

Town of Rodman  
12509 School Street  
Rodman, NY 13682  
Town Board Meeting  
July 14, 2021  
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 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

<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
	Margaret McKay	-----	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-** LeeAnn Tedford, who has been hired as the new Town Accountant came to the board meeting to introduce herself. Ms. Tedford has been training with Terry Dack, current Town Accountant for the last couple months and plans on taking over fully in August. She will have an office in the Town of Adams municipal building.

Newly hired Eugene Cronk will be filling the highway crewman position starting July 20, 2021. Mr. Cronk thanked the board for allowing him to come and introduce himself.

Councilman Vance Carpenter made a motion to approve June minutes; Supervisor Lisa Worden 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), reported for the month of June.

Patricia M. Pastella, General Manager, Solid Waste Division of the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC), presented the Host Community check in the amount of \$196,716.51.

DANC received a total of 1,859 scale transactions, totaling 20,582 tons of material; which is 2,478 tons over projections for the month of June..

There were 158 payments processed for various vendors, totaling \$772,282.

DANC reviewed, approved and processed ten special waste requests, five asbestos requests, four Community Improvement requests and one residential clean up request.

The slopes along the roadside to the Borrow Area No. 3 were graded, seeded and mulched.

DANC has begun construction of a stormwater collection system and outfall No. 6.

DANC hosted and participated in a Mass Casualty Incident Drill with local first responders.

Danc continues to work with SCS Engineers on the feasibility evaluation of a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), the results will be presented to the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) board in August.

DANC diverted 872 mattresses in St. Lawrence County, 554 mattresses from Jefferson County and 167 mattresses from Lewis County totaling 1,593 mattresses diverted in the month of June.

Books - The debinding book operation has started again and is now located in Harrisville.

Tires - There were 13.65 tons of tires recycled during the month of June.

DANC continues to process Single Stream Recyclables from St. Lawrence County.

There were 58 loads hauled to Recycle America totaling 493 tons of recyclables.

There were 28 loads hauled to Recycle America totaling 540 tons.

DANC has recorded 2.1 inches of rain in the month of June.

There were 889,200 gallons (116 loads) of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of June.

DANC presented a chart that showed the last 13 months of waste volumes that were collected. (see attachments)

**CTHC REPORT**-Supervisor Lisa Worden reported on behalf of Karleigh Stucky, Representative of the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC) for the month of June.

The Tug Hill Commission, SUNY Albany and a regional task force have developed a "Tug Hill Community Connectedness Survey". This survey is to seek the members of the community to feel a sense of belonging, connectedness, common purpose, and investment in the community. You can find the survey online at <https://tinyurl.com/tughillcommunity.com>.

The 2021 Consolidated Funding Application is now open. The Consolidated Funding has many different funding programs available such as; Rec Trails Program, Environmental Protection Fund Grants Program for Parks, and Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program just to name a few. For more information on what fundings are available go to <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/2021-webinars>. Deadline to apply for the CFA's is July 30, 2021.

The Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department will be sponsoring a land use training workshop for local land use on Tuesday, September 28, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Lewis County Court House in Legislator Chambers. For more information visit (<https://www.lewiscounty.org/planning>).

Cornell Local Roads Program is presenting a Topical Tuesday webinar this summer. The webinar sessions run through July and August on Tuesdays. For more information on the sessions and to register visit; <https://www.clrp.cornell.edu/trainingevents/Webinars-Pnline-Training.htm>.

There will be no TugHill Commission meeting in July.

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

**Town Zoning Officer's Report-** Justin Sorensen, Zoning Officer submitted a report for the month of June.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated there was a complaint by Robert Hutchinson, Town Resident stating there is a rooster issue within the township. Supervisor Lisa Worden consulted with Zoning Officer Justin Sorensen and the Town of Rodman has no law against having a rooster. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she will be sending a letter to the owner of the rooster stating there has been a complaint.

**Town Justice Report-** Judge Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of June. Judge Amy Simpson presented the board with a check in the amount of \$2,564.00 for the month of June.

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

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

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

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the crewmen have been finishing up multiple jobs with the county.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin asked about the clothing allowance for the highway crewmen. Some of the crewmen would like t-shirts and others would like sweatshirts. The board all agreed that the crewmen choose either t-shirts or sweatshirts as long as it falls in the allowed budget.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin asked the board if Patsy Storino could survey the Rodman Highway Department property. All agreed.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin asked the board to consider installing a new heating system at the Recycling Center. All agreed. Superintendent Dale Tamblin will contact D&H Mechanic for pricing on a new propane heating system.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the door at the recycling center was not fixed properly. Daniel Grandjean the maintenance man will be called.

**Library Report-** Library Manager Margaret McKay submitted a report for the month of June.

Library Manager Margaret McKay reported the library has a new board member, Stephany Zimmerman. Ms. Zimmerman will be finishing Patrica Merrill's term which started in January.

The Rodman Library has 40 children participating in their Summer Reading Program and 10 children meeting for Kids Book Club.

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

**Tax Lexy-** Supervisor Lisa Worden stated a public hearing for the 2% Tax Lexy will be held on August 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

**Marijuana (Cannabis Law)-** Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Town of Rodman has been receiving emails about whether or not our municipality will be requesting to opt out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites. In order to put the vote to the public during the General Election on November 2, 2021, there is a deadline of August 2, 2021. After some discussion a motion was made by Councilman Arthur Baderman to opt out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites in the Town of Rodman, Councilman Stuart Tamblin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that opting out at this time will allow the Town of Rodman to opt back in at a later date when the Town of Rodman Board receives the New York State guidelines. A public hearing will be held on August 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

**Grant Money-** Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she submitted information and requested funding from the ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Mrs. Worden stated the Town of Rodman is eligible for a total payment of \$115,528, of which half will be paid this summer and half in the summer of 2022. This funding will help the water district replace two water pumps in the well house. Robert Williams will be setting up a meeting in the near future.

## **NEW/OLD**

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated there was an email sent out by Town Clerk Jamie Ackley about Nichola Berry, a town resident wanting to use the tables and chairs from the Town Hall. After some discussion the board would prefer all town residents ask the fire department to use their tables and chairs before allowing the town halls to be used. All agreed.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Town of Rodman passed the Teamster Audit that Terry Dack Town Accountant attended.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated with the newly passed Marijuana Law the town highway crew should be very aware that there is no tolerance for recreational use for any CDL driver. Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated he has already had a conversation with all highway crewmen about the Marijuana law. Mr. Tamblin stated the highway crewmen fall under the federal government being CDL drivers. All agreed.

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk has been having issues with the Frontier Communication internet connection in the town offices. Mrs. Ackley submitted a Spectrum Proposal and a Frontier Communication bill. After some discussion the board agrees to change to Spectrum internet. Superintendent Dale Tamblin asked if the Town Highway could be added to the internet. All agreed. Mrs. Ackley will be in contact with Spectrum.

**Kofile-** Town Clerk Jamie Ackley stated she received an email from Ryan Chapman of Kofile stating there is a problem with the amount of documents in the “moldy” box. Mr. Chapman is claiming there are 1207 documents in the box not 207 documents as previously stated. Mr. Chapman is also claiming the pricing should have come in at \$20 per page. After some discussion the Town of Rodman Board would like all the documents returned as is. Mrs. Ackley will be emailing Ryan Chapman on half of the town board.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin submitted a funding proposal for the town board to consider. The proposal was a combination of possible usage of the budgeted funds, CHIPS, Pave NY and the EWR 2021 funds. After some discussion the board agreed to finish Brown Road, use Precision Trenchless LLC Company to fix the four culverts, and pave Cemetery Road. All agreed.

General and highway bills numbered 245-279 in the total amount of \$29,165.61 were audited and ordered paid in the month of June.

Councilman Arthur Baderman motioned to adjourn at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

2% Tax Levy Public Hearing August 11, 2021 @ 6:15 pm

Cannabis Public Hearing August 11, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

Next board meeting August 11, 2021 @ 7:00 pm