

## **Town of Ledyard Organizational and Regular Monthly Meeting**

**February 10, 2020**

**1099 Poplar Ridge Rd., Aurora, NY 13026**

A regular monthly meeting of the Ledyard Town Board, County of Cayuga and State of New York was held on the 10th day of February 2020 at the Ledyard Town Hall, 1099 Poplar Ridge Road, Aurora, NY 13026 at 7:30 pm

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

**Absent:**

**Guests:** 3

### **Pledge**

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

### **Privilege from the Floor**

No comments

### **Dog Corners Solar Project Decommissioning**

Landowner Amy Torea needs to speak to her lawyer to protect herself. Planning Board Chair, Debbie Ross explained that the Town needed a lawyer as the town will hold the bond. Other towns have had bonds set at the beginning of the solar project. Suneast is assuming a high salvage value of these panels but no one really knows that far in time what the salvage values will be. Supervisor Jordan will reach out to Guy Krough at Thaler and Thaler to ask about advising the town of an effective decommissioning plan. The setup of decommissioning plan and Pilot along with letter from Ag & Markets for NYSERDA is all that remains to go onto the next step. Ross suggested that the town reviews the Thaler and Thaler website as there is an area dedicated to solar projects that they have worked on.

### **Bookkeeper**

Dudley Hand, Bookkeeper for the town discussed with new council the different accounts, meaning and purposes.

- General Fund - Town line, Salaries
- Part-Town Fund - Planning, Zoning (Outside of the Village of Aurora)
- Highway Fund is part-town as well because this does not involve highway maintenance etc in the village. Special Reserves 4cd is standby money in case there is a catastrophe.

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- Trust and Agency Fund - Payroll, Insurance, and taxes flow in and out of this account.
- Expendable and Nonexpendable Cemetery Fund - (the Holland Cemetery) Principal can NEVER be spent but the interest can be.

The town board and bookkeeper Hand have made a lot of headway over the years, financially for the town. They have made a conscious effort to get the town out of debt. The town at one time in the past had loans on everything. A bond would have to be set up every time the town purchased a truck in the past. Town funds are all within Cayuga Lake National. Bookkeeper Hand watches for rate increases, if they come, he will move funds accordingly. The town pays for trucks, the building addition, equipment etc. all by check in an effort to avoid any debt.

The town of Ledyard has one of the lowest property tax rates in the STATE. The county divvies up sales tax money based on the assessed value of a property. This ends up being approx. \$500k/annually for the town. This is the reason that the town tries to keep the assessed values current. \$0.38/\$1k has been the tax rate for many years. Bookkeeper Hand explained how the budget is built along with the procedure and the public hearing. Transfers of the budget accounts at year-end were also explained. The town currently has approximately \$1million in reserves.

Investment Policy was discussed. Bookkeeper Hand explained that CLNB does not charge the town for checks, stop payment fees, check errors etc. CLNB has also in the past allowed new higher rate transfers on “old money” as most banks require “new” money. Councilman Otis had a generic template for the town to use in regard to writing an investment policy notice. Supervisor Jordan said there will be one written up for the next meeting.

### Minutes

A motion was made to accept the December 2019 minutes

Motion made by Scott Heinekamp

Seconded by: John Binns

Aye: 3 Binns, Heinekamp, Jordan

Nay: 0

Motion: **PASSED**

A motion was made to accept the January 2020 minutes

Motion made by John Binns

Seconded by: Casey Otis

Aye: 3 Binns, Otis, Shook

Nay: 0

Motion: **PASSED**

Therese Shook mentioned a few grammatical changes

### Fireworks Law

Banning of Fireworks in the town needs to be addressed. The town has never issued a permit for fireworks. Resident Flowers is concerned as Wells College does own a large amount of

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property on Fry Rd. outside of the village limit. This will be further discussed in March. If a resolution is passed, this will be an amendment to our zoning law. Councilman Binns suggested a public hearing but this does not need to be done now, it will though need to be done before it is voted on but after a resolution is created. Planning Board Chair, Debbie Ross stated she also wants to add zoning amendments during the said public hearing. March 2020 meeting needs to be published in the Citizen.

**Reports**

A motion was made to accept the Supervisor, Clerk and Code Enforcement Reports

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

**Procurement Policy**

A motion was made to adopt the Procurement Policy for the year 2020

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

**Planning Board**

A motion was made to appoint Jamie Bailey as Planning Board Clerk at a rate of \$20/hour

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

**Board of Assessment Review**

A motion was made to re-appoint Glen Gabriel for another 3-year term.

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

**Highway**

Hoop Barn Grant was awarded for \$200k. This is a 33% town/ 66% split. If the existing building is eliminated, no new driveway will be needed and access for trucks will be easier. A site will need to be built, blacktop floor, walls etc. It is recommended to seal the walls and use mafia blocks. Superintendent Arnold is looking at 60'x80' 2500 ton size hoop barn. The fabric lifetime is approx. 15-20yrs guaranteed.

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**Hoop Barn**

A motion was made to have Highway Superintendent proceed with obtaining additional information for the hoop barn.

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

284 Form for county rd. was passed around for all council to sign off on. 8-10 miles will be oiled and chipped.

Progress is being made on the new truck.

Spectrum is also going along Benjamin, Gray and Dixon Rd. placing poles.

**Bills**

A motion was made to pay the bills

Motion made by John Binns  
Seconded by: Scott Heinekamp  
Aye: 4 Binns, Heinekamp, Shook, Otis  
Nay: 0  
Motion: PASSED

ABSTRACT	#02
VOUCHER	034-066
FUND A	\$ 8,003.71
FUND B	\$ 3,735.87
FUND DB	\$ 18,062.37
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$ 29,801.85

**Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:47pm

Motion made by John Binns  
Seconded by: Scott Heinekamp  
Aye: 4 Binns, Heinekamp, Shook, Otis  
Nay: 0  
Motion: PASSED

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Bailey, Town Clerk

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