

Town of Rodman
Town Board Meeting
September 12, 2018 7:00 PM

County of Jefferson
State of New York

Present were Supervisor Gary Stinson, Councilpersons Arthur Baderman, Vance Carpenter, Lisa Worden, Stuart Tamblin and Highway Superintendent Dale Tamblin.

Privilege of the floor was offered-

Crystal Moran, town resident was present. Ms. Moran has shown an interest in the position of Town Clerk and Tax Collector for the Town of Rodman.

Director Jerry Tackley from Rohde Center provided information in regard to the program he represents. There are nine different townships that participate in this program. In 2017, the program served 13,882 meals to families in the surrounding areas, \$10,486 was the amount used for the Town of Rodman resident. The Rohde Center also feeds 987 children with the Summer Lunch Program. This provides children lunches in the summer time when school is not in session. Director Jerry Tackley is thanking the Town of Rodman for their support over the years.

Councilwoman Lisa Worden made a motion to approve the August minutes; Councilman Arthur Baderman 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), stated that their open house that was held on August 16, 2018 was a success.

DANC continues with their inspections at the recycling transfer stations as well as the surrounding business and housing complexes in the area.

There was 1,367,000 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of August.

DANC has recorded 4.1 inches of rain for the month of August.

DANC has met with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), to consider options of bird baiting to help control the seagull population. DANC is still considering different options at this time.

The New York DEC held a meeting in Albany to discuss different challenges that have accrued related to the production and recycling that is being exacted overseas.

CTHC Report – Kay Chapman, Representative of the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC), stated that the 2018/19 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) grants are now available. Amy Simpson, Town Justice, stated she needs to know from the town board what they would like her to apply for. Supervisor Gary Stinson stated, she should apply for furniture that is needed to update the courtroom; Judges Bench and tables. Judge Simpson stated she will look into the grant.

There will be two planning and zoning training sessions. The first held on Monday, September 17, 2018 at Jefferson Community College, the second on September 18, 2018 at the Lowville Academy Central School. The session is titled “State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Basics” and will run from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This workshop provides two hours of training. RSVP by September 14, 2018 to Jefferson County Planning at 315-785-3144 or planning@co.jefferson.ny.us.

Cooperative Tug Hill Council will be holding their fall meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at the Steak and Brew in Turin. RSVP by September 21, 2018.

Supervisor’s Financial Report - Supervisor Gary Stinson submitted a report for the month of August.

Town Zoning Officer’s Report- Jacob Bull submitted a report for the month of August.

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

Jamie Ackley, Deputy, submitted a resignation on behalf Town Clerk, Lauren Monroe. Mrs. Monroe’s last day as Town Clerk was August 31, 2018.

Deputy, Jamie Ackley stated that the Town of Rodman will be unable to sell hunting licenses this 2018 hunting season.

Town Justice Report- Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month August. Judge Simpson presented the board with a check for \$3,877 for the month of August.

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

Tug Hill Commission- Supervisor Gary Stinson stated that he would like the board to pass a resolution that the Town of Rodman will reaffirm that the continued membership with the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC) is important to both the Town of Rodman and the region. The CTHC approved a revised draft intermunicipal agreement at their April 26, 2018. A motion was made by Councilman Stuart Tamblin to approve resolution res#09122018-1 which would support the membership with the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC), Councilman Arthur Baderman Seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Dog Control Program- Supervisor Gary Stinson stated that he would like the board to pass a resolution that the Town of Rodman enters into an agreement with Jefferson County for the provision of a dog control program. The dog control program will offer shelter services to be rendered by the County and the Town of Rodman. The motion was made by Councilman Arthur Baderman to approve resolution res#09122018-2 which would support the dog control program with Jefferson County, Councilwoman Lisa Worden Seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Dog Control Law- Supervisor Gary Stinson stated that he would like the board to pass a Local Law #1 of 2018. The purpose of this Local Law is to adopt comprehensive regulations for licensing of dogs and dog control issues with the Town of Rodman. The current licensing fee of \$10 for a spayed or neutered dog will be increasing to \$15. The current licensing fee of \$20 for an unsprayed or unneutered dog will be increasing to \$25. The motion was made by Councilman Arthur Baderman to approve resolution #res091218 which would support the Local Law #1 of 2018, Councilwoman Lisa Worden Seconded the motion. All were in favor.

USPS Lease Renewal- Supervisor Gary Stinson would like the board to approve a five year lease agreement with the United States Postal Services (USPA). This lease, between the Town of Rodman (Landlord) and the United States Postal Services (tenant) allows the USPS to continue to have use of the premises located at 12509 School Street, Rodman, NY 13682-9998. The motion was made by Councilman Vance Carpenter to approve Supervisor Gary Stinson to sign the agreement between the Town of Rodman and the United States Postal Services for the next five years, Councilwoman Lisa Worden Seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Supervisor's position on new town hall- Supervisor Gary Stinson submitted a statement that he wants noted for the record. This statement is as follows;

“Several months ago I suggested that the board approve the construction of a new town hall. Over the past several months I have come to the realization that the project is impossible and will not happen given that the existing Town Board members have failed to approve the project.

Quite simply this means that:

1. We will not have a court room or judges chamber which meets the design currently required by the 5th Judicial District- N.Y State Court
2. The Town Clerk will continue to work in an unsecured area open to “walk-ins”. The Clerk will continue to share space with the court clerk and Judge.
3. There will be no secure room for people who are in chains and escorted by police officials
4. The historical records, current operations records and vital statistics records will continue to be stored in various non secure areas with no fire protection.”

Old/New

Councilwoman Lisa Worden stated that she wanted to know where the Town Clerk’s opening was advertised after the resignation of Lauren Monroe’s, former Town Clerk. Supervisor Gary Stinson stated that it was posted in the Watertown Daily Times.

Councilwoman Lisa Worden also stated that she respects Supervisor Stinson’s opinion on the New Town Hall however Councilwoman Worden feels that the issues were all addressed when the architect was at a previous meeting. Councilwoman Worden also would like the Blueprints taken off the walls in the hallways of the Community Building.

Planning Board Chairman, John Stinson asked that the board considering extending that moratorium on the windmills. The moratorium will run out on October 11, 2018. The motion was made by Councilman Arthur Baderman to approve a six months extension from October 11, 2018 through April 10, 2019. Councilwoman Lisa Worden, seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Councilman Stuart Tamblin stated on the record that he believes that the article that was written in the Jefferson County Journal that sited Supervisor Stinson was unprofessional. Supervisor Stinson disagrees that was his opinion. Councilman Tamblin stated that the board voted not to build a new facility but the possibility of remodel the existing building.

Councilman Vance Carpenter asked Superintendent Tamblin about raises for the transfer site workers. Supervisor Stinson stated we would discuss their wages at the upcoming budget meeting.

Councilman Arthur Baderman asked Superintendent Tamblin what the plan for the next month will be for the town workers. Superintendent Tamblin stated they are working on County Route 95, and next week will be working on Main Street in the village. Also, within the next month there will be paving projects in Adams and Henderson.

General bills numbered 200-225 in the total amount of \$130,894.72 and highway bills numbered 131-149 in the total amount of \$65,865.56 were audited and ordered paid.

Rodman Town Board entered into executive session to discuss Town Clerk applications at 8:05 pm. Executive session ended at 8:41pm. After the executive session Kay Chapman, Deputy noted three interviews will be conducted; see attachment.

Councilwoman Lisa Worden motioned to adjourn at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next Meeting October 10, 2018
Board Meeting at 7:00pm