

Town of Rodman
12509 School Street
Rodman, NY 13682
Town Board Meeting
July 8, 2020
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 8th day of July, 2020.

PRESENT:

Lisa Worden	-----	Supervisor
Arthur Baderman	-----	Councilman
Vance Carpenter	-----	Councilman
Stuart Tamblin	-----	Councilman
Jacob Bull	-----	Councilman-Absent
Dale Tamblin	-----	Highway Superintendent
Jamie Ackley	-----	Town Clerk
Amy Simpson	-----	Town Justice
Justin Sorensen	-----	Town Zoning Officer-Absent
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- No one spoke.

Councilman Stuart Tamblin made a motion to approve the June 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), submitted a report on behalf of Patricia M. Pastella, General Manager.

DANC received a total of 1,711 scale transactions, totaling 19,658.64 tons of material; which is 1,564 tons under projections for the month of June.

There were 149 payments processed for various vendors, totaling \$2,788,603.

DANC reviewed, approved and processed two residential cleanup request, two community improvement request and four asbestos requests.

Phase I employees are back on-site full time.

DANC is developing an employee safety plan for COVID-19 precautions.

DANC has suspended hard cover book recycling due to reduced staffing as a direct result of COVID-19 guidelines.

DANC diverted 827 mattresses in St. Lawrence County, 447 mattresses from Jefferson County and 140 mattresses from Lewis County totaling 1,414 mattresses diverted from the landfill in the month of June.

There was a total of 37.78 tons of tires recycled in the month of June.

The compliance inspections have been suspended due to reduced staffing as a direct result of COVID-19 guidelines.

DANC has recorded 1.4 inches of rain in the month of June.

There were 1,032,000 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of June. The City of Watertown is accepting 10 loads per day. No, leachate was hauled to Rome.

CTHC REPORT – Karleigh Stucky, Representative of the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC), submitted a report for the month of June.

The New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) has recorded webinars available for anyone looking for training. There are webinars on various COVID-19 subjects, new officials and planning/zoning topics. For more information visit <https://www.nycom.org/training/additional-traininevents/webinars/2uncategorised/1063-record-webinars>.

The NYS Archives has announced that the deadlines for the 2019-2020 Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) grants have been extended to December 31, 2020. For more information contact the Grants Administration Unit at archgrants@nysed.gov or call 518-474-6926.

The Commission has updated its "Landownership and Protected Lands in the Tug Hill Region" paper issue.

The paper first published in 2015 identifies and describes the protected lands in the Tug Hill region. New York State owns 12% on the Tug Hill or 249,221 acres, leaving privately owned land still dominating the landscape. This in comparison to the Adirondacks and Catskills.

American Farmland Trust's "Farms Under Threat-The State of the States" report valuable tools and insights that can help in addressing agricultural land conversion and increasing permanent protection. For more information, contact Samantha Levy, New York Policy Manager, American Farmland Trust, 35-679-4772, or at slevy@farmland.org, www.farmland.org.

The Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) will be conducting training sessions this summer. The first training will be held on July 21st, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, titled "Interview with a Hacker (Cybersecurity) Webinar". For more information or to register visit <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/academy/webinarstraining.htm>.

There will not be a Tug Hill Commissions meeting in July. Stay tuned for the decision on the CTHC Fall meeting.

TOWN REPORTS

Supervisor's Financial Report – Supervisor Lisa Worden submitted a report for the month of June.

Supervisor Lisa Worden asked the Town Board to review and sign the form that is attached to Town Accountant Terry Dack's 2019 financial records if found to be correct.

Town Zoning Officer's Report- Justin Sorensen, Zoning Officer submitted a report for the month of June. There were four building permits and two principal use permits issued in the month of June.

Town residents Brandon & Tara Cavalet requested a zoning permit application for a pool/deck. After, reviewing the site for the pool/deck Justin Sorensen, Zoning Officer referred Mr. & Mrs. Cavalet to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). The Zoning Board of Appeals contacted the neighboring property owners and held a meeting then approved the application. Mr. Sorensen approved the zoning permit on June 18, 2020.

Town Justice Report- Judge Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of June. Judge Simpson also presented the board with a check for \$2,776.00 for the month of June.

Councilman Arthur Baderman asked if Justice Simpson has heard anything on the JCAP grant. Justice Simpson stated she has not heard anything at this time.

Judge Amy Simpson explained the new guidelines from New York State that need to be in place before Rodman has its first court session in August.

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

Town Clerk Jamie Ackley asked the Town Board to review and sign the attached form for the 2020 tax records if founded to be correct.

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

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated that the town crewman has been working on mowing roadsides, town lawns, washing bridges, placing stone on Williams Road, and Killenbeck Road. They have also removed trees on Plank Road, Spring Street and Williams Road.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated that Roy (Buzzy) Simpson has contacted him about trees that are dead along the walking trail. The board all agreed the trees need to be replaced. Councilman Vance Carpenter will send Supervisor Lisa Worden a tree list with prices.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin submitted a quote from E-Pak Manufacturing for a 40cu yard dumpster (22'x96' with 84' side with roof), totaling \$7,500. This dumpster will be able to hold the mattresses that can no longer be thrown into the regular dumpsters at the Rodman Recycling Center. After a discussion, the town board agreed to table the dumpsters for a further meeting.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated he billed the county for nearly \$10,000. Shared services will be in effect in the future between the Town of Rodman and Jefferson County.

Library Report- Library Manager Margaret McKay reported the library will remain a pick-up window until the state lifts the mandates that they are requiring.

A story walk is being planned along the walking path.

Library Manager Margaret McKay stated the town garden is thriving. Vegetables will soon be ready to hand out. Ms. McKay stated that Watertown Saving Bank donated \$100 to help with the cost of the garden.

Planning Board Report- Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated there has been two sub-divisions submitted.

NEW/OLD

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that the Town of Rodman received thank you cards from Terry Dack and the Ellisburg Fire Department. Supervisor Worden donated them behalf of Ms. Dack's mother-in-law that passed.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the difference in cost for adding the Library onto the town insurance is \$46.47 a year. Ms. Worden also stated that the towns premium went up to \$400, due the changing the liability endorsement from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she received a call from Mikey Smith, insurance Union Rep, asking to meet with her. Supervisor Lisa Worden responded after speaking to the board members the Town Board is not looking to change any part of the agreement at this time. The board wants to keep the terms as agreed upon at negotiations.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Town of Rodman received a bill of \$310.81 from DM Shaver to fix the generator.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Town of Rodman received a letter from the USDA in regards to default on land from 2019. Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated he also received a letter and the letter doesn't affect the Town of Rodman.

Town Clerk Jamie Ackley stated she would like the town to increase the dog fees. The current licensing fee of \$10.00 for an altered (spayed) dog would increase to \$15.00. The current licensing of \$20 for an unaltered dog (not spayed) would increase to \$25.00. The motion was made by Councilman Arthur Baderman to approve resolution #res070820-1 which would support Local Law 1 of 2018, Supervisor Lisa Worden seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Town Clerk Jamie Ackley stated she would like the town to increase the marriage license. The current licensing for a marriage license is \$30.00 the increase would be to \$40.00. The motion was made by Councilman Arthur Baderman to approve resolution #res070820-2 which would the increase of marriage license in the Town of Rodman, Supervisor Lisa Worden seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Town Clerk Jamie Ackley stated the new printer for the New York State DEC Decals has been installed.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin asked the board to consider paving Bisig, Heath, Kenfield, Myers and Dobbins Roads while the cost of asphalt it at its lowest. After a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Stuart Tamblin to approve the paving of Bisig, Heath, Kenfield, Myers and Dobbins Roads (2.9 miles) at \$150,000, Seconded by

Councilman Arthur Baderman. All in favor. Supervisor Lisa Worden believes that it is the most cost effective.

General bills numbered 145-172 in the total amount of \$25,226.01 and highway bills numbered 070-083 in the total amount of \$38,455.31 were audited and ordered paid.

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Rodman Town Board entered into executive session at 7:53 pm, for a personnel issue that needed to be addressed by the entire town board. Superintendent Dale Tamblin was asked to attend the executive session. The executive session ended at 8:05 pm. No action was taken.

Councilman Arthur Baderman motioned to adjourn at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next board meeting August 12, 2020 @7:00 pm