

Town of Rodman

County of Jefferson

Town Board Meeting

State of New York

March 13, 2019 7:00 PM

Present were Supervisor Gary Stinson, Councilpersons Arthur Baderman, Vance Carpenter, Lisa Worden and Stuart Tamblin. Highway Superintendent Dale Tamblin was absent.

The privilege of the floor was offered- no one spoke.

Councilman Arthur Baderman made a motion to approve the February minutes with corrections; Councilman Vance Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

DANC Report –Patricia M. Pastella, General Manager Solid Waste Division of the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC), submitted reported for the month of February.

DANC received a new caterpillar landfill compactor.

There was ice and wind damages to the portable litter fences, which has been repaired.

DANC has started a mattress collection program in St. Lawrence County.

DANC is attending the Local Municipal Recycling legislative session in Albany.

The timber sale and land clearing for the Southern Expansion borrow area is complete.

DANC received a total of 1,150 scale transactions, totaling 14,593 ton of material which is 1,952 tons under projected for the month of February.

DANC reported their 2018 waste totals to New York DEC.

The annual hauler renewal permits were prepared and emailed to seventy customers.

DANC stated they received approximately 59,837.38 tons of contaminated soil in the month of February.

There were 2,003,800 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of February and 490,200 gallons of leachate hauled to the Rome WWTP in the month of February. Totaling in the amount of 2,494,000 gallons of leachate.

DANC has recorded 11.0 inches of snow (rain equivalent = 1.17 inches), 1.7 inches of rain for a total of 2.95 inches of rain for the month of February.

The Southern Expansion continues to be shut down. DANC is hoping to have the expansion project going again in Mid-May.

CTHC Report – Kay Chapman, Representative of the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC), stated that Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring a NYS DEC endorsed four hour training on Erosion and Sediment Control Training, Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The workshop will be held at Old McDonald's Farm in Sackets Harbor, the cost for the workshop is \$80. For more information visit <https://jeffersoncountyswcd.org/registration-form>.

The commission in conjunction with Lewis County Planning and Lewis County Department of Forestry, Recreation and Parks are hosting a workshop on Grants Gateway on Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Howard G. Sackett Technical Center (5836 NYS Route 12 Glenfield). The workshop is free to non-profit groups hoping to apply for NYS grants, but is open to anyone. RSVP to Jenn Harvill at 315-785-2392.

The NYS DEC will be holding a series of public meetings to provide stakeholders with the opportunity for input on the Real Property Tax Law Program's Section 480A. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss areas of the program that could be improved, including increasing compliance, reducing administrative burdens and improving forestry outcomes.. The closed session in our area is on March 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Region 6 DEC office (7327 Route 812, Lowville).

The NYS Planning Federation Conference has been scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Sagamore Hotel in Bolton's Landing, New York. Registration is now available and information on the conference agenda can be found on the Planning Federation website. Visit <http://nypf.org/annual-conference> for more information.

The Tug Hill Commission will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm in the Commission Office at the State Office Building 317 Washington Street in Watertown. The spring meeting will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>, at Steak and Brew in Turin, New York. Both meeting are open to the public.

Angie Kimball, Circuit Rider for the Cooperative Tug Hill Council stated that Carla Fowler is willing to help the Town of Rodman with writing archive grants or finding a local vender to help scan our documents in the further.

Supervisor's Financial Report –Supervisor Gary Stinson submitted a report for the month of February.

Town Zoning Officer's Report- Jacob Bull submitted a report for the month of February.

Town Justice Report- Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of February. Judge Simpson presented the board with a check for \$1,847.00 for the month of February.

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

Highway Superintendent Report- Superintendent Dale Tamblin- No report was submitted.

New Storage Building- Discussion was held on what was wanted on the new storage building ie: metal roof, white doors, two overhead doors in the back and on the front. Councilman Carpenter is putting together specs for the new storage building and they will be put in the paper for contractors to bid on. A building permit will need to be obtained from the Town Clerk's office.

Street Light LED- Supervisor Gary Stinson stated that the LED light project is complete.

Reduce Building and Equipment Reserve Fund Balance- Supervisor Gary Stinson stated the Town of Rodman has \$1.1 million. After the purchase of the new truck for \$250,000 this will reduce the funds to \$850,000. The Patrick Road project is at \$350,000 which brings the funds down to \$500,000. There was \$300,000 for the new building fund that Supervisor Gary Stinson believes should be moved back into the General Fund. Councilman Tamblin stated that he doesn't agree with moving the \$300,000 back into General Fund because he believes the discussion for a new building or fixing the current building has not been finalized. Everyone agreed. Supervisor Gary Stinson then stated the remainder the funds \$200,000 will be carried forward into next year.

Voting of the Proposed Wind Turbine Policy- the Rodman Town Board voted to pass a Local Law #1 of 2019. The purpose of this Local Law is to Amending the Development Code of the Town of Rodman, New York to Regulate Wind Energy Systems. The motion was made by Councilwoman Lisa Worden to approve resolution #res031019-1 which would support the Local Law #1 of 2019, Councilman Vance Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Status of the Solar Power Policy- Supervisor Gary Stinson stated he will make sure copies are given to Town attorney David Renzi for review.

Planning Board Chairman John Stinson asked the Town Board to consider reviewing and changing the Town Development Local Law 1 of 1998 and Local Law 1 of 2008 was found to have some discrepancies. Town Board vs. Planning Board; the current law was amended in 2008 to create a Planning Board with the authority to review, approve, or disapprove, subdivisions, special uses and site plans. It appears that in various section of the law the word "Town" needs to be changed to "Planning Board" in 2008 amendment. (See attachment) These discrepancies may cause future conflicts with other sections of the law that designate the planning board as the review and approval authority. After discussion with Town attorney David Renzi at February board meeting about these discrepancies Mr. Reni stated the Town of Rodman needed to hold a Public Hearing.

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk will put both Public Hearings in the Watertown Daily Times.

Records Storage-After discussion was held on bids for the records storage area: Councilman Baderman motioned that Dan Hamilton and Cliff Moulton be awarded the two bids for remodeling the records storage area. Councilman Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Old/New

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk requested that the town allow her to go to a conference in Syracuse May 5-8. Ms. Ackley would like to stay as the training is all day which makes for long days. All were in favor.

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk, brought up the idea of having the town picnic this summer. Ms. Ackley and Margaret McKay, Library Manager would like to organize it and form a small committee for ideas. The town board thought this was a good idea and approved them going forward. Tentative date is August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Councilwomen Lisa Worden asked if a maintenance person was ever hired for the town hall, town barn or the recycling center. The board agreed the no one has been hired for that position. Councilwomen Worden wondered if a retired insured contractor could be hired on an hourly rate as maintenance person or as someone that could put in a bid to build the new storage building. All agreed that a retired insured contractor could bid for the positions. The maintenance position will be posted.

Councilman Stuart Tamblin brought up Plank Road and the washout that has happened over the winter. Discussion was held on ways that the road could be fixed and Supervisor Stinson will talk to Superintendent Tamblin when he returns.

Councilman Arthur Baderman stated that Cameron Berry has contact him on doing the town's mowing for the summer. Mr. Berry is a college student and an interview with him will be set up when he is home. The rate of pay will stay the same at \$13.00 per hour.

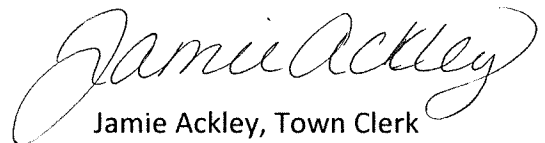
Councilman Arthur Baderman asked Supervisor Gary Stinson about the solar power panels for the town board and town hall. Supervisor Gary Stinson stated that he is waiting for a proposal to come back. The proposal should be available by next town board meeting.

Councilman Arthur Baderman asked Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk to post a sign on the front board that states there is an open Town Deputy Clerks position.

General bills numbered 047-082 in the total amount of \$65,496.37 and highway bills numbered 024-039 in the total amount of \$61,370.94 were audited and ordered paid.

Supervisor Gary Stinson motioned to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jamie Ackley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J".

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Public Hearing- April 10<sup>th</sup> @6:30 pm Solar Power Policy

Public Hearing-April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6: 45 pm Planning Board

Next board meeting April 10, 2019 @7:00 pm