

Town of Rodman
12509 School Street
Rodman, NY 13682
Town Board Meeting
May 10, 2023
7:00 PM

A scheduled 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 10th day of May, 2023.

PRESENT:	Lisa Worden	-----	Supervisor
	Arthur Baderman	-----	Councilman
	Vance Carpenter	-----	Councilman
	Stuart Tamblin	-----	Councilman
	Micheal Gaylord	-----	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

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

PRIVILEGE of the FLOOR-

Patty Schnauber- 13757 County Route 68,
Bill Beac- 13760 County Route 155,
Fred Morris- 12537 County Route 155,
Fred and Katherine Goutremount- 13850 County Route 155,
Bob and Linda Hurley- 13725 County Route 155,
Auana Weeks Jakubowski- County Route 155
Gregory Majo- 13998 County Route 155

The above listed names are Town of Rodman residents who came to the Town of Rodman Board meeting to state their concerns with the tentative solar project. All residents are concerned with the wetlands on that parcel, with the lack of development of farmland, the safety concern with the entrance and exit of the land (see pictures in the attachments submitted by Gregory Majo) and how it affects the property value of their homes.

Nick DeJohn of RIC Energy- 4309 Noember Lane, Sryause, NY 13215 stated he heard all the concerns of the Town of Rodman Residents that attended the board meeting. Mr. DeJohn reassured the Town of Rodman residents that he will be relaying the concerns back to RIC Energy.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she also hears and agrees with all town residents however as the Supervisor of the Town of Rodman the Town of Rodman has to obey the laws of the Town and New York State. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the application that is submitted is not complete at this time. Mrs. Worden stated the Planning Board will be keeping everyone up to date as things move along.

District 10, Jefferson County Legislature, Jeremiah Maxon- 10608 US Route 11 is up for reelection. Mr. Maxon has asked the Rodman Town Board to consider reelecting him as District 10, Jefferson County Legislature as he has served Rodman for 10 years.

Councilman Stuart Tamblin made a motion to approve April's 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 for the month of April.

DANC received a total of 1,621 scale transactions, totaling 17,691.04 tons of material; for the month of April.

DANC reviewed, approved and processed seven special waste requests, three asbestos, ten reduced tip fee requests and one non-friable asbestos request in the month of April.

DANC had 1,085 mattresses diverted from the landfill in the month of April.

DANC diverted approximately 37.7831.59 tons of tires in the month of April.

DANC has recorded 4.26 inches of rain for the month of April.

There were 41,047,100 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of April. The City of Watertown accepted 122 loads.

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

New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) is holding their 2023 annual meeting and training school May 17th-19th at the Sagamore Hotel in Bolton's Landing. For more information visit <https://www.nycom.org/training/annual-convention>.

Association of Towns and the New York State LTAP Center-Cornell Local Roads Program's annual Highway School will be held at Ithaca College. For more information visit <https://www.nytowns.org>.

The Commission is hosting a training on "Highway Departments and Town Budgets" at the Town and Village Hall in Adams (3 South Main Street, Adams) on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Call 315-785-2380 or email tughill@tughill.org for more details.

The Black River Watershed Conference is scheduled for June 14, 2023 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Zero Dock Street (130 Canal Street, Carthage). For more information visit www.tinyurl.com/BRWC2023 or contact jennifer@tughill.org.

The St. Lawrence Eastern Lake Ontario Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (SLELO PRISM) is hosting a day-long Eastern Lake Ontario Invasive Species Symposium at the Tailwater Lodge in Altmar on June 22, 2023. For more information visit <https://www.sleloinvasives.org/event/2023-symposium/>.

The Tug Hill Commission meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2023 at the Town of Constantia Town Hall (14 Frederick Street, Constantia) at 10:00 am. The meeting is open to the public.

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

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

There were four principle use applications received in the month of April.

A possible violation complaint was received at Micheal Pierce's residence on County Route 68, Rodman. After speaking to and looking around Mr. Pieces residence, no violation was made. Zoning Officer Micheal Sorensen will follow up within the next 30 days.

Town Justice Report- Judge Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of April. Judge Amy Simpson presented the board with a check in the amount of \$2,599.00 for the month of April.

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

Town Clerk Jamie Ackley submitted the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Report for the month of April.

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

Superintendent Dale Tamblin asked the town board to allow the purchase of a new 2025 dump truck at the cost of \$344,457.00. A motion was made by Councilman Stuart Tamblin to approve res#051023-5, which supports the purchase of a 2025 dump truck, Councilman Vance Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin asked the Town Board to make the 2020 Ford F-350 surplus equipment so that it can be posted on Auctions International. A motion was made by Councilman Arthur Baderman to approve res#051023-4, which supports the 2020 Ford F-305 to be posted on Auctions International, Councilman Vance Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the highway crewmen will be patching County Route 97.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the CHIPS funding came in at \$198,00,00.

Library Report- No report was submitted.

Planning Board- Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated there is one application under review in the month of April.

The Planning Board is awaiting documentation on dog kennel business.

Assessor- James Rounds Town Assessor asked the Town of Rodman to pass a resolution which allows Jefferson County to do a town wide reassessment. A motion was made by Councilman Stuart Tamblin to approve res#051023-3, which forms CAP 1 in Jefferson County and allows Jefferson County to do a town wide reassessment in the Town of Rodman in 2024. The process will begin in 2023, Councilman Arthur Baderman seconded the motion. All were in favor. James Rounds Town Assessor stated Jefferson County Real Property will be assisting in the project at the rate of \$9.00 a parcel.

BAR Resolution-James Rounds stated the Board of Assessment Review member, is a five chairperson board, needing three votes to approve any vote. The Board of Assessment Review (BAR), currently holds three active voting board members. Town of Rodman Board members of Rodman, New York have voted and approved the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) to hold a three person board, with the need of two votes to approve. A motion was made by Councilman Arthur Baderman to approve res#051023-1, which supports the Town of Rodman Board of Assessment Review (BAR) to become a three member board, Councilman Vance Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Amos Blood-Supervisor Lisa Worden stated town resident Amos Blood of A & M Enterprise was the only business that submitted a quote to upgrade the Town Hall bathrooms and to install a bathroom at the Transfer Station. After a small discussion all agree that A & M Enterprise would do the work at both the Town Hall and Transfer Station.

South Jeff Rescue- Supervisor Lisa Worden stated South Jeff Rescue is asking the approval from neighboring townships to pass an agreement which would allow them to be in the South Jeff Rescue District on the landowners tax bills. Ms. Worden agreed this is a wonderful idea however with the lack of information and the high cost to the tax district she is not ready to make a decision. All agreed.

Comprehensive Plan- Supervisor Lisa Worden and Councilman Arthur Baderman continue to gather information on how to proceed with the Comprehensive Plan. This process should be starting in June or July and at that time all town residents will receive a questionnaire. More details coming in the near future.

RIC Energy -Solar/Gymo- Planning Board Chairman John Stinson asked the town board to pass a resolution which would allow the Planning Board to receive guidance from GYMO Architecture Engineering Surveying. GYMO is a company that will assist the Planning Board with reviewing the tentative solar project in the Town of Rodman. A motion was made by Councilman Stuart Tamblin to approve res#051023-2 which supports GYMO Architecture Engineering Surveying to assist the Town

of Rodman Planning Board with the tentative solar project, Councilman Vance Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

New/Old

Supervisor Lisa Worden the Town Hall had their fire inspection and are in need of new fire extinguishers. Superintendent Dale Tamblin said the fire extinguishers will be tested the next day.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated Clerk to the Supervisor Ashley Lowe went to finance school. Supervisor Worden stated during the class Ms. Ashley learned about a New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (NYCLASS) accounts for municipalities. The NYCLASS allows municipalities to hold their reserve funds with an interest rate of 4.8%. The Town of Rodman is currently holding their reserves funds with Watertown Saving Bank with the interest rate of 0.1%. After a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Arthur Baderman to approve res#051023-6 which supports the Town of Rodman to move all their reserve funds to New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (NYCLASS), Councilman Stuart Tamblin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she is waiting for a quote from Alpine Fence LLC in regards to the fence that borders Terry Blodget and the backstop fencing.

Rodman Town Board entered into executive session at 8:34 pm, for a personnel issue that needed to be addressed by the entire town board. The executive session ended at 8:45 pm. No action was taken.

General and highway bills numbered 141-176 in the total amount of \$99,458.49 were audited and ordered paid for the month of April

Councilman Arthur Baderman motioned to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next board meeting May 10, 2023 @ 7:00 pm