

Regular Meeting of the Ledyard Town Board
April 10, 2017
1099 Poplar Ridge Road, Aurora, NY 13026

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm. All present.

PRESENT: Mark Jordan, Supervisor
Jim Frisch, Councilman
John Binns, Councilman
Dan Green, Councilman
David Bennett, Councilman
Stephan Arnold, Highway Superintendent
Rose Marie Belforti, Town Clerk

OTHERS: Judy Kay Furness, 765 Poplar Ridge Road

PLEDGE-REMEMBER TROOPS

PRIVILEGE FROM THE FLOOR: Historian Judy Kay Furness informed the Town Board that she was present to hear about the progress made on the Town Hall addition project.

APPROVE MINUTES: On motion by Jim Frisch, seconded by Dan Green, the Minutes for March, 2017 were approved as submitted.

VOTE: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

APPROVE REPORTS: On motion by Dan Green, seconded by David Bennett, the Clerk and Code Officer reports for March, 2017 were approved as submitted.

VOTE: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

On motion by Jim Frisch, seconded by David Bennett, the Supervisor report for March, 2017 was approved as submitted.

VOTE: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

TOWN ATTORNEY DISCUSSION: Supervisor Mark Jordan updated the Town Board on his search for a Town Attorney who will litigate. He said the local lawyers do not litigate. Atty. Pettigrass has not returned Mark's calls. Councilman Jim Frisch said he will have a conversation with Atty. Andy Simkin.

TOWN HALL ADDITION DISCUSSION: Mark Jordan reported that Barry Hamel has design drawing by Historian Judy Kay Furness and will proceed with that design in mind.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Superintendent Stephan Arnold and Town Board discussed sharing equipment with neighboring towns, acquiring a concrete cutter, and Stephan reported some info on renting a ditch mower which may cost \$3,200 per month to rent. He also installed Building Code signs at the entrance of Sunset and Honoco Roads.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: A dinner for Ed Nedrow, who will be retiring on April 27, 2017 is planned 12 noon on the same day at the Ledyard Town Hall. The Town Board agreed to give two gift certificates in the

amount of \$100.00 to Ed and Marty Lawrence, part time highway snow plow driver who will also be retiring.

The new Highway Employee, Chris Pettit, will begin on May 1st, 2017.

ZONING & PLANNING UPDATE: Mark Jordan reported that the Ledyard Planning Board is working on the permit process for solar installations. They have not as of yet reviewed the event center proposal to be submitted by the Aurora Inns.

Councilman Dan Green is interested in training to be the next Town Code and Zoning Officer to possibly replace Brian Hicks.

Councilman Jim Frisch spoke about the urgent need to begin revision of the Ledyard Town Code. He would like the Town Board to form a committee. He suggested Ledyard Code Officer Brian Hicks be a hired consultant for the revision.

LEDYARD BOOKKEEPER DUDLEY HAND: Town of Ledyard Bookkeeper Dudley Hand went to a Town Accounting training presentation. He reported to the Town Board some of the highlights of what he learned. He gave handouts from the State Comptroller's Office to each Board member.

He said the Town Board should be monitoring the Town Budget closer so that they know what is in the budget when they approve the bills each month. The Board members said they would agree to review the Budget on a quarterly basis so when paying bills they will know what funds are remaining and available for payout.

Dudley would like to see the Councilmen sign off on the bills as they approve them, although it is not a legal requirement, it would let Dudley know that they have seen each bill and approved it. He informed them that Board Members can be charged with a misdemeanor if a fraudulent invoice is approved.

They had a discussion on the Ledyard reserve funds. Dudley said there should be a designated purpose for these funds. Councilman John Binns commented that the Town of Ledyard is doing the same thing the state and federal government does when holding onto tax payer money in reserves. A discussion followed.

PAY BILLS: On motion by Jim Frisch, seconded by Dan Green, the bills on abstract #004, #72-98; A=\$3,393.59; B=\$720.00; DA=\$0; DB=\$16,186.42 were approved for payment.

VOTE: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

ADJOURN: On motion by John Binns, seconded by Jim Frisch, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Marie Belforti
Ledyard Town Clerk