

Town of Rodman
12509 School Street
Rodman, NY 13682
Town Board Meeting
February 14, 2024
7:00 PM

A scheduled 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 February, 2024.

PRESENT:	Lisa Worden	-----	Supervisor
	Vance Carpenter	-----	Councilman- Absent
	Stuart Tamblin	-----	Councilman
	Michael Gaylord	-----	Councilman
	Daniel Grandjean	-----	Councilman
	Dale Tamblin	-----	Highway Superintendent
	Jamie Ackley	-----	Town Clerk
	Amy Simpson	-----	Town Justice-Absent
	Justin Sorensen	-----	Town Zoning Officer-Absent
	John Stinson	-----	Planning Board Chairman
	Linda McConnell	-----	Library Manager-Absent
	Jim Rounds	-----	Town of Rodman Assessor-Absent

Supervisor Lisa Worden called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, with the Pledge to the flag, at the Rodman Community Hall.

PRIVILEGE of the FLOOR- Town of Rodman resident Diesel Hitt expressed his concerns with the Town Reval assessment, the moratorium on Commercial Solar Facilities and Solar farms in the Town of Rodman. After sharing his concerns Supervisor Lisa Worden explained why the town is having the reval and maintaining a good and fair equalization rate for the Town of Rodman. Supervisor Lisa Worden explained the moratorium is not to stop Commercial Solar Facilities and Solar farms, it is to slow them down until the town's comprehensive plan is complete. Mr. Hilt thanked the town board for the clarifications on all his concerns.

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

DANC received a total of 1,322 scale transactions, totaling 15,312.87 tons of material; for the month of February.

DANC reviewed, approved and processed 22 special waste requests.

DANC had 9.77 tons of mattresses diverted from the landfill in the month of February.

DANC diverted approximately 102.75 tons of tires in the month of February.

DANC has recorded 2.88 inches of rain for the month of February.

There were 1,958,743 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of February. The City of Watertown accepted 228 loads.

There were 77,677 gallons of leachate hauled to the City of Ogdensburg in the month of February. The City of Ogdensburg accepted 9 loads.

CTHC REPORT– A report was submitted for the month of February. (See attachment)

The Association of Town's 2024 Annual Meeting & Training school will be held on February 18th-21th, 2024, at the NY City Marriott Marquis. Any questions or help with registration email pkebea@nytowns.org or call 518-465-7933.

The New York State Archives are now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) grant cycle. Applications are due on March 11, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

The New York State Local Technical Assistance Program Center (NYS LTAP) has an ongoing series of free foundational webinars focused on the important principle key to local highway agency operations and management. For more details, dates or to register visit <https://cals.cornell.edu/nystap-local-roads/training-events/webinars-online-training>.

The New York Planning Federation 83rd annual conference has been scheduled for April 7th to the 9th at the Saratoga Hilton. For information on training and to register visit <https://nyplf.org/annual-conference-registration/>.

The 2024 Local Government Conference (LGC) will be held May 1st and 2nd at Turning Stone Events Center. For more information on each session visit <https://tughill.org/localgovernmentconference/>.

Supervisor's Financial Report – Supervisor Lisa Worden submitted a Monthly Report of Receipts and Payments for February, it was read and filed.

The Watertown Savings Banks accounts and NYCLASS accounts were all submitted and reviewed by board members.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Town of Rodman received \$135,000 from Jefferson County.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated check number 6404 was voided to a Supervisor clerk's printing mistake. All noted.

Town Zoning Officer's Report- No report was submitted.

Town Justice Report- Judge Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of February. Judge Amy Simpson presented the board with a check in the amount of \$2220.00 for the month of February.

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

Town Clerk Jamie Ackley submitted the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Report for the month of February.

Town Clerk Jamie Ackley submitted a signed copy of the 2024 tax collection receipt. Mrs. Ackley wrote a check on January 27, 2024 in the amount of \$178,836.03 payable to the Town of Rodman.

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

Superintendent Dale Tamblin asked the board to consider allowing Supervisor Lisa Worden to sign the New York State Highway Law #284. The New York State Highway law #284 is an agreement between the Rodman Town Board/Supervisor and the Rodman Highway Department funds to be entered into the year 2024. All agreed.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin will be paving School Street this coming spring. Superintendent Dale Tamblin will be going door to door to inform residents on School Street.

Library Report- Library Manager Linda McConnell submitted a report for the month of February.

The Town of Rodman Library had 93 adults and 26 children for the month of January.

The Library Board and Library Manager Linda McConnell are working on updating the Library By-Laws.

They have 250 eclipse glasses to hand out to the public starting in March.

Dan Hamilton will be building two bookshelves for the children's room.

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

The RIC Energy project is still on hold as of February.

Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated there have been two subdivisions that have been reviewed and approved.

Richard Huntsman has a special use permit that is being reviewed

Assessor- No report was submitted.

Brown Road Bridge- Supervisor Lisa Worden stated Councilman Vance Carpenter sent an email about grants for bridges that the Town of Rodman may want to look into. However, she believes the town should hold off. Superintendent Dale Tamblin and Jim Lawrence from Jefferson County had a meeting concerning County Route 97 and Brown Road. Mr. Lawrence is trying to get state funding to help with the cost of Brown Road Bridge. After some discussion the Brown Road Bridge will be discussed at a later date.

South Jeff Rescue update- Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she attended a public hearing along with surrounding towns that was held at the South Jefferson High School. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated there will be an unofficial meeting at the Rodman Town Hall with neighboring towns and any town board members that would like to attend. Neighboring Supervisors along with Supervisor Lisa Worden agree the Rescue squad is needed but also believe there are different avenues that can be taken before going to our taxpayers. All agreed.

New/Old

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she received the inspection report from NYMIR.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she sent a letter to previous town resident Eric Tamblin asking him to not to use the Transfer Station as he is no longer a resident. All noted.

General and highway bills numbered 23-66 in the total amount of \$547,812.55 were audited and ordered paid for the month of February.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next board meeting March 13, 2024 @ 7:00 pm