

A regular monthly meeting of the Ledyard Town Board, County of Cayuga, State of New York was held on the 13th day of July 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, arrived at 7:48
Therese Shook, Councilperson
Mike Britt, Councilperson, arrived at 7:40

Absent:

Others: Deborah Ross, Town Clerk; Steve Arnold, Highway Superintendent; Jackie Dickinson, Bill Tutton, Tim Pallokat, Will Schonfeld, Mary Beth Adam, Ellen & Stephen Wikstrom, Norm Chirco

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

-Tim Pallokat and **Mary Beth Adam** voiced their opinion on paving Benjamin Rd, the shortest road in Ledyard, being only 0.7 miles. Never been paved so why do it now. Brought up pros and cons for. Shared a report from Cayuga County Soil & Water concerning the existing and potential stormwater runoff and drainage on Benjamin Rd if road is widened and paved.

Steve stated highway department is trying to get all town roads paved to protect them. His plan is to grind it out to 20' wide next week. Then he and Suit-Kote will mark out the new road and let Board members know so they can look at it. Didn't know about a culvert the 2 residents acknowledged, so would investigate it.

-Ellen Wikstrom told the board that a NYS DOT engineer had looked at the culvert along south side of Ellis Point Rd and found it was open ~133 feet going in from the east and then silted up. When culvert sections deteriorated another section had been added. Now the 30" culvert has 4 different pieces of culvert material. Now what?: Replace plugged section, totally replace it or go with an open ditch? Ellen will get the engineer's findings to Steve.

-Will Schonfeld, the ZBA chair, explained Kramer's dock variances. He heard that Kramer wants to make a deal but wants the Town Board to keep paying the lawyer to uphold the ZBA decision. Would set a poor precedent if town doesn't pursue it. Okay to lose in court but need the Town Board to support the town zoning code and ZBA. Judge Van Buskirk will make a final decision on July 28, so wait for her decision.

LAWYER

Norm – What does Town Board want him to do with the Kramer case? Wait for Judge Van Buskirk's final decision.

RESOLUTION 2026-32 Approve the May 11, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes.

Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Burroughs was:

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

RESOLUTION 2026-33 Approve June 8, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes.

Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Shook was:

ADOPTED Aye 3 Reynolds, Shook, Jordan
 Nay 0
 Absent 0
 Abstain 2 Burroughs, Britt

Motions by Burroughs, seconded by Shook was:

ADOPTED Aye 5 Reynolds, Britt, Burroughs, Shook, Jordan
 Nay

RESOLUTION 2026-34 Approve supervisor, clerk, code enforcement officer and dog monthly reports for June 2026.

Motions by Burroughs, seconded by Shook was:

ADOPTED Aye 5
 Nay
 Absent

TOWN EMAIL- To move to .gov address the town needs M365. Clerk Ross obtained a quote from Synergy IT Solutions and spoke with Mike Davis, who works for a company like Synergy in Auburn. Since Synergy supplies firewall services to the town so go with Synergy. This requires (1) establishing the .gov address; (2) establishing a new M365 tenant, instead of 2 family Microsoft accounts; (3) migrating existing email accounts to M365 for all town employees; (4) upgrading desktop applications to M365; (5) installing and configuring Sophos endpoint protection and email filtering; (6) providing desk-side support during the migration process; (7) training users on the use of M365 email and Teams. The estimated cost is \$8,292.00 for the mitigation. Annual recurring Cloud/Subscription fee(s) – Fixed are \$2,640.00. Estimated monthly recurring Cloud/Subscription fee(s) – as consumed are \$135.00.

RESOLUTION 2026-35 Motion made to let the Clerk accept Synergy's proposal to migrate to M365 for email using a .gov address

Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Britt was:

ADOPTED Aye 5 Reynolds, Britt, Burroughs, Shook, Jordan
 Nay 0

HIGHWAY

- New pickup will be manufactured on July 20th
- The 2020 truck is in shop at Ragusa. Thought it was losing coolant due to EGR cooler issues but may be a cracked head
- Will grind Benjamin Rd to width of 20 ft. Then he and Suit-Kote will mark what will be paved next year and notify Town Board so they can look at it.
- Michael asked that the highway department not mow the milkweed along Britt Rd as his Monarch butterflies are back and need food.

Jackie Dickinson from SCIA???? Said ambulance calls were up a bit. If they go down, then need money from another source.

HISTORIAN – was on vacation but sent memo

July 4th was our biggest yet! 248 people attended (previous high was 200). Everything went great – special thanks to Mark and Steve for arrangements inside and the volunteers. Acoustics in Town

Barn were surprisingly very good. The Citizen sent a live action reporter to cover it and referred to Town Barn as the Town pavilion. Town also received a memo from a family – parents, daughters, husbands and grandkids - who came over from Owasco Lake and thanked the town for reading the Declaration of Independence.

Historian asked the Town Board if historical society could combine the ceremony to bury the time capsule at the town hall with the planting of the Eastern White Pine ceremony this fall.

RESOLUTION 2026-36 Motion made to combine ceremony to plant tree event with time capsule burial event.

Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Shook was:

ADOPTED Aye 5 Reynolds, Shook, Burroughs, Britt, Jordan
 Nay 0

REVIEW OF 2026 ABSTRACT 7

RESOLUTION 2026-37 Authorize payment of bills contained in 2026 Abstract 7 in the following amounts

Abstract	2026-07	
Voucher	151-180	
Fund A	\$ 10,377.22	General fund Vouchers 151-165
Fund B	\$ 44.68	General fund Vouchers 156,165
Fund DB	<u>\$167,284.34</u>	Highway Vouchers 166-180
Total Amount	\$177,703.56	

Motion by Burroughs, seconded by Britt was:

ADOPTED Aye 5 Reynolds, Shook, Burroughs, Britt, Jordan
 Nay 0

ADJOURN

With no further business, on the motion by Reynolds, seconded by Shook, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A Ross