

Town of Rodman
12509 School Street
Rodman, NY 13682
Town Board Meeting
May 12, 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 12th day of May, 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- Jane M. Feldman town resident submitted a letter with concerns on two separate issues. Mrs. Feldman's first concern was in regards to baseball. She feels that with the increasing volume of participants and spectators the parking has become a huge issue. Parking is a safety concern, is disruptive to town services, and causes property damage. Mrs. Jane Feldman shared another concern with the volume of trash coming into the transfer site. She believes with the overflowing amount of trash coming into the transfer station it is possible that people from outside of the town have been bringing in their trash. After some discussion, Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the town board is aware of both of these ongoing issues and have addressed them with appropriate people.

Supervisor Lisa Worden made a motion to approve April's minutes; Councilman Arthur Baderman 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), reported for the month of April.

DANC received a total of 1,694 scale transactions, totaling 18,142.72 tons of material; which is 77 tons over projections for the month of April.

There were 140 payments processed for various vendors, totaling \$337,326.

DANC reviewed, approved and processed five special waste requests, two asbestos requests, and eight residential clean up requests.

Waste placement continues to proceed on top of the existing landfill in a southerly direction.

DANC has identified and corrected two leachate outbreaks on the northeast slope.

DANC began cleaning the storm water system including jetting of culverts.

DANC is performing the wellfield LFG well balancing which should help mitigate any landfill gas.

DANC diverted 651 mattresses in St. Lawrence County, 588 mattresses from Jefferson County and 123 mattresses from Lewis County totaling 1,520 mattresses diverted in the month of April.

Books - The debinding book operation has started again and is now located in Harrisville.

Tires - There were 805 tons of tires recycled last fiscal year ending March 31, 2021.

DANC continues to process Single Stream Recyclables from St. Lawrence County.

There were 31 loads hauled to Recycle America totaling 854 tons of recyclables.

New above ground fuel tanks are being set and installation of the controls and dispensers are underway.

DANC has recorded 2.86 inches of rain in the month of April.

There were 1,368,000 gallons (181 loads) of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of April.

CTHC REPORT- Karleigh Stucky, Representative of the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC) reported for the month of April.

The Tug Hill is starting a recognition program to honor a Tug Hill Community, council of government, or community group. The honor(s) will be recognized at the 2021 Annual Dinner that is scheduled for October 14, 2021 at Tailwater Lodge in Altmar.

The Cornell Local Roads spring training is now open. The Jefferson County classes will be held in-person at the Cape Vincent Rec Park (602 S. James St., Cape Vincent) from 9:00 am to Noon, the cost is \$10.00. For more information go to www.cornell.edu.

The New York State Home & Community Renewal (HCR) has announced the opening of the NYS Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) - CV Cares Act application for eligible projects. For more information go to <https://hcr.ny.gov/community-development-block-grant#cdbg-cares-funding>.

The Black River Watershed Conference will be held virtually again this year, with a series of webinars called "Webinar Wednesdays". The webinars will be on May 12th, and run through June 30th, starting at 3:00 pm. For more information or to register go to <https://tughill.org/upcoming-workshops/>.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has released a proposal for public comment to update regulations governing public use of state Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). The proposed changes will help bring consistency with existing rules for state forest, campgrounds, other DEC lands, and codify rules and guidance already in place at many WMAs to make these rules enforceable. DEC is accepting public comments until May 24th on their website at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/34113.html#Part51>.

The Commission is hosting a webinar series on Broadband in May and June. For more information on the sessions and registrations visit the Commission's upcoming workshops website at <https://tughill.org/upcoming-workshops/>.

The Tug Hill Commission's next meeting will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 10:00 am. The public is welcome to attend in person at the Port Leyden Fire Hall's Community Room (3387 Dougal St., Port Leydon). You may register in advance at the Commission Office or at gwen@tughill.org or call 315-785-2380. The public is also welcome to join remotely at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81398521958#success> or by calling 929-205-6099, meeting ID 813-9852-1958.

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

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

Town Justice Report- Judge Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of April. Judge Amy Simpson presented the board with a check in the amount of \$4,189.00 for the month of April.

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

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk submitted the New York Department of Environment Conservation (DEC) report for the month of April.

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

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated he has a new highway email rodmanhighway@gmail.com, due to his old email being hacked.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the 1707 dump box was posted on Auction International.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin asked the board to consider purchasing forks and a man bucket for the payloader. Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the man bucket is OSHA approved and could be used by the town crewman to hang the holiday wreaths and flags. A motion was made by Councilman Arthur Baderman to approve the purchase of the forks and man bucket for the payloader for \$9,000, Councilman Stuart Tamblin second the motion. All were in favor.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the water tanker that is used to wash bridges needs to be repaired. Superintendent Dale Tamblin asked the board to allow him to charge \$2,800 on his personal credit card to purchase the pump and the town to reimburse him next month. All agreed.

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

Planning Board- Planning Board Chairman John Stinson submitted a report for the month of April.

NEW/OLD

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she has been working with David Kellogg, Town of Adams Supervisor and Doug Shelmidine in regards to a replacement for Terry Dack the Town Accountant after her retirement. Terry Dack, Town Accountant is being shadowed by a possible replacement candidate. Mr. Kellogg has set Mrs. Dack up in an office at the Adams municipal building to help train the possible replacement. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she feels the Town of Rodman should take Terry Dack's recommendation after some training. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the possible replacement is being paid \$15.00 an hour while in training. She will be paid out of the Adams account and Terry Dack will be settling the funds between towns. After training and the recommendations from Terry the Town will determine her salary at a later date. This will be tabled until next May's meeting.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated after recent incidents in the Town of Rodman she feels the board needs to consider amping up the security in the Town Hall. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the locks on the front door need to be addressed along with strategically adding more cameras around the building. After some discussion the board agreed. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley will contact STAT for more cameras.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that Superintendent Dale Tamblin had a meeting with the transfer station employees, Tyler Grandjean and Denis Grandjean. The meeting was in regards to possible outside residents not living in Rodman being allowed into the Transfer Station. Supervisor Lisa Worden thought the meeting was successful until she was notified by a town resident that the employees are not meeting the expectations of their job. Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated he will be working with the transfer station employees in hopes to make some progress.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated during the meeting with Tyler Grandjean and Denis Grandjean they requested some maintenance be done on the building. Mr. Grandjean stated the roof is leaking, there are some windows that need to be replaced and new locks need to be installed. Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated that Tylers key is not working and needs replacing. Superintendent Dale Tamblin will be working on the repairs that need to be done.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that South Jefferson will be holding their Summer Recreation Program this coming summer. Supervisor Lisa Worden will be signing the 2021 agreement.

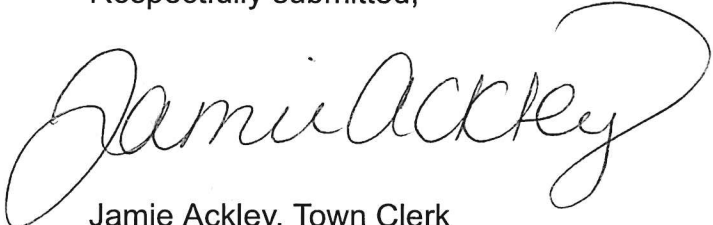
Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that Councilman Vance Carpenter has been working with Constellation New Energy, Inc, to establish a new electricity supply agreement. Councilman Vance Carpenter has been able to reach an agreement for the Highway Department, Lighting District, Water Works, Town Hall, Gazebo and Transfer Station, all ending in 2025. Supervisor Lisa Worden will be signing the agreement and sending it to Constellation New Energy, Inc. See attachments for agreement details.

Councilman Jacob Bull stated that Denis Grandjean asked for a line to be painted down the middle of the newly painted recycling center. Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated that it is already being done. Councilman Jacob Bull stated Mr. Grandjean also asked if the small shack on the upper ramp could be rebuilt. After some discussion all agreed something has to be built to get the guys out of the weather during winter months.

General and highway bills numbered 164-203 in the total amount of \$66,751.03 were audited and ordered paid.

Supervisor Lisa Worden motioned to adjourn at 8:20 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.

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next board meeting June 9, 2021 @ 7:00 pm