Town Hall on November 6, 2025 to order at 6:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Members in attendance were: Councilmembers Andy Millick; Steve Fox; Stanley Jones; Bruce Krug; Town Clerk Janice Dosztan; DCO LeeAnne Greene; and Lois Compo

***PUBLIC HEARING
PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2026***

A Public Hearing was held regarding the proposed Preliminary Budget 2026. Supervisor White read the Public Notice that was published in the Boonville Herald. Amount to be raised by taxes is \$497,542.00.

General (A)

2025 \$262,341.00 - 2026 \$271,488.00 (up \$9,147.00) Revenues up \$13,385.00 Savings \$4,238.00

General (B)

2025 \$21,150.00 – 2026 \$21,520.00 (up \$370.00)

Highway Town-wide (DA)

2025 \$321,000.00 – 2026 \$325,810.00 (up \$4,810.00) Revenues up \$4,395.00 (Lewis County Plowing Agreement up \$415.00)

Highway Outside (DB)

2025 \$226,029.00 – 2026 \$229,714.00 (up \$3,685.00) Revenues up \$10,000.00 (CHIPS roadwork reimbursement savings \$6,315.00)

Amount to be raised by taxes:

2025 \$507,310 – 2026 \$497,542.00 (down \$9,768.00)

After reviewing the proposed 2026 Budget with all in attendance Supervisor White asked for comments.

DCO LeeAnne Greene asked the Town Board why they denied her raise and dropped her pay down from 2025? She indicated that the proposed salary is not acceptable for the hours she works. She informed the Town Board that she is on call 24 hours a day 365 days a year. She also spends personal money on supplies needs to perform the job. Her vehicle is also in compliant with the requirements from the Department of Ag & Markets. She did inform the Town Board that if they keep her salary at the proposed amount, she will be resigning.

Lois Compo asked the Town Board why the Highway Superintendent didn't receive a raise. A raise wasn't granted because the Town Board feels that his work performance did not justify one. There were several complaints on road conditions during the winter season and road work quotes were received late in the season are just a few examples.

Motion to close the Public Hearing by Steve Fox and seconded by Stanley Jones at 7:20.

The budget will be adopted at the November meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Fox and seconded by Stanley Jones. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Janice Dosztan, Town Clerk