

Town of Ledyard
Monthly Meeting
July 8, 2019

A monthly meeting of the Ledyard Town Board, County of Cayuga in the State of New York was held on the 8th day of July 2019 at the Ledyard Town Hall, 1099 Poplar Ridge Road, Aurora, NY 13026 at 7:30 pm.

PRESENT: Mark Jordan, Supervisor
Jim Frisch, Councilman
Scott Heinekamp, Councilman
Dave Bennett, Councilman
Stephan Arnold, Superintendent of Highways
Jamie Bailey, Clerk

ABSENT: John Binns, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT:
15 guests

PLEDGE-REMEMBER TROOPS

Supervisor, Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:33pm with the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence to remember our troops.

PRIVILEGE FROM FLOOR/CONCERNS

Ken Furness addressed the board to thank Highway Superintendent Stephan Arnold for getting the foundation in for the flagpole. Ken also asked that the sign gets done as it has been over 6 months.

SUNEAST SOLAR

Nancy Vlahos from Suneast Solar, addressed the board regarding the Dogs Corners solar project. This project will require a Special Development Permit. Vlahos provided the board with a quick overview of the company and the project itself. They currently have no projects in our area. The project would be 20 megawatts of ground mounted solar farm located at Torea Farm property. 131 acres will be used for the project. There will be an 8' security fence around the perimeter. Lifespan of the panels is about 25-30yrs and can be reverted back to farmland. Decommission of this would be up to the lead agency of the project. Chet Ferguson, from Suneast Solar showed the board the drawings of where they would like to place the panels. This would tie in with the substation located on Dublin Hill Rd. These are a single axis track, that are motorized to track the sun. A \$3 Million upgrade to the substation will need to be completed in order to handle all the power and Suneast will pay for this. Approximately 5 months there should be an agreement with NYSEG and NYS in place. Ferguson recommended the town have a bond in place to protect itself. Supervisor, Jordan requested confirmation from NYSEG saying they agree with this project. Ferguson asked if the SDP and EAF could be submitted at the same time. Chairman, Ross stated it needed to go through SEQR and approved first before anything else could be completed. Vlahos asked if there was a fee for the Special District Permit, at this time the Town of Ledyard does not have this on the fee schedule. The EAF and SDP will be sent this week.

ASSESSOR

Assessor, Heather Garner's 6 year term expires in September. Current salary for the assessor is \$18,000/14.50 per parcel over 6 years. There are approximately 1243 parcel. Garner wishes to do a re-evaluation this year as the town is currently at 91% equalization rate. The last evaluation was done in 2015. Garner wishes to work Thursdays throughout the summer to begin the process and get photos. The Assessors clerk will be needed to help on additional mailers and photos. Clerk Bailey reminded the board with past minutes that Assessor clerk, Potter was never re-appointed. Grievance Day had 3 residents appear before the Board of Assessments Review. Garner provided a Memorandum of Understanding and was signed by Supervisor Jordan to send to the state to proceed with the re-evaluation.

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Re-Appointment

Motion to re-appoint Heather Garner as Assessor @ \$18,000/ 14.50 per parcel over 6 years.

Motion By: Councilman Frisch

Seconded By: Councilman Heinekamp

Motion Carried

Ayes	3	Heinekamp, Frisch, Bennett
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Binns

Motion Passed

Re-Evaluation 2020

Motion to do a re-evaluation for the 2020

Motion By: Councilman Heinekamp

Seconded By: Councilman Bennett

Motion Carried

Ayes	3	Heinekamp, Frisch, Bennett
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Binns

Motion Passed

Re-Appointment

Motion to reappoint Tiffany Potter as the Assessors and ZBA clerk, and Planning Board secretary at \$15/hr for 2019.

Motion By: Councilman Frisch

Seconded By: Councilman Heinekamp

Motion Carried

Ayes	3	Heinekamp, Frisch, Bennett
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Binns

Motion Passed

SHARED SERVICES

A meeting at BOCES will be held on July 24, 2019 @ 5pm.

NYSEG

Replace light fixtures to LED Martin Grozer for \$9339.00. NYSEG will pay \$2,910.00 and the town would pay \$6,428.00 with an approximate annual savings of \$1,923. Clerk contacted NYSERDA but they never replied. Superintendent, Arnold would like these in the shop as they are brighter. The lights are guaranteed for 5 years.

Motion to upgrade lights to LED

Motion By: Councilman Bennett

Seconded By: Councilman Frisch

Motion Carried

Ayes	3	Heinekamp, Frisch, Bennett
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Binns

Motion Passed

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HIGHWAY

Superintendent Arnold informed the board that they will begin paving Lake Rd. Also got oil and chipping done. Cement has been poured for building entrance and flag pole.

HISTORIAN

Discussion was held for an open house around Labor Day. Bruce Bennett donated 2 file cabinets.

LONG POINT

Clerk Bailey went to Filmore Glen to seek options. Regional Director (Fred Bond) stated NYS will not do a "tally system" or "stickers". If only 10% of residents used this 6 times a summer, the town would be responsible for over \$5k. It was suggested that the town could donate Empire Passes (\$80 each) to the library. Supervisor Jordan was going to call Fred Bond.

BUDGET TRANSFER

Motion to complete the budget transfers (documentation attached)

Motion By: Councilman Frisch
Seconded By: Councilman Bennett

Motion Carried

Ayes 3 Heinekamp, Frisch, Bennett
Nays 0
Absent 1 Binns

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the June 10, 2019 minutes

Motion By: Councilman Heinekamp
Seconded By: Councilman Bennett

Motion Carried

Ayes 3 Heinekamp, Jordan, Bennett
Nays 0
Abstention 1 Frisch
Absent 1 Binns

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Motion to approve the Supervisor, Code Enforcement and Clerk Reports

Motion By: Councilman Frisch
Seconded By: Councilman Bennett

Motion Carried

Ayes 3 Heinekamp, Frisch, Bennett
Nays 0
Absent 1 Binns

Motion Passed

BILLS

A Motion was made to pay all bills on Abstract 07; voucher 168-190 ; A \$5,732.5 ; B \$135.00; DB \$122,109.88

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Motion by: Councilman Frisch
Seconded by: Councilman Heinekamp

Motion Carried

Ayes	3	Heinekamp, Frisch, Bennett
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Binns

Motion Passed

Councilman Heinekamp replaced a cover plate on the electrical plug in the meeting room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to Adjourned at 9:41pm

Motion by: Councilman Frisch
Seconded by: Councilman Bennett

Motion Carried

Ayes	3	Heinekamp, Frisch, Bennett
Nays	0	

Motion Passed