

A regular monthly meeting of the Ledyard Town Board, County of Cayuga, State of New York was held on the 13th day of April 2026 at the Ledyard Town Hall, 1099 Poplar Ridge Road, Aurora, NY 13026 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mark Jordan, Supervisor Jason Burroughs, Councilperson
Anne Reynolds, Councilperson Therese Shook, Councilperson

Absent: Mike Britt, Councilperson

Others: Deborah Ross, Town Clerk; Shirley Egan, Historian; Steve Arnold, Highway Superintendent; Diane Hicks-Hughes, William & BJ Atwater, Jackie Dickinson, 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.

Edwin Nedrow passed on April 1st. He worked on Town Highway crew for 31 years, March 1 1986 to April 27 2017.

PRIVILEGE FROM THE FLOOR

Property owners along Lake Rd who are in proposed County sewer district voiced their concerns: Total cost per number of properties is very expensive. Who pays for the cost overruns? Doesn't include sewer and water. How do they expect citizens to absorb the cost.

Jackie Dickinson from Southern Cayuga Instant Aid – just checking in. Does anyone have any questions about the ambulance service?

CAYUGA LAKE PROTECTION PLAN - proposed Sewer

Supervisor Jordan has been in contact with town lawyer and NY Association of Towns (NYAOT) who both say the county has no authority to set up a sewer or water district without the town board approval. Such a district must go through the town. He read a letter from another taxpayer along Lake Rd asking that seasonal residents have the right to vote on the project since the proposed cost would force them to sell their two places. Also, communications and updates should go out to ALL property owners and they have only heard bits and pieces. They go on record as opposed to the current proposal.

Mark Jordan, as a Ledyard resident, submitted a letter to the editor of the Citizen opposing the sewer. Others asked how it would help the lake as no studies have been done. Town is waiting for town lawyer and NYAOT to respond on the matter.

RESOLUTION 2026-17 Approve the March 9, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes.

Motion by Burroughs, seconded by Reynolds was:

ADOPTED Aye 4 Reynolds, Burroughs, Shook, Jordan
Nay 0
Absent 1 Britt

RESOLUTION 2026-18 Approve the supervisor's monthly report for March 2026.

Motion by Burroughs, seconded by Reynolds was:

ADOPTED Aye 4 Reynolds, Burroughs, Shook, Jordan
Nay 0
Absent 1 Britt

RESOLUTION 2026-19 Approve the clerk, code enforcement officer and dog control monthly reports for March 2026.

Motion by Burroughs, seconded by Reynolds was:

ADOPTED Aye 4 Reynolds, Burroughs, Shook, Jordan
 Nay 0
 Absent 1 Britt

TOWN HALL leach field is causing the sewer backup. It needs a new distribution box. Cayuga County Soil & Water will determine what is needed and deal with the Board of Health. The leach field will be shifted north toward salt shed, which might require moving a tree. Kessler Septic will do the installation.

LAWYER

Kramer case will be heard in town court on Tuesday, April 28th at 6 pm in front of Judge VanBuskirk.

ASSESSOR

Board of Assessment Review grievance day is May 26, 2026, from 4 to 8 pm at Town Hall.

HISTORIAN

Tom Overton, a town resident and former Boy Scout leader, approached the town looking for an Eagle Scout project for Emmett McKee, a neighbor. Supervisor thought town historian might have several prospective projects.

Currently, Shirley Egan, the town historian, is researching Revolutionary War veterans buried in town cemeteries and has found one whose headstone is in poor condition. Discussion followed as a grave belongs to the veteran's family. Could this be part of an Eagle Scout project? Other possibilities include working on the time capsule and painting road historical signs.

At the Cayuga County Coalition meeting in March Shirley learned about a project planting Eastern White Pines, symbolic of Hiawatha's Great Tree of Peace, in towns throughout the county. She thought Ledyard would be interested in participating.

Shirley would like to purchase a few pin boards for displays that could be hung on the walls of the meeting rooms and will get a quote.

HIGHWAY

- Fire extinguishers in Town Hall – need to find a new business to certify them. Jackie Dickinson will send information on who they use – Jerome Fire Equipment in Clay, NY.
- Steve had the new 284 agreement telling the Highway Department would pave Britt Rd and prep Gray and Benjamin Rds this year to pave next year. Prepping includes shoulder work which hasn't been done. Eight (8) miles to chip.
- Had 75 snowplow trips for county this year => \$121,288. County will rewrite the snowplow contract this year.
- Currently fixing storm stuff –pipe wash out in driveways but not bad enough for FEMA.
- Jason spoke with Billy Hall from Scipio Highway Dept who was in favor of a small plow truck but would not opt for a crew cab. However, Steve stated can't fit 3 large guys in the front seat. Nor is there room for tools, wrenches, etc.
- State Bid: Ford \$130K with plow

Received 3 truck body bids: MDI Plow in Auburn will supply V-plow, wing and sander

- \$73,733.53, Van Bortel Ford, 71 Marsh Rd, East Rochester, NY 14445, 585-586-7706
- \$67,959.00, Joe Basil Chevrolet, Inc., 5111 Transit Rd, Depew, NY 14043, 716-206-1756

- o \$83,490.00, Allegiance Trucks, 105 7th North St, Liverpool, NY 13088, 315-475-8471

Motion made for the Highway Department to purchase a 6-wheel drive Ford-550 crew cab truck, from Van Bortel Ford in East Rochester for \$74,000, with V plow, wing and sander from MDI Plow in Auburn.

RESOLUTION 2026-20

Motion by Shook, seconded by Reynolds was:

ADOPTED	Aye	4	Reynolds, Burroughs, Shook, Jordan
	Nay	0	
	Absent	1	Britt

Charter Communications franchise agreement: Town needs to hold public hearing for, sign agreement and return. Will plan on holding public hearing at May meeting

SHORT-TERM RENTALS (STRs) – tabled

DEC transfer station inspection – Amy Miller (315-952-4175) from Syracuse office will inspect at 1 pm on Tuesday, 4/21.

REVIEW OF 2026 ABSTRACT 4

RESOLUTION 2026-21 Authorize payment of bills contained in 2026 Abstract 4 in the following amounts

Abstract	2026-04	
Voucher	075-100	
Fund A	\$ 8,659.08	General fund Vouchers 075-089
Fund DB	<u>\$34,858.40</u>	Highway Vouchers 090-100
Total Amount	<u>\$43,517.48</u>	

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ADOPTED	Aye	4	Reynolds, Burroughs, Shook, Jordan
	Nay	0	
	Absent	1	Britt

ADJOURN

With no further business, on the motion by Burroughs, seconded by Reynolds, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A Ross
Town Clerk