

Town of Rodman
12509 School Street
Rodman, NY 13682
Town Board Meeting
April 8, 2020
7:00 PM Scheduled

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rodman, County Jefferson and, the State of New York was at the Community Hall Offices, 12509 School Street, Rodman, NY on the 8th day of April, 2020.

PRESENT:	Lisa Worden	-----	Supervisor
	Arthur Baderman	-----	Councilman
	Vance Carpenter	-----	Councilman
	Stuart Tamblin	-----	Councilman
	Jacob Bull	-----	Councilman
	Dale Tamblin	-----	Highway Superintendent
	Jamie Ackley	-----	Town Clerk
	Amy Simpson	-----	Town Justice-Absent
	Justin Sorensen	-----	Town Zoning Officer-Absent
	John Stinson	-----	Planning Board Chairman-Absent
	Margaret McKay	-----	Library Manager-Absent
	Jim Rounds	-----	Town of Rodman Assessor-Absent

Due to the pandemic the Town of Rodman's board meeting will be short and we have less than 10 people.

Supervisor Lisa Worden called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, at the Rodman Community Hall.

PRIVIEGE of the FLOOR- No one spoke.

Councilman Arthur Baderman made a motion to approve the March minutes; Councilman Stuart Tamblin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

DANC REPORT – Stuart Tamblin, Assistant Landfill Superintendent, Solid Waste Division of the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC), submitted a report on behalf of Patricia M. Pastella, General Manager.

General Manger Patricia M. Pastella stated that the Host Community check in the amount of \$164,500.17 will be mailed to the Rodman Town Board.

DANC received a total of 1,492 scale transactions, totaling 17,865.62 tons of material; which is 854 tons under projections for the month of March.

DANC reviewed, approved and processed three community improvement request, three asbestos request and four special waste requests.

DANC has serviced and stored winter equipment and prepared all equipment for spring/summer use.

There were 1610 hard cover books recycled in the month of March.

DANC diverted 305 mattresses in St. Lawrence County, 276 mattresses from Jefferson County and 113 mattresses from Lewis County totaling 712 mattresses diverted in the month of March.

There was a total of 37.87 tons of tires recycled in month of March.

DANC performed six routine inspections at working face and transfer stations. No compliance issues were discovered.

There will be a demolition of the "old" cold storage building.

DANC has recorded 3.82 inches of rain in the month of February.

There were 1,591,000 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of March. The City of Watertown is accepting 10 loads per day. No, leachate was hauled to Rome.

CTHC REPORT– Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that a Tug Hill report has been submitted. (see attachment) Supervisor Lisa Worden stated due to the current coronavirus pandemic most of the scheduled events are cancelled.

The Annual dinner at Steak'n Brew is still being held on April 30, 2020.

Supervisor's Financial Report – Supervisor Lisa Worden submitted a report for the month of March.

Supervisor Worden stated she had a productive meeting with Councilman Arthur Baderman and Terry Dack, Town Accountant. They discussed the controversial \$300,000 that was previously reported as ear-marked for the "new building". After reviewing all the funds with Ms. Dack, the \$300,000 was never ear-marked, in fact just moved out of the saving into a General Reserve account. Councilman Baderman will be discussing his ideas/thoughts with the town board in May.

Councilman Baderman stated that during the meeting there was clarification on some library funds.

Supervisor Worden stated when she became supervisor, she became the Fiscal Officer for the Tug Hill Commission. She was unaware until annual dues were being mailed to her. Supervisor Worden stated she will be sending the dues to Terry Dack, Town Accountant.

Supervisor Worden stated they will be reviewing the E&V bills when Terry Dack, Town Accountant sends them to her. Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated that after reviewing the cameras at the Transfer Station it seems that the E&V bills are high due to the heat being left on.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated that Patsy Storino surveyed the transfer station.

Supervisor Worden stated that Roy (Buzzy) Simpson will be mowing the town park this coming season. Ms. Worden asked the town board their thoughts about his salary. After a small discussion, no decision was made.

Town Zoning Officer's Report- Justin Sorensen, Zoning Officer submitted a report for the month of March. Mr. Sorensen will be coming to next month's meeting.

Town Justice Report- Amy J. Simpson, Town Justice submitted a report for the month of March.

Supervisor Worden stated the town court has been temporarily shut down.

Town Clerk's Report- Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk, submitted a report for the month of March.

Highway Superintendent Report- Superintendent Dale Tamblin- submitted a report for the month of March.

Superintendent Tamblin stated himself and Working Forman Michael Zehr are taking turns driving around checking town roads.

Councilman Stuart Tamblin stated that he drove Patrick Road and he thinks it needs to be graded. Superintendent Tamblin agrees. The town crew will be working on Patrick Road in the upcoming weeks.

Supervisor Worden stated the Town of Rodman received an email from Peter Van Erp of New York State Department of Environment. Mr. Van Erp is an Environmental Program Specialist, Product Stewardship & Waste Reduction section and a Division of Materials Management. The email stated in 2012 the Town of Rodman had registered as a Department of Environmental waste collection site for TV's and electronics. Mr. Van Erp stated an annual report had not been filed since 2012. The New York State Department of Environment is asking the Town of Rodman

to electronically file 2019 waste collection. Supervisor Worden gave Superintendent Tamblin the registration numbers and Superintendent Tamblin will take care of the filing annually.

Supervisor Worden stated that Superintendent Tamblin and the town crew workmen will be meeting on Friday, April 10, 2020. They will be discussing the new state guidelines due to the pandemic. The town crew (three workers) will be alternating weeks to work until further notice. There will only be one crewman in a truck at a time and working 6ft apart. Supervisor Worden will be working on ordering masks for all crewman. Working Forman Michael Zehr will be working opposite weeks of Superintendent Tamblin. Andy Smith town crewman will not be working for personal reasons.

Library Report- Library Manager Margaret McKay reported to Supervisor Worden that the Library board will be meeting to pass a resolution stating the Library will be closed due to the pandemic so that the Library will still receive state funding.

Supervisor Worden stated the Rodman Library is closed until further notice.

Planning Board- Planning Board Chairman John Stinson reported to Supervisor Worden that Niles Tunner has shown interest in the Board of Assessment Review (BAR). A motion was made by Councilman Arthur Baderman to appoint Niles Tunner as the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) member, Seconded by Supervisor Lisa Worden. All in favor. Supervisor Worden stated that Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated that BAR member Kay Chapman will be moving in May. Mr. Stinson spoke to Roxanne Burns from Jefferson county. Mrs. Burns didn't see a problem with Kay Chapman finishing out the year. BAR member Chapman stated she would be interested as long as the Town Board is ok with it. All board members agreed.

NEW/OLD

Supervisor Worden stated Bryon Whitney town resident called about raking Brown Road. Superintendent Tamblin will be calling Mr. Whitney to tell him the new schedule and to let him know that they will be there as quickly as they can.

Supervisor Worden received an annual report from New York State Division of Building and Code Standards for the Town of Rodman. Mrs. Worden gave the report to Councilman Jacob Bull former Zoning Officer to file.

Supervisor Worden contacted Hazelwood construction to repair some damage to the dugout that he built last spring.

Supervisor Worden stated that the SNRIT run has been canceled.

Supervisor Worden asked Councilman Vance Carpenter if those town residents that will be impacted by the repair of County Route 189 Bridge over the Grunley Creek have received a letter. Councilman Vance Carpenter stated that it was posted in the Watertown Daily Times, in the Thousand Island Sun and on the Town of Rodman website. Supervisor Worden had concerns with a couple town residents that may not have seen the posting. Mrs. Worden will reach out to those residents making sure they know about the construction before April 14, 2020.

Supervisor Worden asked Superintendent Tamblin if he has ordered a mattress container. Superintendent Tamblin stated that he is still looking for one that will work at our transfer station. Councilman Stuart Tamblin stated Superintendent Tamblin could call Thomas Trash to find out where they purchased theirs.

Town Clerk Jamie Ackley received a call from Aaron Williams, property owner in Rodman, who would like to know if he could have a transfer tag. The town board agrees that the trash must be accumulated in the Town of Rodman, therefore Mr. Williams is not eligible.

Councilman Vance Carpenter noticed a few items that need to be added or changed on the town website. Mr. Carpenter stated he would like to see the transfer station information added to the website. Also, Jacob Bull needs to be removed as zoning officer and added as councilman.

Superintendent Tamblin stated that the town crewmen are extremely happy with the new Town of Rodman Supervisor Lisa Worden.

General bills numbered 070-094 in the total amount of \$25,890.92 and highway bills numbered 043-053 in the total amount of \$34,868.58 were audited and ordered paid.

Supervisor Lisa Worden motioned to adjourn at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next board meeting May 13, 2020 @7:00 pm

