

Town of Rodman
12509 School Street
Rodman, NY 13682
Town Board Meeting
August 9, 2023
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 9th day of July, 2023.

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| PRESENT: | Lisa Worden | ----- | Supervisor |
| | Arthur Baderman | ----- | Councilman |
| | Vance Carpenter | ----- | Councilman |
| | Stuart Tamblin | ----- | Councilman |
| | Micheal Gaylord | ----- | Councilman |
| | Dale Tamblin | ----- | Highway Superintendent |
| | Jamie Ackley | ----- | Town Clerk |
| | Amy Simpson | ----- | Town Justice |
| | 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, at the Rodman Community Hall.

PRIVILEGE of the FLOOR-

Councilman Vance Carpenter made a motion to approve July's minutes, Councilman Stuart Tamblin 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), submitted a report for the month of July. (see attachments)

DANC received a total of 1,645 scale transactions, totaling 20,330.24 tons of material; for the month of July.

DANC reviewed, approved and processed eight special waste requests and three reduced tip fee requests in the month of July.

DANC had 1,425 mattresses diverted from the landfill in the month of July.

DANC diverted approximately 15.59 tons of tires in the month of July..

DANC has recorded 5.87 inches of rain for the month of July.

There were 1,113,881 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of July. The City of Watertown accepted 131 loads.

There were 34,526 gallons of leachate hauled to the the City of Ogdensburg in the month of July.

CTHC REPORT– Angie Kimball, Circuit Rider Tug Hill Council (CTHC), submitted a report for the month of July. (See attachment)

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

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated checks numbering 6168-6170 will be voided due to printing issues. All noted.

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

Town Justice Report- Judge Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of July.. Judge Amy Simpson presented the board with a check in the amount of \$1,984.25 for the month of July.

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

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

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

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

There have been 46 children enrolled in the Summer Reading Program. There will be an ice cream social on August 23rd, who all participated.

There were 114 adults and 109 children who came into the library during the month of July.

The Rodman Library has applied for a \$200 grant that was offered through NCLS for the Summer Reading Program.

The Library will host a Fall Fling for all women on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 1:00 pm.. Invites will be sent out soon.

The Rodman Library is still planning on holding the flu clinic this fall. Dates will be posted soon.

Planning Board- Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated there is one application under review for the month of July.

Assessor- Town Assessor Jim Rounds stated he has been working with Jefferson County on the Town of Rodman's reveal.

Rohde Center- Director Jerry Tackley from the Rohde Center provided information in regard to the program he represents. The Rohde Center located in Adams, New York has an operating expense of \$122,193. There have been over 12,192 volunteer hours donated by friends and neighbors at the Rohde Center Food Pantry, Fresh Food Distribution and the Food \$EN\$E. The Rohde Center also has distributed 134,216 balanced meals through the Rohde Center Food Pantry.

Tug Hill Resolution-Supervisor Lisa Worden stated Clerk to the Supervisor Ashley Lowe went to finance school. Supervisor Worden stated during the class Ms. Ashley learned about a New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (NYCLASS) accounts for municipalities. The NYCLASS allows municipalities to hold their reserve funds with an interest rate of 4.8%. The Town of Rodman is currently holding the Tug Hill Commissions reserves funds with Watertown Saving Bank with the interest rate of 0.1%. After a discussion, a

motion was made by Councilman Vance Carpenter to approve res#08092023-1 which supports the Town of Rodman to move all Tug Hill Commissions reserves funds to New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (NYCLASS), Councilman Stuart Tamblin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NYS Retirement Resolution- Town Clerk Jamie Ackley, asked the Rodman Town Board to approve a resolution that needs to be submitted to New York State and the Local Retirement System. The resolution states that the Town of Rodman established and reported all work day hours for Elected and Appointed Officials. Supervisor Lisa Worden made a motion that the resolution res#08092023-2 be passed for all elected officials, Councilman Arthur Baderman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Comprehensive Plan- Councilman Arthur Baderman continues to gather information on how to proceed with the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Baderman stated the first Comprehensive Plan meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm. The town board members asked Town Clerk Jamie Ackley to include them in all emails for the comprehensive plan. She Agreed.

RIC Energy - Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the signed agreement that was emailed to her had a signature however it was not notarized. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she had a blank copy that she will sign and have notarized this evening and RIC will need their portion resigned in front of a notary. All agreed. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she would like a copy once it is signed.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Town of Rodman is establishing a moratorium that allows the Town of Rodman to put a pause on any solar projects until the Comprehensive Plan is finished. After a discussion, a motion was made to approve res#08092023-4 which supports the Town of Rodman proposed Local Law No. 2 of 203. All were in favor. A public Hearing will be held on September 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Escrow account/GYMO- Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Town of Rodman needs to establish an escrow account with Watertown Saving Banking. After a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Vance Carpenter to approve res#08092023-3 which supports the Town of Rodman to open an escrow account labeled RIC Solar Project, Councilman Stuart Tamblin seconded the motion. All were in favor. RIC Solar has already sent \$12,000 to establish this account. This \$12,000 will cover the cost of GYMO. There may be funds sent in the future by **RIC Energy** - Supervisor Lisa Worden stated RIC Solar to cover other costs as the project moves forward.

Security Cameras- Supervisor Lisa Worden and Town Clerk Jamie Ackley spoke to the Town Board about installing more cameras on the playground. After some discussion all agreed. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley will contact Chimera Integration about getting a quote.

2024 Budget- Supervisor Lisa Worden asked that everyone start getting their budget ready to discuss at next month's board meeting.

Councilman Arthur Baderman asked Superintendent Dale Tamblin to submit equipment inventory. Mr. Tamblin stated he would before the next meeting.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the fence that borders the playground and Mr. Terry Blodgetts home needs some repair. Multiple fencing companies have been asked to put in a quote and no one has responded. The fence will be tabled until next month. All agreed.

New/Old

Town Clerk Jamie Ackley stated Jefferson County has issued her a new county computer.

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Councilman Stuart Tamblin stated DANC has an open county and customer service position available. Anyone that would like to apply would go on the DANC website.

Supervisor Lisa Worden asked Superintendent Dale Tamblin to please finish painting the line across the road. Supervisor Lisa Worden also asked Mr Tamblin to remove the pile of dirt at the waterworks.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the new pricing for the 2025 truck is \$38,348.00.

General and highway bills numbered 259-287 in the total amount of \$51,559.13 were audited and ordered paid for the month of July.

Councilman Arthur Baderman motioned to adjourn at 8:16 pm.

Rodman Town Board entered into executive session at 8:17 pm, for a personnel issue that needed to be addressed by the entire town board. The executive session ended at 8:53 pm. No action was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Public Hearing September 13, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

Next board meeting September 13, 2023 @ 7:00 pm