

Town of Rodman
12509 School Street
Rodman, NY 13682
Town Board Meeting
January 12, 2022
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 12th day of January, 2022.

PRESENT:	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
	Linda McConnell	-----	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 Jacob Bull made a motion to approve the December's minutes; Councilman Stuart Tamblin 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 21,470 tons of material; which is 3,445 tons over projections for the month of December.

There were 167 payments processed for various vendors, totaling \$422,947.80.

DANC reviewed, approved and processed eleven special waste requests, five asbestos requests, and one community improvement request.

On December 28, 2021, a waste truck was observed to be on fire when it went down NY State Route 177. The landfill Superintendent called 911, the Rodman Volunteer Fire Department responded to the scene and extinguished the fire which was isolated to the waste in the truck. There was no damage to the truck.

Books are being accepted for debinding at RTS in Harrisville. A total of 3,210 pounds of books were recycled in December.

DANC diverted 232 mattresses in St. Lawrence County, 230 mattresses from Jefferson County and no mattresses from Lewis County totaling 516 mattresses diverted in the month of December.

St. Lawrence County continues to process Single Stream Recyclables.

There were 25 loads hauled to Recycle America totaling 462.82 tons of recyclables.

The litter fence project is on hold until spring.

The Guide Rail Project procurement process is just about complete.

DANC has recorded 3.35 inches of rain in the month of December.

There were 1,188,450 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of December. The City of Watertown accepted 139 loads.

CTHC REPORT – Beth Steria, Representative of the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC), submitted a report for the month of December.

Remote meetings have been authorized by the Governor via a State Law until January 15, 2022. Contact Angie Kimball, Circuit Rider if you have a Board meeting or public Hearing that will be held by zoom.

Cornell Local Roads Program (CLRP) has multiple webinars scheduled for this upcoming winter months. For information and listing of all webinars visit <https://cals.cornell.edu.nysltp-local-roads>.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Grant Program Directorate have issued a notice of the Financial Year 2021 Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) grants. The AFG grant program allows applications in three areas; 1. (Operations and Safety); 2. (Vehicle Acquisition) and 3. (Regional Projects). Each activity has its own eligibility requirements for more information visit <https://www.fema.gov/media-collection/fy-2021-assistance-firefighters-grant-afg-application-guidance-materials>.

The Great Lot Sportsman's Club will be hosting five guided snowshoeing trips this winter at their club at 4277 Osceola Road in West Leyden. For more information visit www.thegreatlot.com.

Supervisor's Financial Report – Supervisor Lisa Worden submitted a Monthly Report of Receipts and Payments for December it was read and filed.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she received the Host Community check in the amount of \$214,073.60

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA) has been deposited into the General Fund. Supervisor Worden will be in contact with Water Board President Robert Williams for the next step in the ARPA guidelines.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated DANC issued the Town of Rodman a check in the amount of \$4,225.00 for the 2021 water testing.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated New York State has changed the COVID-19 guidelines to five days quarantine and 24 hours fever free before returning to work after testing positive. After some discussion the town board has decided that the town crewman will only come in to plow and maintain the trucks until COVID numbers come down. The town crewman will also be wearing masks while around others and sanitize their trucks after using them.

Town Zoning Officer's Report- Zoning Officer Justin Sorensen submitted a monthly report for the month of December.

Town Justice Report- Judge Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of December. Judge Amy Simpson presented the board with a check in the amount of \$2,813.00 for the month of December.

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

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk submitted the New York Department of Environment Conservation (DEC) report for the month of December.

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk submitted a Town of Rodman & County collection summary for 2022. There has been 19% of taxes collected thus far.

Highway Superintendent Report- No report was submitted.

Library Report- Library Manager Linda McConnell submitted a report for the month of December.

There have been 59 adults and 23 children that have come into the library in the month of December.

Each month there will be a new theme to get the patrons reading new and old books. January's theme is "Read a book that you never thought you would". We have old and new books being displayed.

There will be a children's program during February's school break.

The Rodman Library received 22 new books in December.

Planning Board- Planning Board Chairman John Stinson submitted a report for the month of December.

2022 Organizational Meeting

Town Board Meeting	Every second Wednesday of the month
Town Attorney	Company, McArdle & Randall, PLLC
Designated newspaper	Watertown Daily Times
Designed bank	Watertown Saving Bank
Association of Towns delegate	Lisa Worden
Budget Officer	Lisa Worden
Town Assessor	James Round
Zoning Officer	Justin Sorensen
Deputy Supervisor	Arthur Baderman
Highway Supt. Working Foreman	Walker Lowe
Deputy Town Clerk	Unknown
Planning Board Chairman	John Stinson
Planning Board-Vice Chair	Sandra Groff
Planning Member	Vacant Position
Zoning Board of Appeals	Vacant Position
Board of Assessment Review	Vacant Position
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Water District	Philip Branch
DANC Citizen Advisory Committee	Arthur Baderman & Lisa Worden, Jamie Ackley
Town Historian	Margaret McKay
Chairman Cooperative Tug Hill Council	Roger E. Tibbetts

Supervisor Lisa Worden made a motion to approve the 2022 Organizational Meeting; Councilman Arthur Baderman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley will be posting an ad in the Watertown Daily Times for the available positions.

Local Law 1 of 2022- A Public Hearing was held on January 12, 2022 before the regular scheduled board meeting on Opting-out of Exemption From Taxation for Solar/Wind Energy and Alternate Energy Systems, Real Property Tax Law 487, Section 8 (a). A motion was made by Supervisor Lisa Worden to approve the Opt-out of Exemption From Taxation for Solar/Wind Energy and Alternate Energy Systems, Real Property Tax Law 487, Section 8 (a).; Councilman Vance Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW/OLD

Councilman Vance Carpenter asked about the heating system at the Transfer Station. Highway Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated he has a call into DH Mechanical to replace the furnace in the next couple weeks

Superintendent Dale Tamblin submitted job descriptions for both Rodman Transfer Working Foreman and Rodman Transfer Attendant. (see attachment) After the town board reviewed the job descriptions all board members agreed to delete the TASTING portion in the Physical, Cognitive and

Sensory Requirements section. However, smelling is required to detect odor such as fire, smoke, noxious gas, prohibited materials, ect. Also the board members want Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) added to the job requirements.

General and highway bills numbered 1-34 in the total amount of \$75,414.12 were audited and ordered paid for the month of December.

Councilman Arthur Baderman motioned to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next board meeting February 9 , 2022 @ 7:00 pm