

Regular Meeting of the Ledyard Town Board
August 11, 2014
Ledyard Town Hall, 1099 Poplar Ridge Road, Aurora, NY 13026

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Councilman Jim Frisch and John Binns were absent.

PRESENT: Mark Jordan, Supervisor
Paul Hilliard, Councilman
Daniel Green, Councilman
Jim Bailey, Highway Superintendent
Rose Marie Belforti, Town Clerk

OTHERS: Dave and Joyce Heck, 16 Ladoga Pk; Lansing, NY 14882
Peter Philipp, 3627 Cooney Corner's Road, NY
Dudley Hand, Ledyard Bookkeeper
Heather Garner, Ledyard Assessor

PLEDGE- REMEMBER TROOPS

PRIVILEGE FROM THE FLOOR: Dave Heck presented information and identification sheets on Hydrilla in Cayuga Lake to the Ledyard Town Board. He is encouraging all voters and property owners in the town to look out for the invasive plant. He said if we have early detection, the experts can focus on it. He prepared a display packet for the Town Hall and encourages all to take one. There is a website where Hydrilla siting can be reported. See the handout for the website address.

Peter Philipp approached the Town Board regarding the agricultural canons being used to scare deer out of crops. He said that he has been a property owner in Ledyard for 35 years, and he is unable to sleep at night because the canons are blasting all night long. He wants them removed from the area. Supervisor Mark Jordan called the NY State Association of Towns legal team to find out whether the propane canons are considered a Best Management Practice. The response was yes, the canons are an acceptable practice under the Best Management Agricultural law, so that the Town Board is unable to do anything about it. Mark said, upon the request of Mr. Philipps, he would call Bruce Driscoll to discuss his use of the canons, and see if he could silence them from 9 pm to 6 am.

APPROVE MINUTES: On motion by Paul Hilliard, seconded by Dan Green, the Minutes for July, 2014 were approved as submitted.

VOTE: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

APPROVE REPORTS: On motion by Dan Green, seconded by Paul Hilliard, the Supervisor, Clerk and Code Officer reports for July, 2014 were approved as submitted.

VOTE: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE: The annual Workplace violence form that all employees must sign each year was signed and posted.

WORK DAY HOURS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN THE NYS&L RETIREMENT SYSTEM: Elected Officials that are in the NYS&L Retirement System must report work hours for a three month period every eight years and report a Town Board Resolution.

RESOLUTION: The Town of Ledyard Board hereby adopts, on motion by Dan Green, seconded by Paul Hilliard, the Standard Work Day for full time employees at eight hours and part time employees at six hours for elected and appointed officials that are in the NYS&L Retirement System, on form RS2417-A.

VOTE: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

ASSESSMENT: Ledyard Assessor Heather Garner informed the Town Board that she would like to do a Revaluation of property in Ledyard in 2015. She will be revaluating property in Genoa in 2015 and would like to do both towns at the same time for consistency. She said it will be difficult to maintain the 100% market value status for the town if she does not do a revaluation. As of 2015 the Town of Ledyard will be at 92-94%. She said there are pockets of growth and pockets of declines in the town.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ERICA BARNES: On motion by Paul Hilliard, seconded by Dan Green, the Ledyard Town Board authorizes Assessor Heather Garner to enlist the help of Erica Barnes for field work for an allocated \$500.00 for 2014.

VOTE: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

COURT CLERK RESIGNATION LETTER: A letter of resignation from Court Clerk Beverly Emerson was submitted to the Town Board.

COURT CLERK APPOINTMENT: On motion by Paul Hilliard, seconded by Dan Green, the Ledyard Town Board appointed Terry Rafferty as the new Ledyard Court Clerk.

VOTE: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

WEBSITE UPDATE: The Town Clerk, Rose Marie Belforti informed the Board that The Cayuga County IT Office has fixed the missing data problem on the Ledyard Town website, and has agreed to upgrading the format for the website so the Town Clerk can continue to maintain the website. He will try to fit it into his schedule in late August, early September.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Jim Bailey reported to the Town Board that the new tires for the pickup truck will cost \$900.00 and the brake repairs will cost \$167.00. He does not have a municipal price on a new 2015 truck yet, but should be able to get that in a month from now.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Paul Hilliard researched propane prices. He called five vendors, and two returned his calls.

Lake Country Propane price is capped at \$2.09 per gallon with a minimum of 4,000 gallons, and not to go higher than \$2.49 per gallon.

Suburban Propane price per gallon is quoted as \$1.99 with a one year sign up, but with no minimum or maximum use.

Mark Jordan said he would call Amerigas.

PAY BILLS: On motion by Dan Green, seconded by Paul Hilliard, the bills on abstract #008; #158-173, A=\$4,251.95; B=\$224.00; DA=0, DB=\$94,925.27 were approved for payment.

VOTE: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

ADJOURN: On motion by Dan Green, seconded by Paul Hilliard, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Marie Belforti
Ledyard Town Clerk

