

Town of Rodman
12509 School Street
Rodman, NY 13682
Town Board Meeting
October 11, 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 11th day of October, 2023.

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-Absent
	Justin Sorensen	-----	Town Zoning Officer-Absent
	John Stinson	-----	Planning Board Chairman
	Linda McConnell	-----	Library Manager-Absent
	Jim Rounds	-----	Town of Rodman Assessor

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

PRIVILEGE of the FLOOR- Tammy Caster, Adams Center is a volunteer for the New York Citizen Audit. The New York Citizens Audit is a group of people that believe the State Election process should follow the election laws of the New York State constitution. Ms. Caster asked the town to support free and fair elections and passed out a Resolution for an Audit of the New York State 2022 General Election resolution. After a decision. Councilman Stuart Tamblin made a motion that the resolution res#10112023-1 be passed for all elected officials, Councilman Micheal Gaylord seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Christopher Boulio, Town Resident and winner of the 2023 Primary Election. Mr. Boulio is running in the 2023 Election as a candidate for the Jefferson County District 10 Legislator in November. Mr. Boulio stated due to the allegations that have been stated in news media he came to publicly apologize to the Town of Rodman if he caused any embarrassment to the town. Mr. Boulio stated these allegations are false and he asked the Town of Romdan to continue to support him in the upcoming elections.

Councilman Stuart Tamblin made a motion to approve September's minutes, and Councilman Micheal Gaylord seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Councilman Stuart Tamblin made a motion to approve September's Public Hearing minutes, and Councilman Micheal Gaylord seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

DANC received a total of 1,665 scale transactions, totaling 18,054.41 tons of material for the month of September.

DANC reviewed, approved and processed 28 special waste requests and three reduced tip fee requests in the month of September.

DANC had 26.2 mattresses diverted from the landfill in the month of September.

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

- 181 tons by Jefferson County
- 31.8 tons by Lewis County
- 129 tons by St. Lawrence Counties

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

There were 1,402,642 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of September. The City of Watertown accepted 163 loads.

There were 34,306 gallons of leachate hauled to the City of Ogdensburg in the month of September.

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

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has \$3 million available in the state's Invasive Species Grant Program. For more information and to apply visit the DEC's web page.

Community Forest Conservation Grant is available through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Municipalities can use these funds to purchase land or conservation easements to create new or expand existing community forests and project land from development. Visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/land.12345.html>.

A historical workshop hosted by the Tug Hill Commission will be held on October 28, at Glenfield and Western Railroad. For details go to www.tinurl.com/glenfieldwesternrr or call 315-315-785-2380. These workshops are available by zoom or in-person.

SAVE the DATE: The Commission's Annual Dinner at Tailwater Lodge in Altmar will be held on October 19, 2023 starting at 5:00 pm.

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

Supervisor Lisa Worden happily announced that Councilman Arthur Baderman was nominated and chosen as the Tug Hill Sage Award. Mrs. Worden and all the board members feel that Councilman Arthur Baderman is well deserving of this reward.

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

Town Justice Report- Judge Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of September. Judge Amy Simpson presented the board with a check in the amount of \$3,180.00 for the month of September.

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

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

Town Clerk Jamie Ackley submitted the Town of Rodman Water Report for the month of September.

Highway Superintendent Report- No report was submitted.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the town highway crew is working with the county and on Williams Road.

The bathroom at the transfer station has been completed. Mr. Tamblin will be getting a tank to hold water.

Library Report- No report was submitted.

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

Town of Rodman Assessor- Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Town of Rodman Assessor Jim Rounds submitted a green letter that will be mailed to all landowners in the Town of Rodman. The green letter states there will be a reval done on all town properties. Then in a few weeks there will be a pink letter mailed stating when the assessor and Jefferson County will be in our area. They will be going house to house with clearly marked vehicles during this process.

Comprehensive Plan- Councilman Arthur Baderman stated the Town of Rodman is still collecting information on the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOTS) for the Town of Rodman. There will be postcards sent out asking people to fill out a survey to help us gather more information. The survey will also be available at the town office and on the website. Next meeting will be held on November 8th at 5:30 pm.

Audit response- Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Town of Rodman received the recommendations from the New York State audited. After reviewing the audit Supervisor Lisa Worden responded that all town board members have reviewed and approved all recommendations. The Town of Rodman board members were satisfied with the audit and all recommendations have been implemented.

Adopt- Sexual Harassment/ Violence Policy- Sexual Harassment Policy- Under the New York State Law, the Town of Rodman has to adopt a Non-Discrimination/Anti-Harassment Policy. The Town of Rodman provides annual training which meets New York State standards. The Town of Rodman is committed to maintaining a workplace free from sexual harassment. All employees are required to work in a manner that prevents sexual harassment in the work place. The policy also states that it is against the law and all employees have the right to a workplace free from sexual harassment. A motion was made by Councilman Arthur Baderman to adopt the Sexual Harassment Policy/Violence Policy, seconded by Supervisor Lisa Worden . All were in favor. A full copy of the policy will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

2024 Budget- A 2024 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing will be held on November 8, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley will be posting the Public Hearing in the Watertown Daily Times, on the town website and in the Community Hall.

Tax Levy- A 2% Tax Levy Public Hearing will be held on November 8, 2023 at 6:45 pm. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley will be posting the Public Hearing in the Watertown Daily Times, on the town website and in the Community Hall.

OLD/NEW-

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated there will be a gathering on October 22, 2023 from noon to 4:00 pm, to celebrate Councilman Arthur Baderman's retirement. The gathering will be held at the Town of Rodman Fire Department and all is welcome.

General and highway bills numbered 320-351 in the total amount of \$32,070.91 were audited and ordered paid for the month of August.

Councilman Arthur Baderman motioned to adjourn at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Public Hearing November 8, 2023 @ 6:30 pm-Tax Levy

Public Hearing November 8, 2023 @ 6:45 pm- Preliminary Budget

Next board meeting November 8, 2023 @ 7:00 pm