

Town of Ledyard
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December 11, 2023
Regular Monthly Meeting

A Regular Monthly meeting of the Ledyard Town Board, County of Cayuga, State of New York was held on the 11th day of December, 2023 at the Ledyard Town Hall, 1099 Poplar Ridge Road, Aurora, NY 13026 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mark Jordan, Supervisor
Jason Burroughs, Council
Anne Reynolds, Council
Casey Otis, Councilman
Therese Shook, Councilman

Others: Jamie Bailey, Town Clerk
Stephan Arnold, Highway Superintendent

Absent:

Guests: 4

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.

PRIVILEGE FROM THE FLOOR

131ST DISTRICT ASSEMBLYMAN

Assemblyman, Jeff Gallahan of the 131st district introduced himself. Mr. Gallahan currently serves Ontario, Seneca, Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Broome and Chenango Counties. After the next re-districting, Mr. Gallahan will have a total of 47 towns.

DOG CONTROL

Suzie Tracy introduced herself to the board as the towns potentially new dog control officer. Tracy currently runs her business from Country Acres located in Cortland. Tracy currently provides services for 22 towns in 3 counties. Tracy is anticipating to have her own kennel built and running by June 1, 2024, in the Town of Moravia. Tracy only provides services for dogs. No rabid animals, cats etc. Tracy holds the dogs for 5 days and then they are sent to Country Acres for adoption or euthanized. The town will be responsible for fee after the 5 days if the owners do not come forward. Clerk Bailey mentioned the increase in dog control will be approx. 3 times as much. Tracy was asked

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her opinion for a reasonable rate of increase as the Town of Ledyard is the lowest in the county. Tracy suggested \$10/\$20.

TRANSFER SITE

Approximately 3 weeks prior to the meeting, resident Rebecca Ruggles spoke to the transfer site manager, Bill Nivison about having a Styrofoam Recycle Event. Nivison told Ruggles he did not see a problem with that and asked Ruggles to provide him with more information when she had that available. Nivison saw on a social media platform that the recycling event had been scheduled for the weekend after Christmas on Dec. 29, 2023. Nivison nor Ruggles will be available to work this event on that day. Nivison will ask residents to hold their hard packed Styrofoam until January 6, 2023. Mr. Nivison also mentioned the enforcement of the 35lb limit on the tags. Tags will need to increase, and it will be done in conjunction to the Scipio Transfer site.

ROAD RIGHT OF WAY

Ellen Wikstrom addressed the board in regards to a land survey that she had done to determine what was the right of way the town and their property. Superintendent Arnold told the resident that the town owns to the backside of the ditch, the town has the right to maintain the ditch and the outside of the ditch. Arnold also stated that the resident was asking for a lot if they want to have the road moved. The Highway Superintendent is currently awaiting a permit from the DEC. Resident asked for a letter sent to them with a decision.

HISTORIAN

Shirley Egan stated that she purchased a bicentennial bag and donated it the Christmas in Aurora for the Silent Auction. The bag brought in a bid amount of \$65. Egan expressed much excitement as next exhibit will be on the Aurora Medicinal Sulphur.

SYNERGY

This IT Company was included on the agenda but got postponed. After board members asked what Synergy was, Clerk Bailey explained to the board that a letter was received by the NYS Dept of Health in regards to the Vital Statics Registrar. The said letter stated that all Vital Registrars needed to have a firewall in place to process any birth, death, or marriage certificates. Clerk Bailey has been in touch with the Town of Springport, Town Clerk, Kathy Wilde regarding processing these certificates until a firewall is in place.

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SUNEAST SOLAR

Mike Beckner has been in contact with Supervisor, Jordan. Beckner has asked for the \$180,000.00 cash back for \$180,000.00 line of credit from a Canadian Bank. Supervisor Jordan stated that the solar company needs to do business in the United States. In another 20 years the town will need to deal with US dollars from US banks. Shirley Eagan suggested NOT only in the US BUT NEW YORK STATE. Mr. Gallahan stated that when solar panels are working at full capacity, they are still only 20% efficient.

LAWYER

Introduction given by Norman Chirco is a local attorney serving the area, including 5 towns and villages for 36 years. Chirco has worked on many Solar Farm projects including the large pending project in Conquest. Chirco stated that after listening to the Sun East Project, he strongly recommended that the Town of Ledyard ONLY accepts a bond for decommissioning. Chirco has also been brought into assist with the pending Kramer case on Honoco as the resident has now gone past the demolition deadline for his dock. Chirco stated that his fee is \$150/hour for towns, or he also accepts annual retainers, but he strongly suggests the town go with hourly rate as his services will not be needed often. Chirco also suggested that Guy Krough finishes the Sun East program as he has been involved in the project since the beginning. Supervisor Jordan will call Norman and let him know the decision that has been made regarding him being appointed as Town of Ledyard, Attorney. Chirco will then send a letter of representation to the town.

ASSESSORS REPORT

The supervisor read aloud the assessors report. Letters have been mailed and need to be returned by 3/1/2024.

FLOOR SEAL QUOTE

Supervisor Jordan received a quote for \$2,180.00 from Quality Care for the sealing of the floors. This should be done annually. It was mentioned to check with the Sheriffs Dept as they may be able to assist.

HIGHWAY

The highway dept is working on the new fence for the Transfer Site. Nivison asked about the pump for the packer and the highway superintendent told him that he was working on it.

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MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the November 13, 2023 minutes.

Motion made by: Therese Shook
Seconded by: Casey Otis
Aye: 3 Otis, Reynolds, Shook
Nay: 0
Abstain: 1 Jason Burroughs
Absent: 0
Motion: **PASSED**

REPORTS

A motion was made to accept the Supervisor, Code Enforcement, and Clerk report for the month of November 2023.

Motion made by Anne Reynolds
Seconded by: Therese Shook
Aye: 4 Otis, Reynolds, Burroughs, Shook
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
Motion: **PASSED**

LAWYER

A motion was made to appoint Norman Chirco for the Town of Ledyard Attorney.

Motion made by Therese Shook
Seconded by: Casey Otis
Aye: 4 Otis, Reynolds, Burroughs, Shook
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
Motion: **PASSED**

BILLS

A Motion was made to pay the following:

ABSTRACT	12
VOUCHER	264 - 304
FUND A	\$ 6,250.20
FUND B	\$ 4,488.46
FUND DB	\$ 129,337.74

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TOTAL AMOUNT \$ 140,076.40

Motion made by Jason Burroughs
Seconded by: Anne Reynolds
Aye: 4 Otis, Reynolds, Burroughs, Shook
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
Motion: **PASSED**

BREAKFAST

Town breakfast will be held on December 27, 2023 at 9am

ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:26pm
Motion made by Shook
Seconded by: Otis
Aye: 4 Otis, Reynolds, Burroughs, Shook
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
Motion: **PASSED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Bailey, Ledyard Town Clerk