

Town of Rodman
12509 School Street
Rodman, NY 13682
Town Board Meeting
October 14, 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 14th day of October, 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
	Justin Sorensen	-----	Town Zoning Officer-Absent
	John Stinson	-----	Planning Board Chairman
	Margaret McKay	-----	Library Manager
	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 Stuart Tamblin made a motion to approve the September minutes; Councilman Vance Carpenter 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 1,587 scale transactions, totaling 18,554.96 tons of material; which is 2,025 tons under projections for the month of September.

There were 141 payments processed for various vendors, totaling \$22,874,701.

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DANC reviewed, approved and processed ten special waste requests, five asbestos requests and four permit applications for new customers.

Scales are successfully working.

Rodman Fire Department performed training on the new dry-hydrant.

DANC diverted 296 mattresses in St. Lawrence County, 296 mattresses from Jefferson County and 592 mattresses diverted in the month of September.

Books- suspended as a direct result of COVID-19 guidelines.

There were a total of 37.35 tons of tires recycled in the month of September.

Compliance inspections have been suspended as a direct result of COVID-19 guidelines.

DANC continued processing single stream recyclables from St. Lawrence County.

DANC continued work pump station 3, cells 12 & 13 side.

DANC has recorded 1.68 inches of rain in the month of September.

There were 1,023,400 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of September. 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 September.

Herkimer-Oneida Local Government Education Committee is hosting a webinar featuring Laird Petrie from the Office of State Comptroller's Syracuse Regional Office on the topic of town and village budgeting during a fiscal crisis. The webinar will be held on Tuesday, October 20, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. For more information go to www.lgec.org/workshop. There is no fee for this workshop.

The Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) has issued a draft of regulations, uniform standards and conditions for public comments. ORES will be holding seven public hearings in the late fall. For more information <https://ores.ny.gov/events>.

The Association of Town of State of New York (ALOT) has joined Tim Riecker of Emergency Preparedness Solutions LLC (EPS LLC). He will be presenting a webinar to

discuss the new mandates for public employers to have an emergency plan in place in case of future public health disasters. Registration is required at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2607752819152195856>.

There will be a Planning board and ZBA training held on October 27, 2020 and Thursday, October 29, 2020. Both training sessions will be available for limited in person or zoom. The Planning Board and ZBA are required to have 4-hours training annually. For more information visit <https://tughill.org/fall-2020>.

The Tug Hill Commission meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2020 at 10:00 am.

The Tug Hill Executive Committee has decided against having a fall meeting due to COVID-19.

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

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

Justin Sorensen, Zoning Officer reported that Michael Pierce town resident has several unregistered vehicles and piles of assorted trash located around his property. Mr. Pierce is in violation according to Local Law 2 of 1998, which supports the prohibition of clutter, litter and debris in the Town of Rodman, New York. Zoning Officer Sorensen will be following up with Mr. Pierce in the upcoming weeks.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated town resident Michael Pierce would like to start a small mechanic and towing business out of his home on County Route 68. Mr. Pierce has asked to use the Town of Rodman's name. Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated Mr. Pierce has contacted him in the past asking to start a business. Mr. Pierce was supposed to be getting a special use permit but never followed through. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she has contacted the Town of Rodman Attorney in regards to this matter.

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 \$3,200 for the month of September.

Justice Simpson stated she has finished and submitted all the paperwork for the JCAP grant.

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

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

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the 2017 Ford F350 sold on Auction International for \$36,600.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated a power line broke under ground somewhere between the pump house and the town barn. Mr. Tamblin stated the crewman will run a new line.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin asked the board to approve the paving of Smith Road, Coffeen and Old Bridge Road while the cost of asphalt is at its lowest. After a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Arthur Baderman to approve the paving of Smith Road, Coffeen and Old Bridge Road at \$40,000. Seconded by Stuart Tamblin all in favor. Supervisor Lisa Worden believes that it is cost effective.

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

Library Manager McKay stated the library is open to the public using CDC guidelines.

Library Manager Margaret McKay asked the board permission to hold a FLU Shot clinic in the Community Room. All agreed.

Planning Board- Planning Board Chairman John Stinson asked Supervisor Lisa Worden if she knew what became of Local Law 1 of 1998 and Local Law 1 of 2008. It appears that various sections of Local Law 1 of 1998 and Local Law 1 of 2008 need to be amended as follows "Town" changed to "Planning Board". On July 10, 2019 the board approved the changes. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she will contact Town Attorney Company, McArdle & Randall, PLLC.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated Library Manager Margaret McKay approached her asking if she could put in a voucher at the end of the year instead of being paid monthly. All agreed.

NEW/OLD

Supervisor Lisa Worden announced that Town Accountant Terry Dack is retiring in March or April. Supervisor Worden stated two people have shown interest in the position. Supervisor Worden stated the Town of Rodman pays for the programs used by the accountant however, the equipment is owned by a different township. The Town of Rodman board will have to look into buying new equipment in the near future. Supervisor Lisa Worden announced, Town Clerk Jamie Ackley needs the Sexual Harassment training paperwork if you haven't taken the training yet.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she was contacted by a concerned resident about Halloween. Supervisor Worden believes that children are already wearing masks and there is no need to cancel Halloween. Mrs. Worden feels trick or treaters and parents should take all safety precautions. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that the Halloween party at fire hall has been cancelled.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated a letter from the Town of Rodman board needs to be sent to Lowville Farmers Co-op which will allow the town crewman to purchase rain gear and other clothing items within the clothing allowance. All agreed.

Councilman Arthur Baderman is asking the board to do a final adjustment to the 2021 Budget to meet the 2% tax tap. All agreed.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated starting 2021 she would like to set up three accounts; building & grounds, equipment and road maintenance with \$10,000 in each account. Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the town board needs to have a public hearing before setting up the three funds. This would prevent having to hold a public hearing at a later date. Councilman Arthur Baderman stated the board needs to hold a public hearing and voter referendum to set up the three accounts. Supervisor Lisa Worden will be contacting Town Attorney Company, McArdle & Randall, PLLC to discuss the time frames of the public hearing and voters referendum. All board members agreed to start the process of setting up the three accounts; building & grounds, equipment and road maintenance with \$10,000 in each account.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin asked about winterizing the outside bathrooms. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that as far as she knows the ball field is still in use.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated at the beginning of the 2021 baseball season the Town of Rodman would like to recognize Scott LaClair for all he has done for the players over the years. Supervisor Lisa Worden will contact Mr. Kelly Lomber to discuss details.

Supervisor Lisa Worden thanked the Town Board for the flowers she received while not feeling good..

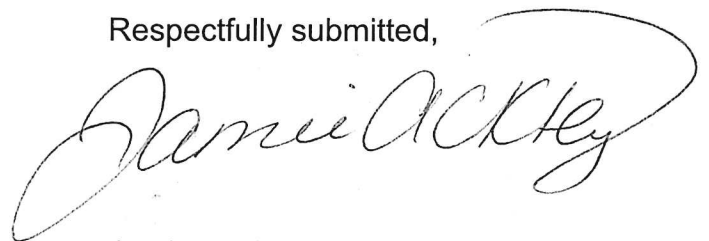
Due to the next town board meeting being on Veterans Day the board all agreed to move the board meeting to Thursday, November 4, 2021. This is the same day as the public hearing for the preliminary 2021 Budget. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley will be posting the open Highway Position, the Public Hearing for the preliminary 2021 Budget and the changing of the regular board meeting in the Watertown Daily Times. Mrs. Ackley will also post on the town website and the front board.

Rodman Town Board entered into executive session at 8:06 pm, for a personnel issue that needed to be addressed by the entire town board. The executive session ended at 8:25 pm. No action was taken.

General bills numbered 222-244 in the total amount of \$126,200.68 and highway bills numbered 113-128 in the total amount of \$136,083.47 were audited and ordered paid.

Supervisor Lisa Worden motioned to adjourn at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie Ackley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next board meeting November 4, 2020 @ 7:00pm

Public Hearing- 2021 Preliminary Budget November 4, 2020 @ 6:30 pm