

Town of Rodman
12509 School Street
Rodman, NY 13682
Town Board Meeting
January 13, 2021
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 13th day of January, 2021.

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-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 December's 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), reported on behalf of Patricia M. Pastella, General Manager.

DANC is working partial staff with one remote worker due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

DANC received a total of 1,472 scale transactions, totaling 16,757.58 tons of material; which is 324 tons over projections for the month of December.

There were 190 payments processed for various vendors, totaling \$2,711,616

DANC reviewed, approved and processed four special waste requests and one new customer permit.

Snow removal was minimal for December.

DANC performed several repairs to the Cat D-6 dozer and the Cat 740 articulated hauler.

DANC received bids for the Pipeline Camera Inspection Equipment and Trailer, awards will be made in January of 2021.

DANC diverted 182 mattresses in St. Lawrence County, 294 mattresses from Jefferson County and 131 mattresses from Lewis County totaling 607 mattresses diverted in the month of December.

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

There were a total of 96.33 tons of tires recycled in the month of December.

DANC's compliance inspections are suspended as a direct result of COVID-19 guidelines.

DANC received 56 trucks totaling 390 ton of recyclables.

There were 26 loads hauled to Recycle America totaling 406 tons.

DANC has recorded 4.81 inches of rain in the month of December.

There were 1,564,300 gallons (181 loads) of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of December.

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

Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust and the Tug Hill Commission are presenting a three-part webinar series on types of land conservation for landowners and municipalities. The webinars are as follows;

- Conservation Easement 101: Fact vs. Fiction- Wednesday, January 13th, 2021
- Farmland Conservation- February 10th, 2021
- Forest Conservation- March 10, 2021

All webinars will start at 7:00 pm. Links to register for any webinar were in the January 1st, issue of the Tug Hill Times or you can contact Angie Kimball, Circuit Rider at 315-480-6857.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application opens on Monday, January 4th, and will close on Friday, February 12th, 2021. The AFG Program provides financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, and nonaffiliated emergency medical services such as EMT organizations for critical training and equipment. Guidelines can be viewed on AFG Program website at <https://www.fema.gov/media-collection/fy2020-assistance-firefighter-grant-afg-application-guidance-materials>.

Funding through two state agencies is available for green infrastructure to improve water quality and initial planning for projects. Deadline for all applications is Friday, February 12, 2021 at 4:00 pm. Register for the webinar on EFS's website www.efc.ny.gov.

The New York State Association of Towns (NYS AOT) will be holding their annual meeting and training school virtually, due to COVID-19 restrictions. To register go to www.nytowns.org. Fees for the event are \$100 for member municipalities and \$125 for non-members. For CLE credits, registration costs are \$300 for members and \$325 for non-members. Event will be held on February 14th-17th, 2021.

The New York Main Street (NYMS) program is reimbursement, matching grant program provides financial resource and technical assistance to communities to strengthen the economic vitality of the state. There will be approximately \$6.2 million available. If interested, request an application (RFA) at [TABLE OF CONTENTS](#) (ny.gov). Application deadline is Friday, January 15, 2021.

The Tug Hill Commission Zoom meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2021 at 10:00 pm. Contact Angie Kimball, Circuit Rider at 315-480-6857.

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

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she received the Host Community check in the amount of \$183,988.27.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the NYS AIM that is printed on her report stands for Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM). AIM provides state aid to all of New York's cities,

towns and villages. These are funds that the Town of Rodman has received for many years and is unknown if it will continue.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Town of Romdan received the snow and ice funds from Jefferson County in the amount of \$27,543.00.

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

Town Justice Report- Judge Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of December.

Judge Amy Simpson stated there is no in-person court at this time due to COVID-19. Everything is postponed or done by mail.

Judge Amy Simpson revealed the new judges bench for the Town of Rodman Court. All agreed that the bench looks phenomenal.

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

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

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated at this time due to COVID the crewmen are home unless roads need work or it is snowing.

Due to the rising COVID cases in Jefferson County, Crewman Andy Smith will be coming into the office during his nighttime shift to use the disinfectant fogging machine. This will allow a safe environment for the Town of Rodman residents and staff members. Fogging will be done twice a week.

Councilman Arthur Baderman asked Superintendent Dale Tamblin about the maintenance on the town trucks. Superintendent stated all daily maintenance is up to date.

Library Report- No report was submitted for the month of December.

Planning Board- Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated Planning Board Member Roselyn Taylor has submitted a letter stating she is retiring from the Planning Board. Councilman Stuart Tamblin asked if the town could send a thank you to Roselyn for her 10 years of service. All agreed. Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated Planning Board Secretary Margart McKay and town resident

Connie L. Grandjean has shown interest in the open position. After a discussion the open position will be posted before making a final decision.

2021 Organizational Meeting

Town Board Meeting	Every second Wednesday of the month
Town Attorney	Company, McArdle & Randall, PLLC
Designated newspaper	Watertown Daily Times
Designed bank	Watertown Saving Bank
Association of Towns delegate	Lisa Worden
Budget Officer	Lisa Worden
Town Assessor	James Round
Zoning Officer	Justin Sorensen
Deputy Supervisor	Arthur Baderman
Highway Supt. Working Foreman	Walker Lowe
Deputy Town Clerk	Unknown
Planning Board Chairman	John Stinson
Planning Board-Vice Chair	Sandra Groff
Planning Member	Vacant Position
Zoning Board of Appeals	Vacant Position
Board of Assessment Review	Vacant Position
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Water District	Philip Branch
DANC Citizen Advisory Committee	Arthur Baderman & Lisa Worden, Jamie Ackley
Town Historian	Margaret McKay
Chairman Cooperative Tug Hill Council	Roger E. Tibbetts

Supervisor Lisa Worden made a motion to approve the 2021 Organizational Meeting; Councilman Arthur Baderman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley will be posting an ad in the Watertown Daily Times for the available positions.

NEW/OLD

Town Clerk Jamie Ackley stated Ryan Chapman from Koflie contacted both Supervisor Lisa Worden and herself stating there was "black mold" on the water damaged documents that were in the basement. Mr. Chapman stated due to the "black mold" there will be an additional fee of \$700-\$1,500 for a Gama Treatment. After emailing back and forth and discussing it with the town board all agreed to pay the additional \$700-\$1,500 for the Gama Treatment. Councilman Bull asked if Ryan could take before

and after photos of the documents. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley will contact Ryan Chapman via email.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated effective immediately the town employees have to fill out an Employee Covid-19 Screening Questionnaire on a daily basis. Also, anyone coming into any town building (Community Hall and Town Barn) will have to sign in. The sign in sheet consists of Name, Date, Time and Contact number. This is all part of the New York State Pandemic Plan for all municipalities and other public employers.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she received a letter from the Violation Processing Center stating a Rodman Town truck owes violation fees of \$57.75. After reviewing the paperwork Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the licence plate numbers don't match any of the Town of Rodman's plate numbers. Supervisor Lisa Worden also stated none of the Town of Rodman trucks have been through a toll booth.

Supervisor Lisa Worden received a letter from Daniel J. Hamilton, D.B.H Mechanical stating he will be retiring. Jayson Scales, a long time employee of D.B.H Mechanical will become the new owner. All agreed that Jayson will continue the maintenance on the furnace at the Town Hall and Town Barn as needed.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated Daniel J. Hamilton put a bid in to build a counter in the town office. The town is still waiting on a bid from another interested contractor. All agreed to table until February's meeting.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated a resident called to ask if there is a different time the parking lot across from the Community Hall could be plowed. Currently the plow truck has been plowing at approximately 3:00 am. Superintendent Tamblin stated that time is when the town crewmen make their rounds in preparing for the public and school buses to travel.

Rodman Town Board entered into executive session at 8:00 pm, for a personnel issue that needed to be addressed by the entire town board. The executive session ended at 8:08 pm. No action was taken.

General bills numbered 1-19 in the total amount of \$7,758.46 and highway bills numbered 20-30 in the total amount of \$18,962.45 were audited and ordered paid.

Supervisor Lisa Worden motioned to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next board meeting February 10, 2021 @ 7:00 pm