

Town of Rodman  
12509 School Street  
Rodman, NY 13682  
Town Board Meeting  
November 8, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Lisa Worden	-----	Supervisor
	Arthur Baderman	-----	Councilman-Absent
	Vance Carpenter	-----	Councilman
	Stuart Tamblin	-----	Councilman
	Micheal Gaylord	-----	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, at the Rodman Community Hall.

**PRIVILEGE of the FLOOR-** No one spoke.

Councilman Vance Carpenter made a motion to approve the October's minutes; Supervisor Lisa Worden seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated Councilman Arthur Baderman was unable to make the meeting this evening however wants to express how much he appreciated his retirement gathering. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the gathering was a great success and she is grateful for all the help.

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

DANC received a total of 1,712 scale transactions, totaling 18,017.42 tons of material for the month of October.

DANC reviewed, approved and processed ten special waste requests and two reduced tip fee requests in the month of October.

DANC had 31.46 mattresses diverted from the landfill in the month of October.

DANC diverted approximately 341.8 tons of tires in the month of October.

- 75.68 tons by Jefferson County
- 10.82 tons by Lewis County
- 0 tons by St. Lawrence Counties

DANC has recorded 1.68 inches of rain for the month of October.

There were 1,224,181 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of October. The City of Watertown accepted 142 loads.

There were 34,438 gallons (4 loads) of leachate hauled to the City of Ogdensburg in the month of October.

**CTHC REPORT**– Heidi Tompkins, Circuit Rider Tug Hill Council (CTHC), submitted a report for the month of October.. (See attachment)

The Sea Grant with various partners is hosting the Crosswalking Water Resources for Climate Smart Communities local government training workshops. The workshop is geared towards planning, zoning and municipal boards, supervisors, mayors, code enforcement officers, and floodplain managers. The Watertown session is Thursday, November 16, 2023, at the Hilton Garden Inn (1290 Arsenal Street, Watertown) The fee for the session is \$45.

The Commission's newest staff member, Chris Barboza will be working planning projects and will also be a Traffic Safety Coordinator. For more information visit <https://tughill.org/traffic-safety-coordinator-description-severvices>.

The 2023 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program, and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) grant is now open. For more information visit <https://dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/opdm/local-programs-bureau/tap-cmaq>. Deadline to apply for the grant is January 9, 2024.

SAVE the DATE- The Local Government Conference will be held May 2, 2024 at Turning Stone.

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

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

**Town Justice Report**- Judge Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of October. Judge Amy Simpson presented the board with a check in the amount of \$3,144.00 for the month of October.

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

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

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

Highway Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated he would like to budget paving 3 tenths of a mile of School Street in 2024.

Highway Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the septic is finished at the Recycling Center

Highway Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated Walker Lowe and Damien Smith will be on nights this winter season.

**Library Report-**Library Manager, Linda McConnell submitted a report for the month of September and October. (see attachments)

**Planning Board-** Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated there is one approved application and a pre-application submitted for the month of October. Mr. Stinson has the RIC Energy project on hold.

**Town of Rodman Assessor-** No report was submitted.

**Town Zoning Officer-** Town Zoning Officer Justin Sorensen submitted a report for the month of October. (see attachment)

**Recycling Lighting-** Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she received calls about the lack of lighting at the Recycling Center. Supervisor Worden stated the Town of Rodman is on the list for National Grid to install new lighting poles. Highway Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated he will be buying tripod lighting until National Grid can install the light system. All agreed.

**Comprehensive Plan-** Councilman Stuart Tamblin and Town Clerk Jamie Ackley stated with the help of the Tug Hill Commission Planner Matthew Smith the Town of Rodman will be sending out postcards to all landowners. The postcards are asking landowners to fill out a survey to help us gather more information for the Comprehensive Plan. The survey will be available at the town office, on the website and be accessible by QR code. Next meeting will be held on January 10th at 5:30 pm. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley stated Tug Hill Commission Planner Matthew Smith gave a quote for the postcards from Coughlin in Watertown, New York. After a discussion the Town of Rodman Board approved the quote from Coughlins.

**Resolution-** Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated Mary Lowe would like to be reappointed as a Planning Board Member. A motion was made by Supervisor Lisa Worden to approve res#11082023-1, which allows Mary Lowe to be reappointed as a Planning Board Member of the Planning Board; Councilman Stuart Tamblin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**2% Tax Levy-** Town Clerk Jamie Ackley stated she would like the board to approve a property tax override, a motion was made by Supervisor Lisa Worden to approve #res-11082023-2, which supports the tax cap override, as needed, Councilman Vance Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Approval of the Preliminary 2024 Budget-** A public hearing was held on November 8, 2023 to invite the public for comments on the proposed 2024 budget. No one spoke for or against the budget. A motion was made by Councilman Stuart Tamblin to adopt the 2024 budget, seconded by Councilman Micheal Gaylord. All were in favor. Supervisor Lisa Worden wanted to thank the board for helping her through a successful 2024 budget.

**End of the year Meeting-** Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the end of the year meeting will be held on December 28, 2023 at 6:00 pm. The end of the year meeting is to close out any bills that accumulate between the December's Board meeting and the end of the year.

**Rodman Magical Christmas Festival-** Supervisor Lisa Worden stated there will be a Magical Christmas Festival held on December 8, 2023 from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The festival will be located at the Rodman Baseball Field. There will be photos with Santa, kids crafts, face painting, horse carriage rides, parade, craft fair and much more.

**Transfer Station-**Supervisor Lisa Worden stated

**OLD/NEW-**

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she went to an informational meeting for the South Jeff Rescue Squad. South Jeff Rescue is asking for approval from neighboring townships to pass an agreement which would allow the South Jeff Rescue District to be on the landowners tax bills. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated all the surrounding towns agreed the Rescue Squad needed to reach out to the county and other sources to help with funding. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Town of Rodman will continue to support the South Jeff Rescue Squad in their Annual Budget as the ambulance and first responders are extremely important. Supervisor Lisa Worden and neighboring townships feel adding the South Jeff Rescue Squad to the tax bills is a lot at this time. All agreed. The South Jeff Rescue will be holding a meeting at the South Jefferson High School after January first.

Town Clerk Jamie Ackley asked the board to approve the yearly Christmas table once again this year. The Christmas table is a table Ms. Ackley sets up with Christmas goodies for all town residents to enjoy. All agreed.

General and highway bills numbered 352-392 in the total amount of \$104,112.30 were audited and ordered paid for the month of October.

Supervisor Lisa Worden motioned to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next board meeting Thursday, December 14 , 2023 @ 7:00 pm  
End of the Year meeting- December 28, 2023 at 6:00 pm.