

Town of Rodman
12509 School Street
Rodman, NY 13682
Town Board Meeting
September 9, 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 9th day of September, 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
	Margaret McKay	-----	Library Manager-Absent
	Jim Rounds	-----	Town of Rodman Assessor-Absent

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

PRIVILEGE of the FLOOR- No one spoke.

Councilman Arthur Baderman made a motion to approve the August minutes; Councilman Jacob Bull 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.

DANC received a total of 1,615 scale transactions, totaling 19,732.35 tons of material; which is 1,637 tons under projections for the month of August.

There were 148 payments processed for various vendors, totaling \$2,817,648.

DANC reviewed, approved and processed one community improvement request, one residential cleanup request, eight special waste requests and four asbestos requests.

Scales have been working successfully.

Annual mowing of the landfill is completed.

DANC has installed a new dry-hydrant to support local fire control.

DANC has reduced the area for hauler staging to minimize stormwater runoff

DANC has suspended hardcover book recycling due to reduced staffing as a direct result of Governor Cuomo's order in August.

DANC diverted 311 mattresses in St. Lawrence County, 411 mattresses from Jefferson County and 109 mattresses from Lewis County totaling 831 mattresses diverted in the month of August.

There were a total of 38.51 tons of tires recycled in the month of August.

DANC has recorded 3.42 inches of rain in the month of August.

There were 1,625,000 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of April. The City of Watertown is accepting 10 loads per day. No, leachate was hauled to Rome.

CTHC REPORT – Karleigh Stucky, Representative of the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC), submitted a report for the month of August.

The Justice Court Assistance Plan (JCAP) grant for 2020/2021 is now available. The deadline to apply is October 8, 2020. Court personnel will be able to access the page which includes emails addresses, fax number, and the username and password to access the application by visiting www.nycourts.gov/courts/townandvillage. If you need further assistance completing the application process, you can contact the Office of Justice Court Support at 1-800-232-0630 or contact your circuit rider.

There will be a training session entitled "Evaluating and Amending Your Zoning Law" on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Lowville Town Hall, 553 Bostwick Street, Lowville NY, 13367. The training session will also be viewable live on zoom. Both in person and remote participants should register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN>.

Attorney Jim Burrows and Dave Geurtsen from the Conboy Law Firm will be presenting "ZBA Basics" on Tuesday, October 1, 2020 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the West Carthage Community Room, 61 High Street, West Carthage, NY 13619. The training will also be viewable live on zoom. Both in person and remote participants should register at: <https://us02web.zom.us/webinar/register/WN>.

The Tug Hill Commission, Lewis, Jefferson, Hamilton and Herkimer County Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the NYS DEC will hold a free webinar in conjunction with the annual Black River Watershed Conference. The webinars will start September 29, 2020 and run through October 29, 2020. To register go to <https://us02web.zom.us/webinar/register/WN>.

Applications are available to eligible municipalities and nonprofits for the 2020 Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and Preservation League of New York State. For more information visit <https://www.preservenys.org/technical-assistancegrants?bblinkid=23592659&bbejrid=1600772687>. Tag applications are due by Monday, October 19, 2020.

There will be a free webinar held by Syracuse University's Environmental Finance Center (SUEFC) on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am to learn about the FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS) program. To learn more information visit <https://efc.syr.edu/webinar-community-rating-system/>.

The Office of the State Comptroller's fall training is now available virtually. For More information visit www.osc.state.ny.us/local-government/academy.

The Tug Hill Commission meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2020 at 10:00 am. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Central Square Village Offices, however due to COVID-19 pandemic it may be held virtual. Please stay tuned for details.

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

Supervisor Lisa Worden reported the Jefferson County \$21,644.56 receipt is believed to be the Town of Rodman share of sales tax.

Town Zoning Officer's Report- Justin Sorensen, Zoning Officer submitted a report for the month of August.

Town Justice Report-Judge Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of September. Judge Amy Simpson presented the board with a check in the amount of \$1,606 for the month of August.

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

Councilman Vance Carpenter asked Town Clerk Jamie Ackley what commission does the town receive from the DEC licenses. Ms. Ackley stated that every commission is different depending on the license sold. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley stated she sold \$2,008 in licenses in the month of August and the Town of Rodman will receive a \$76.97 commission. The sales of \$1,931.03 of the Dec sales will be automatically withdrawn out of the Town Clerk account on the 14th of the month.

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

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the crewman have been working on Smith Road. Superintendent Tamblin feels it would be beneficial to pave Smith Road in the future.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated New York State will be withholding 20% of the CHIPS/Extreme Winter Recovery and paving NY funds.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin submitted two estimates for the new box for the 1707 dump truck. The first estimate was from Henderson at \$31,000.00 and the second estimate was for \$21,988.10 from Vikings. Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated this would be in the 2021 budget. A motion was made by Councilman Stuart Tamblin to approve the purchase of a new box for the 1707 dump truck; Councilman Vance Carpenter second the motion. All were in favor.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin announced that the working foreman is off due to his wife having a baby.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated there will be a Sexual Harassment training held at the Rodman Fire Hall. Time and date will be announced at a later date.

Library Report- Library Manager Margaret McKay reported to Supervisor Worden for the month of August.

The Rodman Library new hours are 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. The Library will be following the NYS guidelines.

Planning Board- Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated he has nothing to report at this time.

Recycling Center Approach-Town resident Robert Majo called Supervisor Lisa Worden with concerns about the poor conditions at the recycling center when it rains. Mr. Majo stated that when it rains there is a lot of mud and slippery conditions. After some discussion paving is not an opposition at this time. Paving may cause flooding in the building after rainfall. Supervisor Worden will contact Mr. Majo.

Baseball Field Maintenance and Plaque- Town resident Kelly Lomber talked with Supervisor Lisa Worden about Scott LaClair wanting to pay out of pocket for professionals to lay down fresh clay on the baseball field. Mr. Lomber is looking for permission from the Rodman Town Board to allow Mr. LaClair to do this. Councilman Arthur Baderman stated he would be fine with a professional coming in however the company would have to show proof of insurance. All agreed. Councilman Jacob Bull suggested that the board members invite Scott LaClair to a Town Board meeting to formally acknowledge all he has done for the youth baseball players and field over the years.

Tax Levy- Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she would like the board to approve a property tax override, a motion was made by Councilman Arthur Baderman to approve tb#09092020-1, which supports the tax cap override, as needed, Councilman Stuart Tamblin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

JCAP Resolution- The Town of Rodman court needs the Town Board to pass a resolution stating that Judge Amy J. Simpson can apply for a Justice Court Assistance Plan (JCAP) grant for 2020/2021. The JCAP grant is available through New York State that allows town and village courts to apply and receive up to \$30,000 to assist with courtroom needs. A motion was made by Supervisor Lisa Worden for the approval of resolution #090920 which allows the Town of Rodman Justice to apply for the NYS JCAP grant, Councilman Arthur Baderman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW/OLD

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the water board recently held a meeting to discuss the recent finding that a few residents in the water district that have never paid water tax taxes. After emailing the Town Attorney the Attorney stated the water district can only go back six years even though the landowner has owned the property for 47 years. The fees average is around \$60.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated, water board member Bill Abrams just did his certification which is good for three years. After three years, Mr. Abrams will be retiring from the water district. Anyone interested in the position would have to be certified.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the water board looked into buying meters for residents that just moved into town however at this time that will not happen due to the cost of the meters. However, the water board will be raising the cost from \$75 to \$100 a year for the general public starting the next cycle. Details will be submitted at a later date.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Fire Commissioners asked how they get paid through DANC. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley will provide the paperwork that is requested.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated due to COVID-19 Pandemic Jerry Tackley Director of the Rohde Center Food Pantry is unable to attend. Mr. Tackley submitted a report and a letter thanking the Town of Rodman for their financial support. The Rohde Center Food Pantry helps many local families through difficult times.

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Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she received the Dog Control Officer Inspection Report from NYS. The report indicated the Town of Rodman rated "Satisfactory".

Supervisor Lisa Worden submitted the DANC Energy Shared service report. The ending balance is \$0.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated there is a Public Hearing in Watertown relating to the installation of a cell tower. If anyone is interested contact the Town of Watertown Clerk's office.

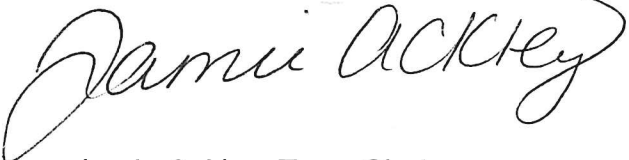
Supervisor Lisa Worden stated November's meeting falls on Veterans Day and asked the board members to consider changing the date. After a small discussion all agreed November's Public Hearing on the budget and the board meeting will be held on November 4th, 2020. The public hearing will start at 6:30 pm and the regular board meeting will be at 7:00 pm. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley will post both listings in the Watertown Daily Times.

There will be a Budget workshop on September 14, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

General bills numbered 202-221 in the total amount of \$59,233.90 and highway bills numbered 105-112 in the total amount of \$30,075.81 were audited and ordered paid.

Supervisor Lisa Worden motioned to adjourn at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jamie Ackley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Budget workshop September 14, 2020 @ 4:00 pm

Next board meeting October 14, 2020 @7:00 pm

Public Hearing November 4, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

November's Board meeting-November 4, 2020 @ 7:00pm