

Town of Rodman
12509 School Street
Rodman, NY 13682
Town Board Meeting
March 11, 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 11th day of March 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
	Jacob Bull	-----	Town Zoning Officer
	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 Highway Department. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that the Rodman Highway crew as done a wonderful job painting and cleaning the highway department. All agreed.

PRIVIEGE of the FLOOR- No one spoke.

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

DANC REPORT –Patricia M. Pastella, General Manager Solid Waste Division of the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC), submitted a report for the month of February.

DANC received a total of 1,133 scale transactions, totaling 13,515.96 tons of material; which is 2,110 tons under projections for the month of February.

DANC processed 3 community improvement request, 2 asbestos request and 5 special waste requests.

DANC received a new field truck that is now in service.

DANC diverted 218 mattresses in St. Lawrence County, 129 mattresses from Jefferson County and 110 mattresses from Lewis County totaling 457 mattresses diverted in the month of February.

There were no tires collected and recycled in month of February.

DANC has recorded 6.67 inches of rain and 36 inches of snow for the month of February.

A Mattress Recycling Trailer was placed at Jefferson County Transfer site in anticipation of collection beginning January 1, 2020.

There were 1,229,800 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of February. 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 February.

The Cornell Local Roads Program has announced their spring workshops. The “Work Zone Traffic Control” workshop will be held on April 14, 2020 at Cornell Cooperative Extension in Oriskany, “Pavement Management” workshop will be held on April 15, 2020 at the Scriba Town Hall and “Tool for Practical Communications” will be held on April 23, 2020 at Lewis County JCC Extension Center in Lowville. For more information go to <https://www.clrp.cornell.edu/workshops/workshops.htm>.

The Tug Hill Commission is holding their 2020 Local Government Conference at Jefferson County College (JCC) on March 26, 2020. Registration information is available at <https://www.tughill.org/services/training/local-government-conference/>. Registration is \$50 if completed before March 6, 2020, after March 6, 2020 the fee is \$100, and after March 14, 2020 the cost is \$150.

The New York State Archives is accepting applications for the 2020/2021, Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) grant cycle. The deadline to apply is March 13, 2020. For more information <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/grants/lgrmif-grants> or contact Advisory Officer, Michael Martin, at Michael.Martin@nysed.gov or call 518-330-7987.

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.

The Onondaga Planning Federation is holding it's 32nd Annual Planning Symposium on March 12, 2020 from 8:00 am to 4:15 pm at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown. For more information on the agenda and registration visit <http://ongov.net/planning/ocpf.html>.

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation has released a new draft State Forest Action Plan. The plan serves as a 10-year strategic plan for DEC and the New York forestry community. For more information go to <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/60829.html>.

There has been a significant increase in proposed projects on the Tug Hill and the surrounding areas. The commission has issued a new paper for Offsite Solar Energy projects, for more information <https://www.tughill.org/publications/technical-issuepapers/>. The paper provides background on the 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, which is driving the increase in project proposals.

Governor Cuomo's 30-day budget amendments include a new act entitled "Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act." For more information go to <https://www.budget.ny.gov/pubs/archive/fy21/exec/30day/ted-artvii-newpart-iii.pdf>. The Association of Towns has a comprehensive article on the proposal, see <https://www.mytowns.org>.

The Herkimer-Oneida Counties Local Government Education Committee has scheduled a training for newly elected officials. Training will be held on Thursday March 12, from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Trenton Municipal Building (8520 Old Poland Road, Barneveld). There is a \$10 fee for the session with light refreshments served. Registration can be done online at www.LGEC.org/workshop or by calling Steve Smith at 315-866-4671.

The Adirondack North County Association (ANCA) is holding a conference to discuss challenges in rural regions related to transportation-related carbon emissions. Visit www.adirondack.org/onramp for more information.

CTHC spring meeting is April 30, 2020, at the Steak and Brew in Turin.

The next Tug Hill Commission meeting will be on March 25th, at the Commission office (6th floor of the State Office Building, 317 Washington Street, Watertown, New York starting at 4:00 pm.

Black River Watershed Conference will be held on June 3rd and 4th at Savory Downtown in Watertown.

Supervisor Lisa Worden asked Ms. Stucky if she has any knowledge of the Tug Hill Commission planning on cancelling the 2020 Local Government Conference. Ms. Stucky stated that she has not heard of any cancellations.

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

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she will be meeting with Town Accountant Terry Dack on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Supervisor Lisa Worden and Ms. Dack will be reviewing a variety of items. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that she wants everyone to be on the same page.

Town Zoning Officer's Report- Councilman Jacob Bull stated that one permit was issued this month. Justin Sorensen is interested in the open Zoning Officer Position. A motion was made by Councilman Arthur Baderman to appoint Justin Sorensen as the Town of Rodman Zoning Officer, Seconded by Councilman Vance Carpenter. All in favor.

Councilman Vance Carpenter asked if Zoning Officer Justin Sorensen would be interested in attending the 2020 Local Government Conference at Jefferson County College (JCC) on March 26, 2020. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she would reach out to Mr. Sorensen to see if he would like to attend.

Town Justice Report-Judge Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of February. Judge Simpson also presented the board with a check for \$2,583.00 for the month of February.

Judge Simpson stated there is a lot of changes with the new bail reform law which effects all Town and Village Courts.

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

Town Clerk Jamie Ackley stated that she is still collecting taxes until March 13, 2020.

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

Superintendent Tamblin stated a plow slid off the Killenback Road and he just received a bill from Groffs.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that she drove County Route 69 and stated that it is a mess. Supervisor Worden stated that the mail delivery man lost his wheel off his vehicle.

She also stated that as the Supervisor of Rodman she will be voicing her opinion to the county on this subject.

Supervisor Lisa Worden wanted to personally thank all the town crewman for cleaning and painting the Rodman Highway Department.

Councilman Stuart Tamblin asked why there is such a high fuel bill at the Transfer Station. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that she will talk to Town Accountant and compare last month to the current month. Superintendent Tamblin will review the cameras.

Library Report- Library Manager Margaret McKay submitted a Library report for the month of February.

Library Manager Margaret McKay stated that the report she submitted is the Annual Report that compares 2018 and 2019. The report highlights the important changes to the library numbers. Mrs. McKay stated that there is an increase in patronage and programing in the last year.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that Library Manager Margaret McKay and President Patricia Folino will be meeting with Town Accountant Terry Dack to go over question they have about the Library funds.

Cleaning position- Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that JP's Green Cleaning service will be cleaning the Town Hall and once a month going to the Rodman Highway Department. JP's Green Cleaning submitted their proof of insurance. She will be starting on March 12, 2020.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that she would like to look into different companies that would change out the rugs at the Town Hall. All agreed.

Planning Board-nothing to report.

Supervisor Lisa Worden asked if anyone on the planning board has ever attended any meetings about the Mad River sub-stations that are being placed in Rodman. Campany, McArdle & Randall, PLLC Town Attorney will be attending the upcoming meeting on Article 10 on Rodman's behalf.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that the Town of Rodman's Attorney Campany, McArdle & Randall, PLLC found both Local Laws 1 and Local Law 2 of 2019 (Wind and Solar) submitted to New York State.

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	Justin Sorensen
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

After a discussion the Rodman Town Board all agreed to containing listing the vacant positions on the 2020 Organizational Meeting.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she has a meeting with the Town of Rodman Water Board. She stated there are questions on whether certain lots are in the water district. If so, who absorbs the cost of running a new line to the property. Councilman Arthur Baderman stated that the water board will want to know how much is in their reserve account.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that the County will be holding a meeting on March 25, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Rodman Community Hall. The County will discuss the bridge replacement project on County Route 189 Bridge over the Grunley Creek. Councilman Vance Carpenter asked Town Clerk Jamie Ackley to post some fliers about the bridge replacement at the Rodman Community Hall.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that she is setting up a WB Mason account for the town.

Supervisor Lisa Worden has asked the board to vote on the SNIRT RUN agreement. As of this date there is no insurance. Councilmen Arthur Baderman made the motion to approve the SNIRT RUN agreement on the contingency that insurance is provided; Councilman Stuart

Tamblin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that she will not sign the agreement until the Town of Rodman has the proof of insurance.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that Superintendent Tamblin and herself met with Kevin Townsley, Eastern Shore which holds the insurance for the town. Supervisor Worden stated that the board needs to make a discussion whether or not to pick up cyber insurance. Cyber insurance would cover the Judge, Library, Town Clerk and anyone else that may hold personal information. To hold the cyber insurance, it will increase the premium in the amount of \$424.00. All agreed. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated during the meeting with Kevin Townsley they discussed increasing the catastrophic insurance. Currently, the Town of Rodman holds 1-million-dollar catastrophic insurance. Supervisor Lisa Worden feels that portion should be increased 2-million-dollar per occurrence, per year. All agreed. Supervisor Lisa Worden will be in contact with Mr. Townsley with the increases that were discussed.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that Roy Simpson town resident will be mowing the town park and walking area. Superintendent Tamblin will go through all the equipment that Mr. Simpson will need. Supervisor Lisa Worden will refer to the 2020 budgeted for payment.

Councilman Arthur Baderman stated that he feels that with all the town residents that go into the transfer station having an electronic sign with public information on it would benefit the town. All agreed.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she will be meeting with Patsy Storino to survey the transfer station.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that Councilman Arthur Baderman will be starting the process of adjusting the accounts and getting the correct funds where they should be. Councilman Arthur Baderman stated he would like to see separate accounts for building & grounds, highway repair and equipment. After the meeting a public hearing will be set up to explain the intent of the accounts to the public, and a referendum will be completed. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that after the meeting Councilman Arthur Baderman and herself what to get the process started at April's meeting and adhere to proper procedures.

Councilman Arthur Baderman stated he received a special thank you from former Supervisor Gary Stinson for the card and gift certificate.

Councilman Arthur Baderman stated that he feels the entrance into the Highway Department building should be moved for liability reasons. All agreed. Superintendent Tamblin will have a sidewalk poured and the door moved to the front of the building so that people will enter into the staff lounge.

Councilman Jacob Bull wanted to thank everyone and he is happy to be on the board.

Planning Board Chairman John Stinson asked if town Planning Board computer is covered under the cyber insurance. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated if he is conducting town business then he would be covered.

Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated if vacant positions are filled there is an upcoming class for the Board of Assessment (BAR) on April 4, 2020.

Library Manager Margaret McKay stated that if there is going to be remodeling or the purchase of a new building in the future, she can apply for a state grant for the Libraries portion. Ms. McKay stated whatever the town decided she would need time to apply for the grant. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that there has been ideas but nothing is set in stone.

General bills numbered 044-069 in the total amount of \$80,491.99 and highway bills numbered 024-042 in the total amount of \$972,353.74 were audited and ordered paid.

Supervisor Lisa Worden motioned to adjourn at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next board meeting April 8, 2020 @7:00 pm
Organizational Meeting