

Town of Rodman  
12509 School Street  
Rodman, NY 13682  
Town Board Meeting  
April 14, 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	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-Absent
	Justin Sorensen	-----	Town Zoning Officer
	John Stinson	-----	Planning Board Chairman
	Margaret McKay	-----	Library Manager
	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-** Emily Worden, Secretary of the South Jefferson Little League stated there will be a field clean up day on April 24, 2021. The cleanup day is to help prepare the baseball field for the opening day of baseball on May 1, 2021.

Emily Worden, Secretary of the South Jefferson Little League stated Gander Mountain Outdoor is sponsoring the 2021 South Jefferson Little League season. Gander has asked if they could display campers on opening day of baseball. After some discussion the board agreed to allow two campers due to space. It was decided the best place to put the campers would be in the driveway that runs along the Community Hall and the driveway across the street.

Supervisor Lisa Worden started the South Jefferson Summer recreation is moving forward with their summer program. Summer recreation will be following the New York guidelines.

Councilman Vance Carpenter made a motion to approve the March minutes; Councilman Arthur Baderman 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), reported on behalf of Patricia M. Pastella, General Manager.

DANC received a total of 1,567 scale transactions, totaling 17,202.71 tons of material; which is 587 tons over projections for the month of March.

There were 438 payments processed for various vendors, totaling \$3,562,798.

DANC reviewed, approved and processed eight special waste requests, two asbestos requests, four CIP's and two RCP's requests.

DANC diverted 634 mattresses in St. Lawrence County, 256 mattresses from Jefferson County and 123 mattresses from Lewis County totaling 1,013 mattresses diverted in the month of March.

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

There were a total of 19.83 tons of tires recycled in Lewis County and 33.58 tons of tires recycled in St. Lawrence County, totaling 53.41 tons of tires recycled in the month of March.

DANC's compliance inspections are suspended as a direct result of COVID-19 guidelines.

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

There were 77 loads hauled to Recycle America totaling 624 tons of recyclables.

The contractor continues to work on Pump Station 3, and storage 4.

Pump station 3, generator startup was completed.

DANC has recorded 1.90 inches of rain in the month of March.

There were 1,556,350 gallons (181 loads) of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of March.

**CTHC REPORT**-Supervisor Lisa Worden reported on behalf of Karleigh Stucky, Representative of the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC) for the month of March.

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](http://www.cornell.edu).

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](mailto:gwen@tughill.org) or 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 March.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated, highway crewman Andy Smith asked about hiring a new employee to fill in the open position. Mr. Smith stated that in the employee contract it states there needs to be five crewmen not the current four. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she is aware of what the contract states. Mrs. Worden stated the Highway Superintendent Dale Tamblin and the Rodman Town Board are moving forward in hiring a new employee. They all agreed to start the process at May's meeting due to the position wasn't available until April 12, 2021.

**Town Zoning Officer's Report-** Justin Sorensen, Zoning Officer submitted reports for the month of March.

Zoning Officer Justin Sorensen stated he received a complaint about property on Pork Hill Road where Mr. Kenny Steven lives. The complaint states there is a lot of garbage and debris scattered around the outside of the house. Mr. Sorensen stated he had stopped on two occasions but was unable to contact Mr. Stevens. The investigation is still ongoing.

Zoning Officer Justin Sorensen stated town residents Michelle and Michael VanWaldick would like to finish off upstairs in their garage to make a studio apartment. Mr. Sorensen has referred Mr. & Mrs. VanWaldick to the Zoning Board of Appeals due to an existing primary residence.

**Town Justice Report-** Judge Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of March. Judge Amy Simpson presented the board with a check in the amount of \$1,087.50 for the month of March.

**Town Clerk's Report-** Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk, submitted a report for the month of March. Mrs. Ackley also submitted a check in the amount of \$318.52. This is for penalties collected during the 2021 tax collection. The Town Board audited and approved the records of 2021 tax collection. Mrs. Ackley stated that 80% of 2021 taxes were collected.

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

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated Jefferson County has implemented a new radio system. On April 12, 2021 the crewman trained for the new system.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated all the town highway equipment including the new dozer have been serviced.

Flags will be put up the last week of April.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the CHIPS, Pave New York and Extreme Winter money has been reinstated. Mr. Tamblin stated there is a possibility that 20% funding that was lost last year will also be reinstated which would then put the Rodman Highway \$50,000 over budget.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated on May 3, 2021, they are paving the Recycling Center.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated Norm Smith will be mowing the road sides and cemeteries.

**Library Report-** Library Manager Margaret McKay submitted a report for the month of March.

Library Manager Margaret McKay stated the paperwork for the school ballot has been submitted. The Rodman Library is asking for additional \$ 5,000 to help cover the library funding. Voting will be the end of May.

Library Manager Margaret McKay announced the Rodman Library has hired a substitute who will be working every Friday from 2:00 pm-6:00 pm.

Library Manager Margaret McKay stated the library will be doing a community garden again this year. Mrs. McKay asked if she could install raised garden beds at the highway department. All agreed.

**Planning Board-** Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated there have been two special use permits issued.

Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated there is one open position on the Planning Board.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she was approached by town resident Bill Abrams about a draining issue that has been ongoing for years. The draining issue affects approximately three homes in the village. Mr. Abrams and former Supervisor Gordon Cole had talked about possibly putting in a catch basin to help with the draining issues. When former Supervisor Stinson was in office the draining issues were set aside. After some discussion, another town resident Margaret McKay also expressed a draining issue on Whitford Road that runs into her property after a culvert was put into place. The board would like to see if there is anything mentioned in previous minutes on these town draining issues and if so who is responsible for the issue. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley will be researching the minutes. Tabled until May's meeting.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that the Rodman Water District asked if the town could pave the driveway leading to the pump house. Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated due to timing he is unsure if that is possible.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the pump house needs some maintenance. The Town Board agreed that this falls under the Water Board not the Town Board.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated Bill Abrams will be retiring from the water board as water reader when his license expires. If anyone is interested in the position they will have to complete training and be licenced.

**Resolution-** The Zoning Board of Appeals member (ZBA) John Stinson asked how the ZBA members are supposed to be paid. Mr. Stinson stated in minutes from 1998 it is noted that the ZBA members earn \$6.50 an hour. Mr. Stinson asked if it could be noted in a resolution what the current pay is for the ZBA. A motion was made by Councilman Jacob Bull to approve the resolution #res04142021-1, which allows the Rodman Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) to be paid at current minimum wage thus forth, Supervisor Lisa Worden seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Kofile-** Town Clerk Jamie Ackley stated she received an email from Ryan Chapman of Kofile. The email stated the Town of Rodman's damaged records are out of their imaging department and heading into May's production schedule for preservation and treatment. Mr. Chapman stated the black mold was neutralized. Mr. Chapman also stated the team was able to keep within our budget. The Gama cost is \$500 and the 270 documents are \$2,760 for preservation.

**Town Computer-** Town Clerk Jamie Ackley stated the town computer that was bought in 2018 is not working. Ms. Ackley took the computer to STAPLES, INC in Watertown, NY and they stated the computer falls under the warranty. The computer will be sent to the Asurion warranty for review in the upcoming weeks.

## **NEW/OLD**

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated once the weather is nicer the county still has plans on fixing the corner where a county truck went off the road during the winter months.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she received an email from DANC stating they will no longer accept E-waste which includes; laptops, tablets, televisions, computers, MP3 devices, game controls, computer mice, printer, videos records and mattresses and/or box springs. After some discussion the Town of Rodman will no longer be accepting these items as of May 1, 2021.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she has been working with David Kellogg, Town of Adams Supervisor in regards to a replacement for Terry Dack the Town Accountant after her retirement. This will be tabled until May's meeting.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated Terry Dack, Town Accountant is meeting with an auditor in regards to the Town of Rodman Health Insurance.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated Jefferson County Dog Control and shelter sent their 2020 Town Annual Report. (see attachments)

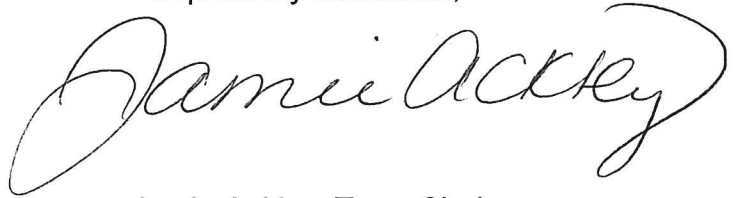
Councilman Jacob Bull asked if the town is going to recognize Scott LaClair on May 1, at the South Jefferson Little League opening day. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she will discuss this with Emily Worden, Secretary of the South Jefferson Little League.

Councilman Arthur Baderman stated the Highway crewman is now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine if they choose to do so.

General and highway bills numbered 109-163 in the total amount of \$222,024.70 were audited and ordered paid.

Supervisor Lisa Worden motioned to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jamie Ackley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next board meeting May 12, 2021 @ 7:00 pm