

**Leyden Selectboard
Leyden Town Hall
Regular Session Minutes
September 10, 2018**

Selectboard Members Present: Lance Fritz, Bill Glabach, Jeff Neipp.

Others Present: Bob Hardesty, Bob Warren, Pam Brown.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:10pm

Minutes

MOTION: Lance moved to accept the minutes of August 6 and August 20 as written. Jeff abstained for August 6; Bill and Lance, yes. Accepted. Unanimous vote for August 20.

Forge Property

Bob Warren and the Board discussed the possibilities of the Town purchasing or leasing the Forge property. The Board explained that MGL Ch 40, Sec 14 states that municipalities cannot purchase a lot of land for more than 25% of the assessed value. Bob feels that the assessed value should take into consideration the income that is generated by the property. He also stated that a perk test was successful when he purchased the property. Jeff suggested that Town Counsel should be consulted for an opinion concerning the actual meaning of the state law. Discussion. The Board and Bob Warren agreed on a price of \$180,000, with Bob donating the buildings at a value of \$30,000, leaving the Town with a balance of \$150,000 for the property. Bob will use the \$30,000 as a tax write-off. They will continue to work on an agreement for a down payment, and Bob will finance the balance over ten years.

MOTION: Lance moved to proceed to work out an agreement using a selling price of \$180,000, with the Town paying \$150,000 and Bob Warren donating \$30,000 for the value of the buildings and receiving tax incentives, and to submit to Town Counsel for comments. Unanimous.

Primary Election Results – Concerns about Write-Ins

Pam Brown, Chairman of the Leyden Democratic Committee, addressed the Board with her concerns with how the write-in votes were counted. She said she had met earlier with the Town Clerk, Nicole Glabach, to discuss her concerns. She said that out of the 166 democratic ballots cast, 80 were counted as blank. Her concern is that the ballots were not tallied as intended by the voters. Pam passed out instructions for write-in ballots that were issued by Secretary of State Galvin. Pam also requested that the Board send a letter to Secretary Galvin encouraging him to make sure the November election ballot is correct and has space for write-ins.

Restoration of Stage Curtain

Lance reported that he contacted a company that does stage curtain restorations. They charge \$100.00 to come to Town Hall to inspect the curtain and prepare an estimate. Jeff and Bill agreed to spend the fee for an estimate.

MOTION: Lance moved to spend \$100.00 for an inspection and appraisal/estimate for restoration of the stage curtain. Unanimous.

Municipal Assistant Job Description

The Board reviewed the Municipal Assistant job description and made no changes.

Adjournment

MOTION: Bill moved to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty