

Town of Rodman  
12509 School Street  
Rodman, NY 13682  
Town Board Meeting  
September 11, 2024  
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 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Lisa Worden	-----	Supervisor
	Vance Carpenter	-----	Councilman
	Stuart Tamblin	-----	Councilman
	Michael Gaylord	-----	Councilman
	Daniel Grandjean	-----	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, with the Pledge to the Flag, at the Rodman Community Hall.

**PRIVILEGE of the FLOOR**-Town resident Darren Burgess spoke on behalf of the Rodman Recreation. Mr. Burgess wrote the town board a letter (see attachments) asking them to continue to place high priority on the upkeep of the Rodman baseball field. All board members agreed.

Town resident Scott Gebo owns property with a camp on the minimal maintenance portion of Dobbins Road. Mr. Gebo would like to make his camp a permanent resident. He asked the town board the difference between a minimal maintenance road and a seasonal road. Supervisor Lisa Worden and Superintendent Dale Tamblin told Mr. Gebo minimal maintenance road is a road that is not plowed or maintained unless needed. A seasonal road is a road that is open during winter months. Scott Gebo asked the board to consider allowing him to plow the road during the winter months. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that may be a liability on the town. She would like to talk this over with the town attorney. Supervisor Lisa Worden will consult with the town attorney and get back to Town resident Scott Gebo.

Supervisor Lisa Worden made a motion to approve August minutes, and Councilman Vance Carpenter 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 August.

DANC received a total of 7,718 scale transactions, totaling 19,724.57 tons of material; for the month of August.

DANC diverted approximately 43.09 tons of tires in the month of August.

DANC has recorded 7.02 inches of rain for the month of August.

There were 1,766,503 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of August. The City of Watertown accepted 207 loads.

There were 35,071 gallons of leachate hauled to the City of Ogdensburg in the month of August. The City of Ogdensburg accepted 4 loads.

**CTHC REPORT**—Angie Kimball, Circuit Rider Tug Hill Council (CTHC), submitted a report for the month of August. (See attachment)

The New York Office of Community Renewal is currently accepting applications to Vacant Property Clearance Programs (VPCP). The VPCP provides community development blocks for clearing, demolition and removal of blighted buildings in commercial and mixed-use neighborhoods.

The Tug Hill Commission and the Northern Oneida County Council of Government (NOCCOG) are hosting lunch and learn sessions for Town Clerk's on Monday, September 30th from noon to 1:30 pm. For more information visit [tughill@tughill.org](mailto:tughill@tughill.org) or NOCCOG Circuit Rider John Healt at 315-941-2818. The sessions will assist town clerks in understanding their major financial duties and responsibilities.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has published proposed rules which would replace the Fire Brigade Standard with a new standard called Emergency Response. The new standards come with more than 600 pages of new standards and requirements to be implemented in all volunteer fire services. These standards could be devastating to volunteers. The written comment period has been extended until October 18, 2024. The Tug Hill Commission has come up with a draft letter for making comments. The NYS Associations of Town, Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) and the Associations of Counties (NYSAC) has issued a joint letter expressing their concerns. These new standards will impact municipalities if passed. They ask everyone to speak to your local Fire Departments and send in comments.

The CTHC is looking for an Associate Circuit Rider. Visit CTHC website for more information, [www.tughillcouncil.com](http://www.tughillcouncil.com).

**SAVE THE DATE:** The CHTC fall meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26th, at the Steak and Brew restaurant (4497 St. Rt. 26, Turin). RSVP at 315-599-8825 or [angie@tughill.org](mailto:angie@tughill.org) by September 19th.

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

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the CHIPS funds came in at \$227,000 this month.

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

Zoning Officer Justin Sorensen stated there were three principal permits in the month of August.

**Town Justice Report-** Judge Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of August. Judge Amy Simpson presented the board with a check in the amount of \$2,007.00 for the month of August.

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

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

Town Clerk Jamie Ackley submitted the Town of Rodman water collection report for the month of August.

**Highway Superintendent Report-**Superintendent Dale Tamblin submitted a report for the month of August. (see attachment)

The John Deere A Boom mower sold for \$25,300.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin renewed the Recycling Center application.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin plans on paving School Street on Thursday, September 12, 2024. After paving is finished the front parking spots will be sealed and relined as is.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated there has been a septic smell at the town hall. After some discussion Supervisor Lisa Worden would like the septic pumped and inspected before winter.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated they are currently working on the front parking lot hopefully to pave it in October, along with the aprons in front of the town barn which need replacing.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated they are broken and below grade. The aprons are concrete and only about 5' out. Mr. Tamblin recommended that they go out 16' the full length of the barn 120' ,8" deep with reinforcement. Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated a price from Bauer Concrete is \$8 per square foot for a total of \$15,360. Our price alone for the concrete would be about \$10,000 not including the rebar or anything needed for the forms. After some discussion the board would like to know if Bauer Concrete charges prevailing wages. All agreed this falls under building maintenance.

**Planning Board-** Planning Board Chairman John Stinson submitted a report for the month of August. (see attachment)

Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated all subdivisions have been approved.

**Library-** Library Manager Linda McConnell submitted a report for the month of July. (see attachment)

There were 127 adults and 130 children in the library during the month of August.

Fall story hour will be 11:00 am to 12:00 pm on Mondays.

There were a total 17 new library cards issued from June through August.

There will be a flu Clinic held on Tuesday, September 17th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and then again on Wednesday, September 18th, from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. All are welcome.

The library has new computers for public use.

There will be a Womens Fall Fling on October 10th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. There will be fresh cider, donuts and cookies for everyone.

**Flags-**Supervisor Lisa Worden asked for the flags along State Route 177 be removed and replaced as they are getting faded and worn.

Supervisor Lisa Worden noticed that surrounding towns have flags hung with photos with military people on them. The Town of Adams Revitalization Committee allows family and friends to purchase them at the cost of \$160.00. Supervisor Lisa Worden would love if the Town of Rodman would support this and cover the cost. All agreed. Supervisor Lisa Worden will get more information on the flags.

**Sexual Harassment Policy-** Under the New York State Law, the Town of Romdan has to adopt a Non-Discrimination/Anti-Harassment Policy. The Town of Rodman has to provide annual training which meets New York State standards. The Town of Rodman is committed to maintaining a workplace free from sexual harassment. All employees are required to work in a manner that prevents sexual harassment in the work place. The policy stated that it is against the law and all employees have the right to a workplace free from sexual harassment. A motion was made by Supervisor Lisa Worden to adopt the Sexual Harassment Policy, seconded by Councilman Stuart Tamblin. All were in favor. A full copy of the policy will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

**Sexual Harassment-** On October 10th at 6:00 pm there will be a Sexual Harassment class that will be offered to all town workers, town boards and fireman. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley will spread the word.

**2025 Budget-**Supervisor Lisa Worden asked that everyone start getting their budgets ready to discuss at the Budget Workshop on September 18th at 5:30 pm. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley will post accordingly.

**Tax Levy-** Town Clerk Jamie Ackley stated she would like the board to approve a property tax override, a motion was made by Councilman Michael Gaylord to approve #res-09112024, which supports the 2% tax cap override, as needed, Councilman Vance Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**New/Old**

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated ALL PEST sent us a quote for \$446.00, This would cover placing bait boxes throughout the Town Hall to control mice. All agreed to allow Town Clerk Jamie Ackley to sign the agreement between the Town of Rodman and All PEST.

General and highway bills numbered 260-291 in the total amount of \$48,760.10 were audited and ordered paid for the month of September.

Supervisor Lisa Worden made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next board meeting October 9, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Budget Workshop on September 18, 2024 @ 5:30 pm