

1A regular monthly meeting of the Ledyard Town Board, County of Cayuga, State of New York was held on the 13th day of October 2025 at the Ledyard Town Hall, 1099 Poplar Ridge Road, Aurora, NY 13026 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mark Jordan, Supervisor
Therese Shook, Council
Anne Reynolds, Council
Jason Burroughs, Council
Mike Britt, Council

Others: Deborah Ross, Town Clerk
Steve Arnold, Highway Superintendent
Shirley Egan, Historian

Absent:

Guests: 3: Stephen & Ellen Wikstrom, Bill Tutton

PLEDGE-REMEMBER TROOPS

Supervisor Jordan called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops at 7:30 pm.

TRANSFER STATION

Bill Nivision reported that the new system was working well but needs a new heater for transfer station shed as old one is leaking propane. Received a quote of ~\$3200 from E & V for an Empire wall furnace 25K BTU LP gas plus installation. Identical model from HEP cost ~\$1300 but would need to find installer. A motion was made to purchase furnace from HEP.

Motion made by: Mark Jordan
Seconded by: Jason Burroughs
Aye: 5 Shook, Reynolds, Burroughs, Britt, Jordan
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
Motion: **PASSED**

PRIVELGE FROM THE FLOOR

TAX COLLECTOR

Supervisor Jodan received a letter from NYSLRS saying Deborah Brooks, town tax collector, had applied for retirement from NYSLRS on 10/15/2025. The last day she can appear on town payroll is day before her retirement date. Therefore, Deborah is retiring from town on 10/14/2025 but is running for the position and will be reappointed on Nov 10th.

A motion was made to accept Deborah Brooks' retirement.

Motion made by: Mark Jordan
Seconded by: Anne Reynolds
Aye: 5 Shook, Reynolds, Burroughs, Britt, Jordan
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
Motion: **PASSED**

LAWYER

Supervisor Jordan hasn't spoken with town lawyer recently.

SECURITY Cameras in hallway by clerk window and judges' area are running on Kindle. Pictures only. Board wants audio too. Sign will be posted saying 'under surveillance'. Steve will buy battery operated cameras for parking area.

MINUTES

A motion was made to approve September 2025 minutes.

Motion made by: Jason Burroughs
Seconded by: Therese Shook
Aye: 4 Shook, Reynolds, Burroughs, Britt
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
Motion: **PASSED**

REPORTS for Clerk, CEO, Supervisor and Dog Control

Discussion followed on why town hasn't supported any youth and senior programs this year. Town does support food pantry and meals on wheels but no other organization has come forward and asked for support.

A motion was made to approve reports
Motion made by: Anne Reynolds
Seconded by: Jason Burroughs
Aye: 4 Shook, Reynolds, Burroughs, Britt
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
Motion: **PASSED**

Dog Control

Suzie Tracy will come to November 2025 meeting to discuss new 2026 dog control contract.

HIGHWAY

The Cayuga County Snow & Ice Removal snow plowing contract for 2025/2026 is \$1,617.18 per trip.

E & V will install propane to town's Generac whole service generator.

Highway superintendent is working on receiving quotes for a portable generator to run the welder.

Cemeteries – Responsibility of towns now to mow cemeteries three times per year – Memorial Day, 4th of July and Memorial Day. Howland cemetery trust has money but the other three - Sherwood Rd, Ledyard Rd and one behind Wilcox Store\$ – do not

Getting arm mower again at a cost of ~\$7800.

Wikstrom property in Levanna

Discussed letter the town received on 10/7/25 from their lawyer.
Nothing resolved.

HISTORIAN

Spoke about cemeteries and mowing.

BUDGET 2026

From the first page, the tax rate is \$0.309219 per \$1,000. Employees will receive a COLA increase of 3.0% straight across except the highway superintendent, who was raised to \$70,000 which is midway for what other towns in county pay, and the assessor, which is contractual.

Left refuse & garbage charges at \$38,000 as difficult to tell the effect of the 2nd compactor.

Highway and General Fund Part-Townwide financed by county sales tax

Motion to increase Food Pantry from \$1000 to \$1500.

Historian-Personal Services was \$2,200 in 2024 but was decreased in 2025 to \$1,100. Want to go back to \$2,200? Increase Celebrations to \$200?

Cemeteries – contractual is for tree removal in 2025.

Will go through at public hearing for 2026 Preliminary Budget in November.

BILLS

A motion was made to pay the following:

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Voucher	234-260
Fund A	\$ 8,794.05
FUND B	\$ 1.63
Fund DB	<u>\$68,555.52</u>
Total Amount	<u>\$77,351.20</u>

Motion made by: Jason Burroughs
Seconded by: Therese Shook/Mike Britt
Aye: 4 Shook, Reynolds, Burroughs, Britt
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
Motion: **PASSED**

ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm

Motion made by: Therese Shook
Seconded by: Jason Burroughs
Aye: 4 Shook, Reynolds, Burroughs, Britt
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
Motion: **PASSED**

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A Ross
Town Clerk