

Town of Rodman  
12509 School Street  
Rodman, NY 13682  
Town Board Meeting  
November 12, 2025  
7:00 PM Scheduled

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Lisa Worden	-----	Supervisor
	Daniel Grandjean	-----	Councilman
	Vance Carpenter	-----	Councilman
	Stuart Tamblin	-----	Councilman
	Micheal Gaylord	-----	Councilman
	Dale Tamblin	-----	Highway Superintendent
	Jamie Ackley	-----	Town Clerk
	Amy Simpson	-----	Town Justice-Absent
	Andy Ondrasek	-----	Town Zoning Officer-Absent
	John Stinson	-----	Planning Board Chairman
	Linda McConnell	-----	Library Manager-Absent
	Karen Shaw	-----	Town of Rodman Assessor-Absent
	Ben Millard	-----	Building & Grounds

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-** Claude Phelps, previous Highway Superintendent in the Town of Rutland held a presentation in March 2025 about the business that he and his wife started. They collect inventory of all roads and signs throughout townships then submit a full program to the board and highway superintendent. Mr. Phelps asked the town board if they have considered allowing him to do the sign inventory for the town. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the town board has decided that the collection of the road inventory falls under Ben Millard, the new hire for Building & Grounds. All agreed.

Supervisor Lisa Worden made a motion to approve October's minutes; 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 October.

DANC received a total of 1,787 scale transactions, totaling 22,489.91 tons of material for October.

DANC diverted approximately 35,192 tons of waste from landfill this year.

There were 1,071,783 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of October. The City of Watertown accepted 123 loads.

There were 34,918 gallons of leachate hauled to the City of Ogdensburg Treatment Plant in the month of October. The City of Ogdensburg accepted 4 loads.

DANC has recorded 6.12 inches of rain for the month of October.

**CTHC REPORT**—Denali Dietrich, Circuit Rider for Tug Hill Council (CTHC), submitted a report for the month of October. (See attachment)

There is no Tug Hill Commission Meeting in November.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The 2026 Local Government Conference has been scheduled for Monday, April 20th and Tuesday, April 21st at Turning Stone resort. More details to follow.

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

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the town is looking good as we come to the end of the year. She stated the board will be able to put money into the reverse funds.

**Town Zoning Officer's Report**- Zoning Officer Andy Ondrasek submitted a report for the month of October.

**Town Justice Report**- Judge Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of October. Judge Amy Simpson presented the board with a check in the amount of \$1,523.00 for the month of October.

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

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

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

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated Williams Road is ready to be paved in 2026.

**Library Report**- No report was submitted.

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

**Assessor**-Supervisor Lisa Worden stated Assessor Karen Shaw is holding a Senior Citizen Exemption Workshop on December 9, 2025, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**Buildings & Grounds**- Ben Millard stated the outside bathroom is winterized.

Things are going well at the Transfer Station.

**2026 Preliminary Budget-** A public hearing was held on November 6, 2025 to invite the public for comments on the proposed 2026 budget. No one spoke for or against the budget. A motion was made by Councilman Stuart Tamblin to adopt the 2026 budget, seconded by Councilman Michael Gaylord. All were in favor.

**Town Attorney-** Supervisor Lisa Worden was happy to announce that our town Attorney Candance Randell won the election for New York Supreme. With that being said the Town of Rodman will be looking for a new Municipal Attorney. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley will be posting an ad in the Watertown Daily Times.

**Planning Board-**Supervisor Lisa Worden stated, Planning Board Chairman John Stinson sent everyone the updated Solar and Wind Laws. The highlighted portions were recommended changes given by Tug Hill. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she would like to see two of the following specifics updated in the law. The first being the width of the access road to the neighboring property. The second is that the equipment, transformers or poles may not be installed on the non-subjects property without permission. After some discussion Supervisor Lisa Worden will be seeking advice from the Town Attorney.

**Comprehensive Plan Update-** Matt Johnson from Tug Hill Commissions stated the recommendations from the Jefferson County Planning Board were good and easily able to implement them into the Town of Rodman's Comprehensive Plan. All agreed. Matt Johnson stated the next step is for the Town of Rodman to hold a public hearing which has to be posted in the local paper for 10 days. After the public hearing the town board can vote.

The Comprehensive Plan public hearing will be held on December 10, 2025 at 6:30 at the Town of Rodman Community Hall. All are welcome.

**Moratorium-** Supervisor Lisa Worden stated we are unable to extend the Moratorium. However the Comprehensive Plan should be complete at December's board meeting.

**Resolution- Hazard Mitigation plan-** A motion was made by Supervisor Lisa Worden for the approval of resolution #11122025-1 which allows the Town of Rodman Board Members to recognize the threat that hazard poses to people and property within the Town of Rodman, Councilman Daniel Grandjean seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Local Law (Defects/Damage on Highway)-**A motion was made by Supervisor Lisa Worden for the approval of Local Law 2 of 2025, providing for written notification of effects and obstruction on town highways, bridges, streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, and culverts in the Town of Rodman, Councilman Vance Carpenter seconded the motion. All agreed

**Resolution-Municipality-Electric Opt Out-** Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that there is a State Senate Bill S80481 that authorizes local governments to opt out of mandates and benchmarks arising

out of the climate leadership and community protection act associated with the universal electrification requirement. The Lewis County legislature has passed a resolution to cover the entire county and every town that wishes to opt out of the all electric. Supervisor Lisa Worden informed Jefferson County legislatures of the Senate Bill S80481. After some discussion Jefferson County stated they will be following the opt out which will cover all of Jefferson County municipalities. After some decision Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that NYS has put a pause on the Electric Mandate. This subject will be tabled.

**Snow Removal-Lewis County-** Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated that Pinkney is no longer plowing ½ mile on County Route 156 up to Cronk Road intersection in Lewis County. The Town of Rodman will be plowing this section of road.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she feels that the taxpayers that live on the portion of County Route 69 in Whitesville should be plowed by the Town of Rodman and not Pinckney. All agreed.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated due to it being a county road she would need to talk to Joe Wasilewski at the Jefferson Highway Department. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she would reach out to him.

**Snow Removal- Lewis County-**A motion was made by Supervisor Lisa Worden for the approval of resolution #148-2024 which authorized an agreement between Lewis County and the Town of Rodman. The agreement is designed to improve roads of the County Road System of the County from which snow and ice should be removed, Councilman Daniel Grandjean seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Christmas Sign-**Supervisor Lisa Worden stated that decorating the trees on the hill is getting harder and harder every year due to how big the trees are getting. She would like to order a Happy Holidays sign to place next to the trees. All agreed. Supervisor Lisa Worden also stated she was asked to be a part of the Adams parade as a town supervisor. She has ordered a sign that says Merry Christmas from the Town of Rodman to put on a Town of Rodman truck.

**OLD/NEW Business** Supervisor Lisa Worden stated

Councilman Daniel Grandjean asked the board how to go about having a threeway stop on Pork Hill Road and Myers Drive. After some discussion the Town of Road board will continue to ????

Superintendent Dale Tamblin invited the Town Board Members to the Fire Departments Christmas party on December 6, 202 at 6:00 PM.

Breakfast with Santa will be December 7, 2025 at the Rodman Fire department from 8:00 am to noon. All are invited.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she is working with Victory Promotions, INC in Watertown NY to open an on-store for all town employees to order a shirt or a sweatshirt with the town logo. The town will cover one item. Any other items can be purchased by the employee.

General and highway bills numbered 341-384 in the total amount of \$281,284.01 were audited and ordered paid for the month of October

Supervisor Lisa Worden made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley,

Public Hearing Wednesday, December 10, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

Next Board Meeting- Wednesday December 10, 2025 @ 7:00 PM