

Town of Rodman  
12509 School Street  
Rodman, NY 13682  
Town Board Meeting  
March 9, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

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| <b>PRESENT:</b> | Lisa Worden     | ----- | Supervisor                     |
|                 | Arthur Baderman | ----- | Councilman                     |
|                 | Vance Carpenter | ----- | Councilman-Absent              |
|                 | 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        |
|                 | 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-** Perry J. Golden candidate running for Jefferson County Sheriff spoke about the upcoming election on June 28, 2022. Mr. Golden talked about his 26 year career in law enforcement and is asking for the Town of Rodman's support.

Joshua Main, Rodman Fire Chief stated the Rodman Fire Department is putting on a Rodman Community Event. The Community Days will be family oriented. There will be a dunking booth, lots of food and games for children. The Fire Department would like to use the Community Park and is asking if anyone is willing to help out. Some tentative dates for the Community Days are June 25, July 9, or July 30th.

Joshua Main, Rodman Fire Chief, stated the Rodman Fire Department is asking the Town of Rodman Board for approval to place a pump station at the end of School Street by the vacant bridge. The pump station will allow the Fire Department to draw water from the creek in case there is ever a fire here in town. After some discussion all agreed to allow the Fire Department and Fire District to place a water pump at the end of School Street. Mr. Main will be talking to neighboring residents about the placement of the pump station.

Councilman Vance Carpenter made a motion to approve the February's minutes; Supervisor Lisa Worden seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**DANC REPORT** – Patrica M. Pastella, General Manager, Solid Waste Division of Development Authority of the North Country (DANC), submitted a report for the month of February.

DANC received a total of 1,212 scale transactions, totaling 13,361 tons of material; which is 4,058 tons under projections for the month of February. .

There were 126 payments processed for various vendors, totaling \$397,772.

DANC reviewed, approved and processed three special waste requests, five asbestos requests, and three community improvement requests.

DANC is preparing for the end of the year audit.

Books are being accepted for debinding at RTS in Harrisville. A total of 2,940 pounds of books were recycled in February. The book debinding operation will be relocated to North County Library Systems in Watertown, New York.

DANC diverted 149 mattresses from the landfill in the month of February.

St. Lawrence County continues to process Single Stream Recyclables.

There were 26 loads hauled to Recycle America totaling 463.94 tons of recyclables.

DANC has recorded 3.2 inches of rain in the month of February.

There were 718,200 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of February. The City of Watertown accepted 84 loads.

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

The Tug Hill Commission's 2022 Local Government Conference will be held Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at the Turning Stone Event Center in Vernon, New York. All attendees should register before March 18, 2022 or the fees double.

New York State Archives announced webinars on various records related topics to be conducted over the next several months. To view the webinars and to register visit

<http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/register>.

The Tug Hill Commission is hosting its first historical webinar of 2022 on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 2:00 pm. The webinar is "50 Years in a Hunting Club on Tug Hill" hosted by Jack Thoden.

Qualified landowners can apply for free bags of 25 trees and shrubs seedlings for planting near streams, rivers, or lakes to help stabilize banks, protect water quality, and improve wildlife habitat.

Visit DEC's website at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/77710.html>.

The DEC new Community Forest Conservation Grant Program is now available to communities. Municipalities may apply for the funding to purchase properties directly or through conservation easements to establish community forests and create new opportunities for public access. Deadline to apply is April 13, 2022.

The Tug Hill Commission has been working on developing an internet access map to identify areas with inadequate or no internet coverage. To view the map visit <https://tughil.org/broadband/>.

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

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated Town Accountant Terry Dack has been training Ashley Lowe for the open accounting position.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Rodman Community Church asked the board if they could once again do their annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Community Park. All agreed. The Church also asked if they could put up a bouncy house for a few hours. Due to the liability on the Town of Rodman the board all agreed not to allow a bouncy house.

**Town Zoning Officer's Report**- Zoning Officer Justin Sorensen submitted a monthly report 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 \$2733.00 for the month of February.

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

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk submitted a Town of Rodman & County Tax collection summary for 2022. There has been 81% of taxes collected thus far.

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

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated he received pricing from Doyle Security on the salt barn and town highway building. After some discussion the board all agreed that Superintendent Dale Tamblin would purchase a lock system at OD Greens to install on the salt barn and have the security system installed just at the highway barn.

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

There were 43 adults and 24 children in attendance at the Library in the month of February.

The Rodman Library held a movie day on February 23, with 19 children and 4 adults that participated.

During the school vacation in April the Rodman Library will be holding a STEM project on April 12, 2022 and a GAME day on April 14, 2022, times will be posted in the upcoming weeks.

March's theme of the month is; DUNK into a GREAT MYSTERY. Pick a Mystery book off the theme bookshelf and enter into a drawing for a \$10.00 Dunkin Donuts gift card.

The Library has received 15 new books in the month of February.

The New York State Library report was submitted on February 22, 2022.

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

**Capital Reserve Resolutions-** Supervisor Lisa Worden stated after having a meeting with Laird Pettie the Town of Rodman Board felt that setting up Reserve Funds would be best for the Town of Rodman. After some discussion;

A motion was made by Councilman Vance Carpenter to approve the resolution #res03092022-1, which allows the Town of Rodman to establish a capital reserve fund to be known as the Town of Rodman Highway Repair Reserve Fund, Councilman Stuart Tamblin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Vance Carpenter to approve the resolution #res03092022-1-1, which allows the Town of Rodman to deposit \$41,371 from the General Fund into the Town of Rodman Highway Repair Reserve Fund, Councilman Stuart Tamblin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Stuart Tamblin to approve the resolution #res03092022-2, which allows the Town of Rodman to establish a capital reserve fund to be known as the Town of Rodman Highway Equipment Reserve Fund, Councilman Jacob Bull seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Stuart Tamblin to approve the resolution #res03092022-2-2, which allows the Town of Rodman to deposit \$150,000 from the General Fund into the Town of Rodman Highway Equipment Reserve Fund, Councilman Jacob Bull seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Jacob Bull to approve the resolution #res03092022-3, which allows the Town of Rodman to establish a capital reserve fund to be known as the Town of Rodman Building and Grounds Reserve Fund, Councilman Vance Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Jacob Bull to approve the resolution #res03092022-3-3, which allows the Town of Rodman to deposit \$5000 from the General Fund into the Town of Rodman Building and Grounds Reserve Fund, Councilman Vance Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated these three accounts have been established so the Town of Rodman can budget the incoming funds appropriately and legally. All agreed.

## **NEW/OLD**

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the lights on the walking trail need to be maintained and new lighting put up. All agree.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the front ramp and door to the Community Hall should be replaced. The ramp is extremely slippery during the winter months and when it rains. Also the bottom of the front door is rusted. Councilman Vance Carpenter stated he will look into pricing, and styles of handicap accessible ramps. All agree to table this until next month.

Councilman Jacob Bull announced that he will be resigning from the Town of Rodman Board due to him moving out of Rodman. The board all agreed that Councilman Bull has been a great asset to the Town of Rodman.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the South Jefferson Summer Rec Program will be available to South Jefferson Students once again this year.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated July's Meeting will be held on July 20, 2022, not on July 13, 2022. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley will be posting accordingly.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated Jamie Ackley will be taking personal time off at the end of March and beginning of April. If any board members need assistance with anything please let her know before then.

Planning Board Chairman John Stinson asked the Town Board about mileage for the upcoming training at Turning Stone. All agreed a mileage voucher would have to be submitted.

Councilman Arthur Baderman stated he attended a meeting for the South Jefferson Rescue Squad. The South Jefferson Rescue Squad shared their concerns about the rising gas prices, the increased cost for supplies and the lack of funding coming in. All agreed to consider adjusting the budget for next year.

General and highway bills numbered 63-99 in the total amount of \$311,405.59 were audited and ordered paid for the month of February.

Councilman Arthur Baderman motioned to adjourn at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next board meeting April 13, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

July's board meeting July 20, 2022

