

Town of Rodman  
12509 School Street  
Rodman, NY 13682  
Town Board Meeting  
August 11, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 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-** No one spoke.

Supervisor Lisa Worden made a motion to approve July minutes; Councilman Stuart Tamblin 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 July.

DANC received a total of 1,687 scale transactions, totaling 20,464 tons of material; which is 2,379 tons over projections for the month of July..

There were 147 payments processed for various vendors, totaling \$822,518.

DANC reviewed, approved and processed twelve special waste requests, three asbestos requests, and four Community Improvement requests.

DANC placed soil and seed on both the West Slope and the Northeast slope.

The annual cleaning and flushing of the primary leachate collection has begun.

DANC diverted 475 mattresses in St. Lawrence County, 705 mattresses from Jefferson County and 162 mattresses from Lewis County totaling 1,342 mattresses diverted in the month of July.

Books - The debinding book operation has started again and is now located in Harrisville. A total of 4,270 pounds of books have been recycled in the month of July.

Tires - There were no tires disposed of during the month of July.

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

There were 55 truck loads of recyclables received at DANC for a total of 506 tons.

There were 28 loads hauled to Recycle America totaling 549 tons.

DANC has recorded 8.6 inches of rain in the month of July.

There were 684,000 gallons (80 loads) of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of July.

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

The Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department will be holding a workshop training for local land use on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The workshop will be held at the Lewis County Courthouse.

There is funding available from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to support bicycle, pedestrian, multi-use path, and non-motorized transportation-related projects and programs. Deadline to apply is September 29, 2021 For more information go to <https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/opdm/local-programs-bureau/tap-cmaq/repository/TAP-CMAQ-CMAQ-Guidebook-2021.pdf>.

The Justice Court Assistance Plan (JCAP) grant for 2020/2021 is now available. The JCAP is a \$30,000 grant that is available to all Town and Village courts. The funding for the grant can be used towards office equipment, security equipment and court room facility improvements and renovations. The deadline to apply is October 7, 2021. Court personnel will be able to access the page which includes email addresses, fax numbers, and the username and password to access the application by visiting [www.nycourts.gov/courts/townandvillage](http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/townandvillage). If you need further assistance completing the application process, you can contact the Office of Justice Court Support at 1-800-232-0630 or contact your circuit rider.

The State Comptroller has announced the 2% tax levy limit for local governments. The comptroller's web page concerning the tax levy limit for local governments can be found at [www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/realprop/index.htm](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/realprop/index.htm).

Ernest Leigh Portner the owner of Portner's Sawmill's will be narrating a slideshow of images that were taken during logging on the Gould Paper Company Land in the 1930's and 1940's. To hear his presentation, register at <https://tinyurl.com/portnerlogging>.

There will be no Tug Hill Commission meeting scheduled for August.

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

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

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated a town resident submitted a noise complaint about a rooster being in town. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she felt it was her obligation as Supervisor of Rodman to address the complaint about the rooster. However, the Town of Rodman has no zoning laws preventing a town resident from owning a rooster. After a letter was sent to the owners of the rooster, they responded by telling Supervisor Lisa Worden they no longer have the roosters.

**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 \$1,648.00 for the month of July.

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

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

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

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the highway has received the man bucket for the loader.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated for a DH Mechanic to install propane heating at the Recycling Center it would cost the town \$4,800. After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Arthur Baderman to approve the installation of a propane furnace at the Rodman Recycling Center, and Councilman Lisa Worden seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Library Report**- No report submitted.

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

Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated there are three pending subdivisions for the month of July.

## **NEW/OLD**

**2022 Budget**-.Supervisor Lisa Worden asked all board members, Town Clerk and Superintendent Dale Tamblin to start preparing their 2022 budgets for September's meeting.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated Jefferson County dog shelter provided a quarterly dog report.

**Tax Lexy-** Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she would like the board to approve a property tax override, a motion was made by Councilman Arthur Baderman to approve tb#08112021-1, which supports the tax cap override, as needed, Councilman Jacob Bull seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Cannabis-** Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Town of Rodman has the opportunity whether or not our municipality will be opting in or out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites. After some discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Lisa Worden to opt out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites in the Town of Rodman, Councilman Vance Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the law will go into effect in 60 days unless the Town of Romdan receives a petition from town residents wanting the law to come to a vote.

**East Rodman Cemetery-** Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she has been in contact with Mary Wetterhahn about complaints she has received about the East Rodman Cemetery. Mrs. Wetterhahn and her husband have maintained the cemetery for years. After reaching out to Mrs. Wetterhahn it was decided to turn over the East Rodman Cemetery to the Town of Rodman. A motion was made by Supervisor Lisa Worden to have the Town of Rodman take over all maintenance to the East Rodman Cemetery, Councilman Arthur Baderman seconded the motion. All were in favor. In doing so the East Rodman Cemetery will be closed. The Town of Rodman will honor the previously bought plots but no new plots will be sold. Mary Wetterhahn turned over \$271.98 on August 5, 2021 to the Town of Rodman. These funds will be used for the upcoming burial.

**Grant Money-** Supervisor Lisa Worden stated after she submitted information and requested funding from the ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund the water board will be receiving \$57,763.99. These funds will be used for two water pumps, the cleaning of the storage tank and pipes being punched under the road for the lot on the corner of County Route 69 and State 177. Mrs. Worden stated the Town of Rodman is eligible for the other half of the funding in the summer of 2022.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated on May 5, 2021 Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the New York State Health and Essential Rights (NY Hero Act) HERO ACT. The NY HERO ACT is a law mandating new workplace health and safety protection in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of the NY HERO ACT is to protect employees against exposures and disease during a future airborne infectious disease outbreak. Supervisor Lisa Worden will be filling out the NY HERO forms on behalf of the Town of Rodman.

**Kofile-** Town Clerk Jamie Ackley stated Ryan Chapman of Kofile returned the damaged records via FedEx.

Town Clerk Jamie Ackley stated she received the new town computer. She is waiting for an invoice.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated he will be getting prices for a new pick-up.

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General and highway bills numbered 280-314 in the total amount of \$91,746.94 were audited and ordered paid in the month of July.

Councilman Arthur Baderman motioned to adjourn at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next board meeting September 8, 2021 @ 7:00 pm