

Regular Meeting of the Ledyard Town Board  
February 9, 2015  
1099 Poplar Ridge Road, Aurora, NY 13026

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm. Highway Superintendent Jim Bailey was absent.

PRESENT: Mark Jordan, Supervisor  
John Binns, Councilman  
Jim Frisch, Councilman  
Daniel Green, Councilman  
Paul Hilliard, Councilman  
Rose Marie Belforti, Town Clerk

OTHERS: Judy Kay Furness, 765 Poplar Ridge Road  
Linda S. Schwab, 318 Main Street  
Ron & Trudy Buxenbaum, 2620 Dog Corners Road  
Bonnie Bennett, 363 Main Street  
Alan Ominsky, 351 Main Street

PLEDGE-REMEMBER TROOPS

APPROVE MINUTES: On motion by Jim Frisch, seconded by Paul Hilliard, the Minutes for the 2015 Organizational Meeting were approved as submitted.

VOTE: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

APPROVE REPORTS: On motion by Jim Frisch, seconded by Daniel Green, the Clerk and Code Enforcement Officer reports were approved as submitted. (No Supervisor report was submitted).

VOTE: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

AURORA MAYOR BONNIE BENNET: Mayor of Aurora, Bonnie Bennett appeared before the Ledyard Town Board along with other town residents to discuss the Patrick Tavern building as a possible site for storing archives and museum items. Supervisor Mark Jordan informed the residents that Town Board members visited the Patrick Tavern to assess whether it would be useful for housing archives and other historical items. Bonnie asked the Town Board what their plans are for the building. She said it is the oldest building in Aurora and the only part that has historical value is the internal construction. She said it would take \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00 to finish the building according to several estimates. Minimal climate control will not be enough. It needs to be state of the art climate control to store historical archives correctly. There would also need to be an office for the historian and an area for viewing materials. Aurora Historian Linda Schwab said that the plan 20 years ago was to make it into offices and for storage. She said the archival records are irreplaceable and that you cannot put them in a place that is not prepared for them. The Village of Aurora received a \$35,000 technical assistance grant to get the building up to a standard for use, but the grant would not cover archives. She also said there may be springs under the building, causing moisture damage which would have to be considered, and that the NY State Archives office does not recommend housing historical documents in wooden buildings. For museum purposes, Bonnie said there would have to be an addition built onto the Tavern for meetings, storage, but that the area already has the Genoa and King Ferry museums and questioned whether there should be another one. Councilman Jim Frisch said he has reservations about getting into

the museum business. Ron Buxenbaum, Ledyard Planning Board Chair said he agrees there is a need to preserve historical documents and items but is not sure the Tavern is the right way to go.

They discussed building an addition onto the Ledyard Town Offices as a possible better choice. Linda Schwab said it would be a tremendous advantage to have Ledyard records here at the Ledyard Town Hall because it is handicap accessible. Mark Jordan said that if the town taxpayers put money into the Tavern, we want to own it or part of it. His questions were: What would it cost to buy into the Patrick Tavern, and what kind of agreement would the Town have with the Village of Aurora. And how much would it cost to bring building up to where it needs to be. Bonnie said the building as it is now is too small to have an office for the historian. It is 28'x28'. Trudy Buxenbaum, who has experience with the Emily Howland property restoration project suggests to use the Ledyard Town Hall for the archives. Linda said that the Tavern could be used for larger items that are not sensitive to climate, such as tools or farm implements that would be of historical value. Bonnie said she will have a discussion with the Aurora Village Board regarding the use of the Patrick Tavern. Jim Frisch's final comment on the matter was "repairing the Tavern would be putting money in a rat hole".

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Mark Jordan said the check arrived for the sale of the used pick-up truck in the amount of \$21,000.00. There was discussion about taking over the Cayuga County responsibility to keep Ledyard roadsides mowed twice a year. The Town of Ledyard would need another tractor and mower and a person to run it.

Councilor John Binns mentioned there are many icicles on the Town Hall building. The insulation should be checked to see if it is adequate.

Invoice from Bruck Mosher: The board agreed again to ask Bruck Mosher to come to a Town Board meeting to explain the issue.

PAY BILLS: On motion by Jim Frisch, seconded by Paul Hilliard, the bills on abstract #002; 27-48; A=\$3,364.34; B=\$17.53; DA=\$0; DB=\$6,536.82 were approved for payment.

VOTE: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

ADJOURN: On motion by John Binns, seconded by Jim Frisch, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

VOTE: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Marie Belforti  
Ledyard Town Clerk