

Town of Rodman  
12509 School Street  
Rodman, NY 13682  
Town Board Meeting  
May 13, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

<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-Absent
	John Stinson	-----	Planning Board Chairman-Absent
	Margaret McKay	-----	Library Manager-Absent
	Jim Rounds	-----	Town of Rodman Assessor-Absent

Due to the pandemic the Town of Rodman's board meeting will be short and we have less than 10 people.

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

**PRIVIEGE of the FLOOR-** No one spoke.

Councilman Arthur Baderman made a motion to approve the March minutes; Supervisor Lisa Worden 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 1,345 scale transactions, totaling 14,815.77 tons of material; which is 3,600 tons under projections for the month of April.

There were 126 payments processed for various vendors, totaling \$494,502.

DANC reviewed, approved and processed five residential cleanup requests.

DANC processed one new hauler permit.

DANC has suspended hard cover book recycling due to reduced staffing as a direct result of Governor Cuomo's order April.

DANC diverted 311 mattresses in St. Lawrence County, 411 mattresses from Jefferson County and 109 mattresses from Lewis County totaling 831 mattresses diverted in the month of April.

There was a total of 38.51 tons of tires recycled in month of April.

DANC has recorded 3.42 inches of rain in the month of April.

There were 1,625,000 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of April. The City of Watertown is accepting 10 loads per day. No, leachate was hauled to Rome.

**CTHC REPORT**– Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that a Tug Hill report has been submitted. (see attachment)

The New York State Department of State Division of Local Government Service is holding three webinars. The first one is on “Land Use Moratoria” which will be held on May 13, 2020 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. The second is “Comprehensive Planning” held on May 27, 2020 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Third, “Blight Strategies and Tools for Governments” on June 10, 2020 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. These classes provide training hours towards the annual training requirement for the Planning and Zoning Board. For more information visit <http://www.dos.ny.gov/lglut/index.html>.

The New York Conference of Mayor's (NYCOM) Counsel Rebecca Ruscito will be holding a webinar on Thursday, May 14, from 10:30am until noon on "Small Wireless Facilities and 5G in New York State". For more information visit [www.us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WNVy2T20SaRyKgjqSami8Hg](http://www.us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WNVy2T20SaRyKgjqSami8Hg).

The office of the State Comptroller (OSC) will be holding training sessions in the spring. One of the sessions it titled “Policies and Procedures for Managing Your Municipality” will be held on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 11:30am. Then on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am until 11:00am there is a session titled “Fiscal Responsibilities of the Town Clerk”. For more information visit <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/academy/webinarstraining.htm>.

The Fire Prevention and Safety grants offered by FEMA has been released and the grant cycle is now open, For more information on the grant and application document visit

<https://www.fema.gov/fire-prevention-safety-grants>.

The U.S Department of Agriculture, Forest Service anticipates up to a \$4.2 million in new funds that will be available for tree planting and forest health improvement in the Great Lake Basin. For more information, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/naspf/working-with-us/grants/great-lakes-restoration-initiative>. There will be an informational webinar May 12th at 10:00am.

The NY State Board of Regents has adopted amendments paving the way for a new local government retention and disposition schedule. The new schedule (LGS-1) will combine and replace all four current local government schedules (CO-2, MU-1, ED-1, MI-1). The new schedule will be available once the public comment period closes and any final revisions (estimated to appear in August of 2020). The local government must adopt the new schedule by January 1, 2020, then current schedules will no longer be valid. The State Archives will be providing additional information and training on the new schedule throughout the year. For more information visit [www.archives.nysed.gov](http://www.archives.nysed.gov).

The May Tug Hill Commission meeting will be held using Zoom on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am until 11:30am. Contact Circuit Rider Angie Kimball if you are interested in listening in on the Zoom meeting.

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

Supervisor Lisa Worden reported the Jefferson County \$20,280.88 receipt is believed to be the Town of Rodman share of sale tax.

Supervisor Lisa Worden reported the Jefferson County snow & ice check was issued to the Town of Rodman in the amount of \$112,048.00.

Supervisor Lisa Worden asked the board members if they had any thoughts of adjusting the budget. Councilman Arthur Baderman stated that due to the current pandemic the board may want to delay in adjusting the funds in the accounts. The Town of Rodman will not be able to hold a Public Hearing during this time. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that establishing different funds was needed a long time ago, however, it may take a few months. All agreed.

Town Zoning Officer's Report- Justin Sorensen, Zoning Officer submitted a report for the month of April. Seven building permits were issued in the month of April.

Councilman Jacob Bull asked the Town Clerk to delete his email from the Zoning site on the town website. Town Clerk stated she will have Matthew Turcotte of Eastern Shore replace Councilman Jacob Bull email address with Town Zoning Officer Justin Sorensen's email address.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she received a letter from New York State that she forwarded to the Town Attorney, Zoning Officer Justin Sorensen and Planning Chairman John Stinson. The letter is in regards to Uniform, Fire Prevention and building codes. The letter stated that if the Town of Rodman does their building and code through Jefferson County no action is needed. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that the Town of Rodman does go through Jefferson County so we are good with New York State.

Town Justice Report- Due to the pandemic the Town of Rodman Court has temporarily closed. There was no report submitted for the month of April.

Councilman Arthur Baderman asked Justice Clerk Jamie Ackley when will the Town of Rodman Court begin working. Justice Clerk Jamie Ackley stated after speaking with Town Justice Amy Simpson we will start back in the office within the week however what we can do is limited. The Town of Rodman will not hold court until further notice.

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

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

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated that that is no heat at the Rodman Highway barn. Superintendent Tamblin stated that Dan Hamilton will be replacing the circulator pump for the heater over the summer.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated due to the overloading of the dumpsters at the transfer station he rented a 40-yard dumpster from Thomas Trash Service for \$250 a month. The town board believes people are staying home and cleaning out their homes, due to the pandemic.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated he has gotten no response on a dumpster for mattresses.

Library Report- Library Manager Margaret McKay reported to Supervisor Worden.

The library will be holding a meeting May 14, 2020.

Supervisor Worden stated that the Rodman Library is hoping to open in the early part of June with curb-side pickup.

The Rodman Library would like the town to allow them to have a community vegetable garden. The garden would be 20 foot by 30 foot and they would like to place it in the side parking lot. This garden would be a safe place for the community to get fresh produce during these hard times. After some discussion the board agree that a community vegetable garden is a good idea. However, the location maybe an issue due to it being so wet on the side parking lot. Supervisor Worden will talk to Library Manager Margaret McKay to discuss different location options.

Planning Board- Planning Board Chairman John Stinson reported to Supervisor Worden. Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated they will be holding the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) on May 26, 2020 at the Community Hall. There will be five members and the Town Assessor Jim Rounds. If any town residents attend only one will be allow in the building at a time. Residents will be remaining in their car and called in to meet with the BAR members. Town residents also have the opportunity to call in and talk to the assessor.

#### **NEW/OLD**

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Board of Elections called and stated that New York State is required to hold elections on June 26, 2020 from 6am to 10pm. The Board of Elections will need to get into the building the day before elections to bring cleaners to clean the Community room where the election is held and the equipment for voters.

Supervisor Worden stated that town resident Terry Blodgett has shown concern about a loose post on the fence that was installed a couple years ago on the town line and his property. Mr. Blodget is going to repair the fence.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated that one of the lawn mowers was taken down to Tug Edge to be maintenance.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that former employee Camren Berry is claiming unemployment. There is a potential \$650.50 to be paid to Mr. Berry out of the Town of Rodman unemployment account. After some discussion the town board agreed to pay the \$650.50.

Town Clerk Jamie Ackley asked about the outside bathroom being open. Due to the pandemic the baseball season has been cancelled until further notice. The board all agreed at this time the outside bathroom doesn't need to be open.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated there is a couple things that need to be fixed on the playground.

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Supervisor Lisa Worden stated due to things being shut down the flags for the cemetery may or may not be here before Memorial Day. Mrs. Worden will do her best to get all the Veterans flags on their plot.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the flags will be put up on the poles next week.

General bills numbered 094-115 in the total amount of \$46,746.35 and highway bills numbered 054-063 in the total amount of \$29,027.56 were audited and ordered paid.

Supervisor Lisa Worden motioned to adjourn at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next board meeting June 10, 2020 @7:00 pm