

Town of Rodman  
12509 School Street  
Rodman, NY 13682  
Town Board Meeting  
February 12, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.

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

Supervisor Lisa Worden called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PRIVEIGE of the FLOOR-** Town Resident, Cameron Humphrey is a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student and a member of the South Jefferson Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Humphrey is working to get his Eagle Scout. In order to move forward Mr. Humphrey has to work on an Eagle Project which is a project that would service the town. Mr. Humphrey is asking for the board's approval of building a Gaga pit. A Gaga pit is an octagon fenced in area that players kick a ball at other players and try to get them out (similar to dodge ball). Mr. Humphrey would like the Gaga pit placed in the fitness area next to the walking trail. Councilman Baderman asked Cameron who funds the supplies for the Gaga pit. Mr. Humphrey stated that he would ask for donations from local companies. After a discussion, Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that she would consult with the Town of Rodman insurance company to see if there is any liability on the township.

**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 reported that there is continuing efforts to minimizing leachate that is being generated.

DANC reviewed and approved 16 waste requests for an approximated 3,900 tons of material in the month of January.

DANC diverted 114 mattresses in St. Lawrence County.

DANC recycled 4,275 books in the month of January.

There was 19.4 tons of tires that were collected and recycled in Lewis County.

DANC received a total of 1,515 scale transactions, totaling 17,287.11 tons of material; which is 368 tons over projections for the month of January.

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There were 198 payments processed for various venders, totaling \$992,785.

DANC processed 1 community improvement request, 2 asbestos request and 14 special waste requests.

DANC has recorded 2.15 inches of rain and 29.5 inches of snowfall for the month of January.

There were 1,780,200 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of January. The City of Watertown is accepting 10 loads per day. No, leachate was hauled to Rome.

The Southern Expansion is on hold until spring of 2020.

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

The Tug Hill Commission's 2020 Local Government Conference will be held on March 26, 2020 at Jefferson Community College (Coffeen Street, Watertown). Sessions topics and registration information are available at <https://www.tughill.org/serices/training/local-government-conference/>.

The Cornell Local Roads Program has a spring workshop schedule, details are available at <http://www.clrp.cornell.edu/workshops/workshops.htm>.

The Tug Hill Commission is looking to hire a new Circuit Rider to cover the Northern Oneida County Council of Governments (NOCCOG). For more information on qualifications and job requirements and information on applying, visit <https://www.tughill.org/2020/01/170noccog-managementconsultant-circuit-rider/>.

The New York Planning Federation's annual conference will be held on April 19, 2020 through April 21, 2020, at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton's Landing. For more information and register visit [www.nypf.org](http://www.nypf.org). The Onondaga Planning Federation is hold it's 32<sup>nd</sup> annual planning symposium on March 12, 2020 from 8:00am to 4:15pm at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown. For more information on the agenda and registration visit <http://ongov.net/planning/ocpf.html>.

The newest edition of the Tug Hill Rec Guide is printed and available. The guide was created by a partnership between the 1000 Islands International Tourism Council, the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce, Oswego County Tourism, Oneida County Tourism, the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust and the Hug Hill Commission. The full color guide feathers communities across the region and over 25 pages of trail maps for nonmotorized recreation on Tug Hill. The guides are available from any of the participating organizations and will be given out to attendees at the Commission's Local Government Conference.

The tentative date for the CTHC spring meeting is April 30, 2020.

Supervisor's Financial Report – A motion was made by Supervisor Lisa Worden to appoint Jacob Bull to the Rodman Town Board as a Councilman, Councilman Arthur Baderman seconded the motion. Supervisor Lisa Worden welcomed the newest Rodman Town Board member Councilman Jacob Bull. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that Councilman Bull will need to contact the Board of Elections and the Republic Committee to get on the 2020 ballet, the deadline is February 24, 2020. Councilman Jacob Bull will do his oath of office after the meeting.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that due to Councilman Jacob Bull taking the vacated councilperson seat, that there is now a vacate position for Zoning Officer. Councilman Bull stated that Justin Sorensen, town resident has shown interested in the past. Councilman Jacob Bull stated that he will contact Mr. Sorensen. Councilman Jacob Bull will continue as Zoning Officer until the position is officially filled.

Supervisor Lisa Worden reported the Jefferson County \$184,293.45 receipt is believed to be the Town of Rodman share of sale tax.

Supervisor Lisa Worden asked the town board members if the breakdown of the Supervisors report was better then the past. All agreed.

Town Zoning Officer's Report- Councilman Jacob Bull does not have anything to report for the month of January.

Town Justice Report-Judge Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of January. Judge Simpson also presented the board with a check for \$3,709.00 for the month of January.

Highway Superintendent Report- Highway Superintendent Working Forman Michael Zehr submitted a report for the month of January.

Working Forman Michael Zehr asked the board on Superintendent Dale Tamblin's behalf if the Town Board was all in agreeance with the purchase a new Town Highway Truck.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin had emailed the board a vehicle purchase proposal in the amount of \$34,334.80. A motion was made by Councilman Stuart Tamblin to purchase a new 2020 Ford F-350 XL in the amount of \$34,334.80, Councilman Vance Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Grader is in the process of being repaired after having a leak in the wheel final drive.

Working Forman Michael Zehr reported that it will cost \$170,000 to repair and get Williams Road to stone. To pave Williams Road, it will cost an additional \$170,000. Mr. Zehr stated that the town crew will be working on Williams Road this coming 2020 summer along with Patrick Road.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she received a call from Transfer site employee, Tyler Grandjean. Supervisor Worden stated that Mr. Grandjean is inquiring about former employee George Hess position at the transfer site. After a discussion no decision was made. Supervisor Worden will talk to Superintendent Tamblin when he returns.

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

Jamie Ackley, Tax Collector reported that 72% of the 2020 Town & County taxes have been collected as of February 12, 2020. Collection continues until March 13, 2020.

Jamie Ackley, Tax Collector stated that check #127 in the amount of \$165,450.20 written to the Town of Rodman on January 23, 2020, is the Town of Rodman's portion of the 2020 tax collection.

Library Report- No report was submitted.

Planning Board-Planning Chairman John Stinson submitted his boards registration forms for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Local Government Conference that will be held at Jefferson Community College on Thursday, March 26, 2020.

Planning Chairman John Stinson asked if anyone was able to find out if the town can legally use the Town of Rodman's website page as one of the three publication that are required to post our legal notices, cancellations and/or postpones. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that there is a class on Social Media at the upcoming Local Conference. Supervisor Worden is planning on attending this class and will be asking about this topic.

Planning Chairman John Stinson asked Town Assessor Jim Rounds if there is a list or proof to show that a letter was sent to town residents when their assessments of their property changes. Town Assessor Jim Rounds stated he could provide the change order. The change order is a list of town residents that shows that their assessment is going up or down. Town Assessor Jim Rounds stated that he would bring in on Grievance day.

Town Assessor Jim Rounds stated that due to the lack of finished paperwork for the years town residents that are eligible for an agriculture exemption received an Agricultural Assessment Application. The eligible residence will need to fill out the application on line or fill out a paper copy. All applications need to be filled out and turned on before March 1, 2020.

Town Assessor Jim Rounds stated that the equalization rate is going to go down to 99%. The equalization rate is New York State's measure of a municipality's levels of assessment and how close a property's assessment is to its actual value. All agreed that 99% is a good percent at this time.

#### **2020 Organizational Meeting – Continue**

Town Board meeting	Every second Wednesday of the month
Town Attorney	Campany, McArdle & Randall, PLLC
Designated newspaper	Watertown Daily Times
Designated bank	Watertown Saving Bank
Association of Towns delegate	Lisa Worden
Budget Officer	Lisa Worden
Town Assessor	James Rounds
Zoning Officer	Jacob Bull
Deputy Supervisor	Arthur Baderman
Highway Supt. Working Forman	Michael Zehr
Deputy Town Clerk	Kay Chapman
Planning Chairman	John Stinson
Planning Board-Vice Chair	Sandra Groff
Zoning Board of Appeals	Vacant & Peter Lister
Board of Assessment Review	Vacant position
Water District	William Slover
DANC Citizen Advisory Committee	Arthur Baderman & Lisa Worden & Jamie Ackley
Town Historian	Margaret McKay

Supervisor Lisa Worden state that there is two vacate position that will need to be filled. The 2020 Organizational Meeting will continue in March's meeting.

Local Law #2 of 2019, Solar Energy- Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that after speaking with Town Clerk Jamie Ackley and Sara Freda of Jefferson County, the Town of Rodman has no proof that Local Law #2 of 2019, has been filled with New York State. Supervisor Lisa Worden will be in contact with Jan Waite or Brown Dierdorf & Renzi to see if the Local Law was properly filed.

Vital Statistics (Water Damaged Records)- Jamie Ackley, Tax Collector submitted a Preservation Estimate of \$3,260.00, that was sent by Joe Degnan of Kofile Powering Modern Government, to help preserve the Town of Rodman's damaged records. After a discussion the board all agreed to pay the \$3,260.00. Mrs. Ackley will be in contact with Mr. Degnan to follow through with the next step.

### **Old/New**

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Town of Rodman received a letter from Erie Insurance stating that they no longer hold the insurance for Wendy Curtis's dance program "Your Voice" here at the Community Hall.

Supervisor Lisa Worden state that the Town of Rodman received a letter from National Grid stating that the meter on the gazebo is not running any service. Supervisor Worden stated due to the winter months there is no electricity running in the gazebo.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that she filled out the town boundaries for the censuses and sent it in.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that she had a conversation with the Comptrollers Office. Due to the lack of urgency the Town of Rodman is at the bottom of the list for an audit. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated to the Comptroller's Office that she doesn't feel that there are any funds missing. With that being said the Comptroller's Office stated that the Town of Rodman is not a priority. After the conversation with the Comptroller's Office, Supervisor Lisa Worden stated Councilman Arthur Baderman is correct on how to follow through with the funds that were a concern that was brought forth through a letter that was sent out to all town residents. The Town of Rodman will have to do a resolution and a referendum before putting the funds in different accounts with labels such as (building maintenance, building and grounds etc.). The Comptroller's Office stated the funds should not be "earmarked".

Councilman Stuart Tamblin stated that he believes that the Transfer Station should be surveyed so that the Town of Rodman knows where the town lines are. All agreed.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that we only received one cleaning proposal. The proposal came from JP's Green Cleaning. JP's Green Cleaning service uses green cleaning products that are healthier for customer and the environment. JP's Green Cleaning will work on a weekly basis,

during normal business hours for a charge of \$500 a month. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she would like JP's Green Cleaning will go to the Town Highway and clean once or twice a month. All agreed. Councilman Arthur Baderman asked if JP's Green Cleaning was insured or will she be an employee of the town. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated due to her being her own company she will be hired through her own business.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that we have been looking for a maintenance person for the Town Hall, Town Barn and Transfer Station. Town Resident Daniel Grandjean has shown interest in this position. All agreed to hired Daniel Grandjean as a maintenance person.

Jamie Ackley, Tax Collector requested that the town allows her to attend the New York State Town Clerks Association that will be held from April 26, 2020 through April 29, 2020 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, New York. All were in favor.

General bills numbered 015-043 in the total amount of \$106,538.72 and highway bills numbered 009-023 in the total amount of \$95,4740.76 were audited and ordered paid.

Supervisor Lisa Worden motioned to adjourn at 8:22pm.

Rodman Town Board entered into executive session for personal reasons at 6:30pm. Executive session ended at 6:55pm. A vote was taken to Campany, McArdle & Randall, PLLC as the new Town Attorney.

Councilman Arthur Baderman-Yay  
Councilman Stuart Tamblin-Yay  
Supervisor Lisa Worden-Yay  
Councilman Vance Carpenter-No Vote

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next board meeting March 11, 2020 @7:00 pm