

Town of Rodman
12509 School Street
Rodman, NY 13682
Town Board Meeting
October 9, 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 9th day of, October 2024.

PRESENT:	Lisa Worden	-----	Supervisor
	Vance Carpenter	-----	Councilman
	Stuart Tamblin	-----	Councilman
	Michael Gaylord	-----	Councilman
	Daniel Grandjean	-----	Councilman
	Dale Tamblin	-----	Highway Superintendent
	Jamie Ackley	-----	Town Clerk
	Justin Sorensen	-----	Town Zoning Officer-Absent
	John Stinson	-----	Planning Board Chairman
	Linda McConnell	-----	Library Manager-Absent
	Amy Simpson	-----	Town Justice-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- No one spoke.

Councilman Vance Carpenter made a motion to approve September's minutes, and Councilman Michael Gaylord seconded the motion. All were in favor.

DANC REPORT –Shawn Thorton, General Manager, Solid Waste Division of Development Authority of the North Country (DANC), submitted a report for the month of September.

DANC received a total of 1,610 scale transactions, totaling 18,474.60 tons of material; for the month of September.

Mr. Thorton submitted the Host Community check in the amount of \$258,267.51 to the Town of Rodman.

DANC diverted approximately 26.45 tons of tires in the month of September.

DANC has recorded 2.38 inches of rain for the month of September.

There were 1,034,974 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of September. The City of Watertown accepted 112 loads.

There were 35,063 gallons of leachate hauled to the City of Ogdensburg in the month of September. The City of Ogdensburg accepted 4 loads.

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

Town Reports

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

Town Zoning Officer's Report- No report submitted.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Town of Rodman Zoning Officer has had a medical emergency come forth which isn't allowing him to review or approve any permits at this time. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley and Councilman Stuart Tamblin will continue to monitor all permits coming in. The town board will discuss how to move forth in January.

Town Justice Report- Judge Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of September. Judge Amy Simpson presented the board with a check in the amount of \$921.00 for the month of September.

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

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

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

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the crewmen are changing culvert pipes on County Route 97. A bill was submitted to the county in the amount of \$9,173.21.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated he also billed the county in the amount of \$3,335.84 for the paving on County Route 95.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated due to an accident on his farm, transfer station foreman Dennis Grandjean will be out of work. After some discussion the town board agreed to pay Mr. Grandjean wages until the end of the month. Supervisor Lisa Worden will consult with the attorney moving forward. Superintendent Dale Tamblin has hired a temporary person until further notice.

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

There were 100 adults and 30 children who came into the library in the month of September.

The Rodman Library had 189 books checked out and 253 renewals in the month of September.

Kinneys gave 46 shots during the flu clinic that was held in the library. This was lower than last year due to illnesses.

The Women's Fall Fling will be Thursday, October 10th, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The Burrville Cider Mill has donated three gallons of cider and the library purchased donuts.

The Home Schooling program will be having a Halloween Party on Wednesday, October 23 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Other Business

Claude Phelps- Mr. Claude Phelps' previous Highway Superintendent in the Town of Rutland has started a business with his wife Valerie Phelps called Data Collection Service. Data Collection Service is providing an elite gathering of highway related assets such as signs, culverts and roads in towns. The Data Collection Services will go out through a township making an inventory and documenting all assets needed to help the highway department currently and in the future. After listening to his presentation the town board will make a decision at a later board meeting.

Application of Review (Real Property)- Supervisor Lisa Worden stated assessor Jim Rounds dropped off an Application for Review for the Maintenance of a System of Improved Real Property Tax Administration Aid for her to sign. After looking more into what the paperwork was about and consulting with Attorney Randell, Supervisor Lisa Worden thought it would be in the best interest of the taxpayers of Rodman not to sign the form. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated by signing this form the Town of Rodman will be obligated to do a reassessment in four years. All of the Town of Rodman Board Members agreed.

Supervisor/Attorney updates- Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she has consulted with the Town Attorney about the Assessor wages. After looking back in the minutes and other documents of when the assessor was appointed there were no discussions about the assessor's wages. After some discussion there was no finding of the assessor budget therefore the assessors wages will be reduced as stated in the 2025 preliminary budget.

2025 Budget- Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Tentative 2025 budget is complete which includes the water district. The water district has agreed to increase the water fees from \$100 to \$110 in the 2025 year. The Town of Rodman tax rate was at \$1.42 and now has decreased to \$.97 per thousand. There will be a Public Hearing on the 2025 Preliminary Budget Thursday, November 7th, at 6:30 pm, at the Town Hall. Town Clerk Jamie will post accordingly.

New/Old

Banners-Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Town of Rodman has had great feedback on the Veterans Hero Flag. The town can hang up to 40 hero banners at the cost of \$120 per banner which includes brackets. The quote is \$5,095 which will be covered by the Town of Rodman.

Sexual Harassment- Just a reminder- 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 at the Fire Department.

General and highway bills numbered 292-330 in the total amount of \$80,025.99 were audited and ordered paid for the month of September.

Christmas Festival- Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Christmas Festival will be December 6, 2024.

Supervisor Lisa Worden made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Preliminary Hearing November 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm
Next board meeting November 13, 2024 @ 7:00 pm