

Town of Ledyard Monthly meeting and public hearing for Charter Communications renewal minutes,
May 11, 2026

A regular monthly meeting of the Ledyard Town Board and public hearing for Charter Communications renewal, County of Cayuga, State of New York was held on the 11th day of May 2026 at the Ledyard Town Hall, 1099 Poplar Ridge Road, Aurora, NY 13026 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mark Jordan, Supervisor
Anne Reynolds, Councilperson
Jason Burroughs, Councilperson
Mike Britt, Councilperson, arrived @7:35pm

Absent: Therese Shook, Councilperson

Others: Deborah Ross, Town Clerk; Shirley Egan, Historian; Steve Arnold, Highway Superintendent; Hanna Walier, Jackie Dickinson, 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.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS franchise agreement renewal: Town needed to hold a public hearing, sign agreement and return. Public hearing opened at 7:30 pm. Hanna Walier, Charter Communications (Spectrum) representative, explained they furnish cable service to town and need a cable franchise agreement to adhere to New York State Public Service Commission Rules. The previous agreement was for 10 years with a 3% franchise fee which is returned to town. Town could receive basic cable service from them.

PRIVILEGE FROM THE FLOOR

Ellen Wikstrom from Levanna Rd told board members about the erosion on their property caused by the rain on April 1st. Highway superintendent stated the storm took out many driveways and overflowed many ditches. He explained the town had replaced the culvert in front of BJ Mosher but maybe the rest, ~170', down to the Wikstrom's needs replacing as miss mash of types there. Or an open ditch might be the answer? He will look into it.

Jackie Dickinson from Southern Cayuga Instant Aid said call volume was down. She will send a map of roads service by which ambulance service.

RESOLUTION 2026-22 Approve the April 13, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes.

Motion by Burroughs, seconded by Jordan was:

ADOPTED	Aye	3	Reynolds, Burroughs, Jordan
	Nay	0	
	Absent	1	Shook
	Abstain	1	Britt

RESOLUTION 2026-23 Approve the supervisor's monthly report for April 2026.

Motion by Burroughs, seconded by Reynolds was:

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

RESOLUTION 2026-24 Approve the clerk, code enforcement officer and dog control monthly reports for April 2026.

Motion by Burroughs, seconded by Reynolds was:

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

CAYUGA LAKE PROTECTION PLAN proposed Sewer - Supervisor Jordan reported on the public meeting held on June 5 at Southern Cayuga cafeteria on the plan. They said a study showed that farmers were dumping phosphate into the lake while 1% of the holding tanks/septic systems along this section were contributing to pollution problem. The engineer gave a brief overview of project and showed sewer lines in the Ag Residential (AG) zone. Question and answer period followed.

Much discussion followed by the Town Board: everyone should have a vote; don't agree on pushing cost onto property owners; not one thing causing. The Project SEAQ only included Ledyard's Lakeshore Residential zone. Ledyard Comprehensive Plan wants AG to stay rural and green. Why spend \$33 million to 'fix' 1% of the problem?

Received a copy of a letter sent to Governor Hochul written by a concerned property owner saying this is a UNFAIR situation

Supervisor Jordan read response (Appendix 1) from NY Association of Towns (NYAOT) who says all taxable real property owners have a right to vote on project

LAWYER

Kramer court date is Tuesday, June 9th at 6 pm in front of Judge VanBuskirk.

TOWN HALL leach field – Cayuga County Board of Health approved new leach field designed by Cayuga County Soil and Water. The new leach field will be shifted north toward salt shed with 5 lines and a new distribution box. It might require moving a tree. Kessler Septic will submit bid for installation. The current leach field has 3 lines that run parallel to road which will be abandoned.

Plant an Eastern white pine, symbolic of Hiawatha's Great Tree of Peace, in old leach field area?

ASSESSOR

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

HIGHWAY

- Finishing winter stuff and fixing driveways
- Coming into road work. Will pave Britt Rd first part of June
- Will get the new 10-wheeler second half of 2027. Backlog at snowplow installation company
- Board approved purchase of new pickup body last month, now need V-plow, wing and sander
Cheapest quote from MDI Truck for \$59,785.00

Motion made for the Highway Department to outfit the new 6-wheel drive Ford-550 crew cab truck, from Van Bortel Ford with a V-plow, wing and sander from MDI Plow in Auburn.

RESOLUTION 2026-25

Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Burroughs was:

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

HISTORIAN

Aurora Ledyard Historical Society obtained a \$1,200 grant for the Community Time Capsule Project.

Shirley had a quote for acoustic boards that are usable for displays and showed color fabric samples to cover them. Board requested more colors which will be ordered.

REVIEW OF 2026 ABSTRACT 5

RESOLUTION 2026-26 Authorize payment of bills contained in 2026 Abstract 5 in the following amounts

Abstract	2026-05	
Voucher	101-125	
Fund A	\$ 6,282.10	General fund Vouchers 075-108, 122-123, 125
Fund B	\$ 39.71	General fund Vouchers 104, 108
Fund DB	<u>\$27,574.86</u>	Highway Vouchers 109-121 -124
Total Amount	\$33,896.67	

Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Britt was:

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

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS Public hearing closed at 9:30 pm with no questions from the public. Motion made to approve new Charter Communications Agreement for ten (10) years with a 3% franchise fee.

RESOLUTION 2026-27 Charter Communications Agreement – Appendix 2

Motion by Burroughs, seconded by Reynolds was:

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

Battery Storage was briefly discussed

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

Appendix 1

April 17, 2026

From: Sarah B. Brancatella <sbrancatella@nytowns.org>

To: townofledyard@outlook.com

Hi Supervisor,

Thanks so much for your patience.

1. First, as far as whether hook ups are required if the town creates a water district, that depends on if the town board requires all properties to. In other words, hook up is not automatically required, but the town board has the option to make it a requirement.

For the legal-language behind that: New York Town Law § 198(3) grants town boards broad authority over water district operations, including the power to construct, maintain, extend, repair and regulate water works, and to establish water rates. Once a water district is established, the governing statute Town Law § 201 requires the town board to adopt a resolution or ordinance prescribing how water connections shall be made in the district. After adopting such a resolution or ordinance, "the board may adopt orders, from time to time, directing the owners of the respective lots and parcels of land in front of which it is desired that a sewer or water connection be made, to make the same to conform to such resolution or ordinance and specifying the time within which the same must be done." The statute's use of "may" for the issuance of connection orders reflects that connection mandates are discretionary, not automatic. And the authority to require connections stems from the town's police powers.

2. As far as who votes in a referendum on the creation of a district:

The proposition "must be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the owners of taxable real property situate in the proposed district or proposed extended district as shown upon the latest completed assessment-roll of the town, voting on such proposition." Town Law § 209-e. This means that:

- Voting is **restricted to taxable real property owners** within the proposed district boundaries; general town residents who do not own taxable property within the district may not vote.
- The eligible voters are identified by reference to the **latest completed town assessment roll**.
- The proposition passes only if a **majority** of those property owners who actually vote approve it.

The New York State Comptroller has issued guidance clarifying several voting rules under § 209-e (mostly in Opns St Comp, 1986 No. 86-17):

- **Co-owners** (tenants by the entirety, tenants in common, and joint tenants): Each individual co-owner of taxable real property within the proposed district is entitled to cast **one vote** in their own right.
- **Corporate and partnership owners**: A corporate owner is expressly treated as **one owner** entitled to **one vote**, cast by an officer, agent, or other person duly authorized by resolution of the corporation Town Law § 209-e; Opns St Comp, 1986 No. 86-17. Partnerships are similarly limited to one vote.
- **Owners of multiple parcels**: A property owner who owns more than one parcel within the proposed district is nonetheless entitled to **only a single vote**; the statute provides for a vote per owner, not per parcel (Opns St Comp, 1986 No. 86-17).
- **Absentee voting**: A town may not authorize absentee voting in a special district referendum under § 209-e; absentee voting in elections must be authorized by the State Legislature through general law, and no such statute extends to town special district elections (Opns St Comp, 1986 No. 86-17).

3. Finally, absent special legislation from NYS, I am not aware of any authority of counties to create special improvement districts or compel the town to create one.

I hope this information is helpful!

Regards,

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Appendix 2

STATE OF NEW YORK

Town of Ledyard

County of Cayuga

In the Matter of the Granting of a Cable Television Franchise Held by **Spectrum Northeast, LLC** in
the **Town of Ledyard, County of Cayuga, New York**

RESOLUTION

An application has been duly made to the Board of the **Town of Ledyard, County of Cayuga, New York**, by **Spectrum Northeast, LLC**, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter"), a limited liability company organized and existing in good standing under the laws of State of Delaware doing business at 815 Erie Blvd E, Syracuse, NY 13210, for the approval of a renewal agreement for Charter's cable television franchise for ten (10) years commencing with the date of approval by the Public Service Commission.

The franchise renewal agreement would bring the franchise into conformity with certain provisions of the Federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended, and certain court rulings.

A public hearing was held in the **Town of Ledyard, New York** on May 11, 2026 at 7:30 P.M. and notice of the hearing was published in the *Citizen* on May 2, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of the **Town of Ledyard** finds that:

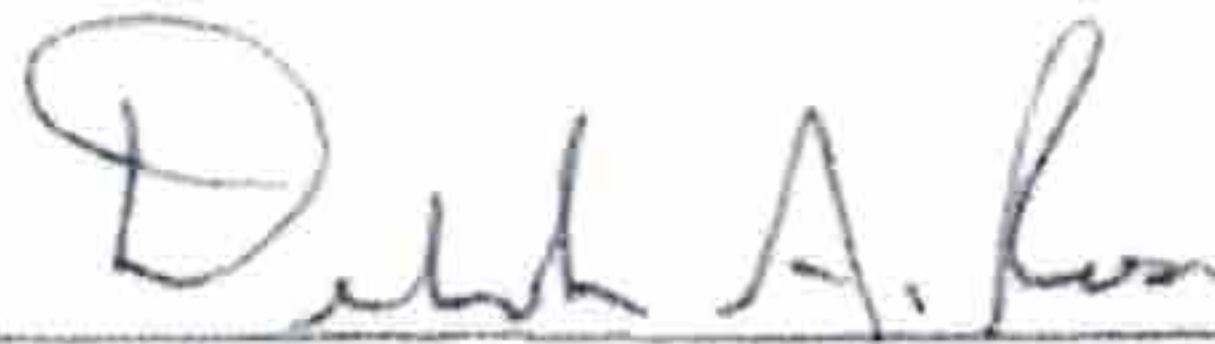
1. Spectrum Northeast, LLC has substantially complied with the material terms and conditions of its existing franchise and with applicable law; and
2. Spectrum Northeast, LLC has the financial, legal and technical ability to provide these services, facilities and equipment as set forth in its proposal attached; and
3. Spectrum Northeast, LLC can reasonably meet the future cable-related community needs and interests, taking into account the cost of meeting such needs and interests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of the **Town of Ledyard** hereby grants the cable television franchise of Spectrum Northeast, LLC and the **Town of Ledyard** for ten (10) years commencing with the date of approval by the Public Service Commission and expiring ten (10) years hence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of the **Town of Ledyard** hereby confirms acceptance of this franchise renewal agreement.

The foregoing having received a 4-0 vote was thereby declared adopted.

Dated: May 12, 2026.



Town of Ledyard Clerk