

Town of Ledyard
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 11, 2021

A regular monthly meeting of the Ledyard Town Board, County of Cayuga, State of New York was held on the 11th day of October 2021 at the Ledyard Town Hall, 1099 Poplar Ridge Road, Aurora, NY 13026 at 7:30 pm

Present: Mark Jordan, Supervisor
Scott Heinekamp, Councilman
Therese Shook, Councilwoman
Casey Otis, Councilman
John Binns, Councilman
Stephan Arnold, Highway Superintendent
Jamie Bailey, Town Clerk

Absent:

Guests: 12

PLEDGE-REMEMBER TROOPS

Supervisor Jordan called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops at 7:28 pm.

PRIVILEGE FROM THE FLOOR

Resident, Ed Osborn asked the board to carefully reconsider doing a reevaluation at this difficult time along the increase of the cost of living due to the pandemic.

ASSESSOR

Assessor, Heather Garner spoke to the board members and residents regarding the re-evaluation. A re-evaluation was scheduled for 2020 but was postponed due to the pandemic. The last assessment showed that the greatest appreciation was farmland. Currently the greatest appreciation is residential homes. Air B&B are considered residential homes and will be assessed as residential dwellings. Assessor Garner stated that there could be advantages and disadvantages for doing a reevaluation this year. Assessor Garner informed the board that her term is up September 30,2025 and she will be "slowing down" as she does multiple towns.

CWIO - Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization

Liz Thomas from CWIO presented the board with a slide show that provided information on Cayuga Lake Watershed which covers 860 square miles or about 500,000 acres making it the largest watershed in the Finger Lakes. The CWIO is working to Identify the problem areas and help protect water quality one project at a time. Liz explained that finding funding to do these projects is critical. The CWIO would like to hire a Watershed Manager that would Coordinate a Broad Range of Stakeholders. Cayuga Lake IO dues have not increased since 2004. \$900 is what is asked of

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municipalities annually. A funding formulation (Fair Funding Formulation) was presented by the percentage of land, the shoreline amount, population, and assessment. Their goal is to raise \$90,000 to fund a watershed manager, watershed inspector, implement projects, and education. See Below

Cayuga County 19.7% \$5,895

Cortland County 6.4% \$1,928

Ontario County 6.2% \$1,865

Schuyler County 3.9% \$1,155

Seneca County 22.5% \$6,747

Tioga County 2.9% \$ 882

Tompkins County 38.4% \$11,497

County Total 100% \$29,970

Town of Aurelius 1.5% \$894

Town of Fleming 0.4% \$255

Town of Genoa 2.7% \$1,613

Town of Ledyard 4.3% \$2,604

Town of Locke 0.0% \$27

Town of Scipio 1.1% \$656

Town of Sempronius 0.2% \$104

Town of Springport 3.2% \$1,904

Town of Summerhill 0.9% \$548

Town of Venice 1.4% \$838

Village of Aurora (Ledyard) 1.0% \$630

Village of Cayuga (Aurelius) 0.7% \$414

Village of Union Springs (Springport) 1.0% \$626

The CWIO is asking municipalities for their support. They would like funding for 2022 budget to increase from \$900.00 to \$1,302; 2023 to increase to \$1953.00; 2024 to increase to \$2,604.00. Several residents and members of the Cayuga Lake Watershed showed their support. Supervisor Jordan asked Scientist, CLWS, and resident, David Eckhardt his opinion on the severity and cause of the habs amongst the Finger Lakes. David stated that Cayuga Lake was in the middle. Not the worse nor the best. David also stated that habs produce in warm, still water but once the wind blows it breaks it up. All the Finger Lakes have blooms.

ZONING

Planning Board Chair, Debbie Ross spoke regarding a conversation she had with David Nelson at the CCPB stating that the height is normally 1 ½ times the height from the structure regarding the 5g rollout zoning changes.

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FOOD GIVEAWAY

The town is joining the Town of Genoa in the food Giveaway on October 16, 2021. The town needed 5-6 volunteers along with 1 the night prior to help unload food. Clerk Bailey hung flyers and found volunteers for the day of the event. Supervisor Jordan will volunteer Friday evening to unload food.

SCHOLARSHIP Therese Shook stated she wanted to begin a scholarship in Judy Furness 'name. Shook feels this scholarship should be given to a junior or senior in college who is pursuing a degree in Civics or History. Mark Jordan stated the town will be having a dedication plaque made for her addition. Clerk Bailey showed a resolution example that she received from the Summerhill Town Clerk for a Millard Filmore Scholarship that the town has. This is not funded by the town but donations only.

CANNABIS

The legalities were briefly discussed. The town has until December 31, 2021 to opt out and can opt in at any time thereafter. The town will automatically be opted in if not opted out by the deadline and can NOT opt out after the deadline. The village has decided to opt out.

ARPA

The funds have been received and the heating/cooling system has been replaced.

MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the September 2021 meeting

Motion made by: Shook

Seconded by: Heinekamp

Aye: 4 Heinekamp, Shook, Binns, Otis

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Abstention 0

Motion: **PASSED**

REPORTS

A motion was made to accept the Supervisor, Code Enforcement, Assessor and Clerk report for the month of September 2021.

Motion made by Otis

Seconded by: Shook

Aye: 4 Heinekamp, Shook, Binns, Otis

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Motion: **PASSED**

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HIGHWAY DEPT.

Superintendent Arnold informed the board that the old salt storage is coming down. The trucks are on a 10 year cycle and because of this having a recalled maxforce engine, a reimbursement will range from \$10k - \$50k off the purchase of a new truck. Highway Superintendent will get quotes for a new truck with stainless box and no plow etc. Highway Superintendent, Arnold stated that Tim Lawrence will begin working next week replacing John White. The highway dept. also has the boom mower and will be working on roadsides.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

BILLS

A motion was made to pay the bills.

Motion made by: Shook
Seconded by: Heinekamp
Aye: 4 Shook, Heinekamp, Otis, Binns
Nay: 0
Absent: 0
Motion: **PASSED**

ABSTRACT	#10
VOUCHER	219-241
FUND A	\$24,516.06
FUND B	\$0
FUND DB	\$10,099.29

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:44pm

Motion made by: Binns
Seconded by: Shook
Aye: 4 Shook, Binns, Otis, Heinekamp
Nay: 0
Absent: 0
Motion: **PASSED**

Respectfully Submitted,
Jamie Bailey, Town Clerk