

Town of Rodman  
12509 School Street  
Rodman, NY 13682  
Town Board Meeting  
March 10, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 10, 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
	Justin Sorensen	-----	Town Zoning Officer-Absent
	John Stinson	-----	Planning Board Chairman
	Margaret McKay	-----	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 February 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 is working partial staff with one remote worker due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

DANC received a total of 1,146 scale transactions, totaling 12,865.86 tons of material; which is 2,167 tons under projections for the month of February.

There were 134 payments processed for various vendors, totaling \$542,940.

DANC reviewed, approved and processed one special waste request, one asbestos request.

DANC diverted 149 mattresses from Jefferson County in the month of February.

Books- suspended as a direct result of COVID-19 guidelines.

There were a total of 22 tons of tires recycled in Jefferson County and 34 tons of tires recycled in St. Lawrence County, totaling 56 tons of tires recycled in the month of February.

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

There were 25 loads hauled to Recycle America totaling 407 tons.

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

DANC has recorded 4.05 inches of rain in the month of February.

There were 705,200 gallons (82 loads) of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of February.

All other activities are on hold until spring.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she received an email stating DANC is planning on opening the scales 45 minutes early (at 6:30 am) on the following dates;

Tuesday, June 1, 2021 (after Memorial Day closure on Monday, 5/31/21)  
Tuesday, July 6, 2021 (after Independence Day closure on Monday, 7/5/21)  
Tuesday, September 7, 2021 (after Labor Day closure on Monday, 9/5/21)  
Monday, December 27, 2021 (after Christmas Day closure on Friday, 12/24/21)  
Monday, January 3, 2022 (after New Year's Day closure on Friday, 12/31/21)

These early openings are to accommodate haulers who have identified capacity-related issues resulting from the holiday weekends and county transfer stations being closed on the following days. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the letter she received from the Authority requested the Town of Rodman approval. All agree.

**CTHC REPORT-** No report was submitted for the month of February.

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is seeking candidate projects for funding under the BRIDGE NY Program, which provides enhanced assistance for local governments to rehabilitate and replace bridges and culverts. Applications will be accepted January 25, 2021 through May 19, 2021 for culverts, and June 9, 2021 for bridges. For more information go to [www.dot.ny.gov/bridgeny](http://www.dot.ny.gov/bridgeny).

Lewis County Economic Development is working with Jefferson County Economic Development, Lewis County Chamber of Commerce, Oneida County Tourism, Oswego County, Tug Hill Commission, and several area snowmobile clubs, that have contracted with the Center for Community Studies at Jefferson County Community College (JCC) and Camoin 360 to conduct an Economic Impact Study of snowmobiling in Lewis County and the Tug Hill region. JCC students will be at high-traffic locations throughout the four-county area interviewing snowmobilers. The snowmobilers can take a survey online starting Monday, February 15, 2021, ([surveymonky.com](https://surveymonky.com)).

The New York Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) will help communities implement actions to reduce carbon emission and combat climate change in a new Clean Energy Communities Leadership Round. For more information go to [www.adirondack.org](http://www.adirondack.org).

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) application is now open for the Trees for Trib's Buffer in the Bag Program. This program is open to private and public landowners who may qualify for 25 trees and shrub seedlings for planting near streams, rivers, or lakes to help stabilize banks, protect water quality, and improve wildlife habitat. For more information visit the DEC website. Applications are due by 3:00 pm on April 12, 2021.

Chief Recording Officer for the New York State Unified Court System will be discussing the unique rules and retention and disposition schedules that apply to municipal court records on March 17, 2021. To register on the NYS Archives website at [www.nysed.gov](http://www.nysed.gov).

The Northern Border Regional Commission's (NBRC) State Economic & Infrastructure Development grant applications are available March 8, 2021. For more information visit [www.bbrc.gov](http://www.bbrc.gov).

The New York State Association of Towns will be holding a webinar titled "A Primer for Highways' ' on March 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm. To register visit Highway Webinar Registration.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Tug Hill Commissions is running a "Letters from a Tug Hill Logger" series. This is a three-part series that is being told by Leona and Peter Chereshnoski, the granddaughter and great-grandson of John Clemens. Both Leona and Peter Chereshnoski read letters, share stories, show off artifacts, photos and "spin yarns" of the Tug Hill logging. The remaining session is March 24, 2021, to register go to [www.ud02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WNsglXM7TJSSCQccG2uv6eSw.com](http://www.ud02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WNsglXM7TJSSCQccG2uv6eSw.com).

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

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) grant of \$156.93 has been deposited into the town account.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Eastern Shore Associates, which is the town insurance, was paid for 2021.

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

**Town Justice Report-** Judge Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of February. Judge Amy Simpson presented the board with a check in the amount of \$2,074.00 for the month of February. Judge Simpson stated the court is reopening at 25% capacity.

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

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

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated crewman John Beese will be leaving on April 12, 2021.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the town has lots of time to hire a new crewman due to the summer months approaching.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated CHIPS money has been reinstated.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated there will be multiple road projects over the next two years. Some of those projects are reconstruction and paving of Brown Road and Williams Road. The Plank Road, Worden Road, and Shagraw Road will also need maintenance.

Councilman Arthur Baderman asked Superintendent Dale Tamblin why the snowblower wasn't working. Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the snowblower hoses were overheating and the problem has been resolved.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated he ordered 100 tons of salt.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the crewman will be going back on days in three weeks.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated he has ordered a load of gravel for the recycling center due to the mud. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she has received multiple complaints about the mud. Mrs. Worden believes that paving would be beneficial to everyone. Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated it would cost \$20,000 to pave the whole Recycling Center. After some discussion the board all agreed to address the situation. A motion was made by Supervisor Lisa Worden to approve the paving at the Recycling Center, Councilman Stuart Tamblin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Library Report-** No report was submitted for the month of February.

Library Manager Margaret McKay announced before the meeting that the Rodman Library is open to the public.

**Planning Board-** Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated he has nothing to report at this time.

## **NEW/OLD**

Supervisor Lisa Worden will be reaching out to Star Carter, a GIS Analyst in the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC). Ms. Carter is planning on training with the Fire Department in the upcoming months.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated Amy Simpson will stand in as Deputy Clerk. Paperwork was notarized so Mrs. Simpson could do death certificates if needed.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin asked the board to consider allowing Supervisor Lisa Worden to sign the New York State Highway Law #284. The New York State Highway #284 Law is an agreement between the Rodman Town Board/Supervisor and the Rodman Highway Department funds to be entered into the year 2021. All agreed.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin gave Supervisor Lisa Worden \$200 for the propane tanks.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin had asked the board to consider purchasing a D3 Bulldozer in the amount of \$148,00.00 in February's meeting. The board all agreed that Superintendent Dale Tamblin needed to submit an estimate. After reviewing the estimate the board decided it would be a good purchase with the upcoming road maintenance. A motion was made by Councilman Stuart Tamblin to approve to purchase the Cat D3 Bulldozer, Councilman Vance Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Town Board all agreed the D3 Bulldozer will be used as shared services within neighboring townships.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated Kay Chapman sent a letter of resignation. Ms. Chapman's resignation was due to her moving out of the Town of Rodman.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the South Jeff rescue squad will hold an online meeting on Tuesday March 30, 2021 at 6:00 pm. For more information go to [www.southjeffersonrescue.org](http://www.southjeffersonrescue.org).

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated Scott Grey contacted her stating all highway crew can now be vaccinated for COVID-19.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the town should order new flags with a new mounting system. All agreed.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin asked the town to purchase a push lawn mower and weed eater for the Gordon E. Memorial Park. All agree.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin asked the town board to consider replacing the solar lights on the walking trail with non solar lights. After some discussion Supervisor Lisa Worden believes it is cost effective. All agreed. Superintendent Dale Tamblin will look into new lights and the cost.

Supervisor Lisa Worden was asked by town residents if the walking trail could be used in the winter months, possibly paving the path. Mrs. Worden also stated in the past a snow blower was used on the path however the stones blowing everywhere became a problem. After a discussion the board decided that paving the walking path is not an opinion at this time.

Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated the Fire Department is installing a new LED sign on their building.

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. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley stated she will develop a resolution and present it at next month's board meeting. All agreed.

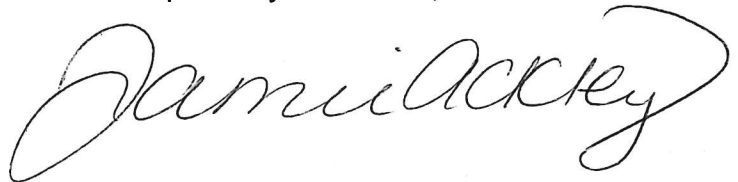
Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated there is a 1000 gallon fuel tank and diesel cat generator that is no longer needed at the Highway Department. Superintendent Dale Tamblin asked the board to consider putting both the fuel tank and generator on Auction International under surplus equipment. All agreed.

General and highway bills numbered 71-108 in the total amount of \$94,271.42 were audited and ordered paid.

Rodman Town Board entered into executive session at 8:05 pm, for a personnel issue that needed to be addressed by the entire town board. The executive session ended at 8:20 pm. No action was taken.

Supervisor Lisa Worden motioned to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jamie Ackley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jamie" and last name "Ackley" clearly distinguishable.

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next board meeting April 14, 2021 @ 7:00 pm