

Town of Rodman
12509 School Street
Rodman, NY 13682
Town Board Meeting
December 8, 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 10th day of November, 2021.

PRESENT:	Lisa Worden	-----	Supervisor
	Arthur Baderman	-----	Councilman
	Vance Carpenter	-----	Councilman-Absent
	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
	Linda McConnell	-----	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.

Councilman Arthur Baderman made a motion to approve the November's minutes; Councilman Jacob Bull 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 on behalf of Patricia M. Pastella, General Manager.

DANC received a total of 1,604 scale transactions, totaling 20,895 tons of material; which is 2,657 tons over projections for the month of November.

There were 159 payments processed for various vendors, totaling \$463,604.

DANC reviewed, approved and processed seven special waste requests, three asbestos requests, and three community improvement requests.

DANC has completed two new customer permits.

Winter operations are underway, which included snow and ice management.

Books are being accepted for debinding at RTS in Harrisville. A total of 2,030 pounds of books were recycled in November.

DANC diverted 557 mattresses in St. Lawrence County, 629 mattresses from Jefferson County and 107 mattresses from Lewis County totaling 1,293 mattresses diverted in the month of November.

St. Lawrence County continues to process Single Stream Recyclables.

There were 25 loads hauled to Recycle America totaling 479 tons of recyclables.

DANC has recorded 5.23 inches of rain in the month of November.

There were 889,200 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant in the month of November. The City of Watertown accepted 103 loads.

CTHC REPORT – Karleigh Stucky, Representative of the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC), submitted a report for the month of November.

The Association of Towns of the State of New York (AOT) will be holding its 2022 Annual Meeting & Training School on February 20th and 23rd, at New York Marriott Marquis in New York, New York. To register visit www.nytowns.org. All attendees will be required to show proof of vaccination and wear a mask to attend the event.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced the agency will be accepting public comments on the Draft Unit Management Plan (UMP) for Tug Hill East beginning November 1st and ending December 15th, 2021. Leave comments at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TugHillEast> or submit comments by mail to Andrea Mercurio, Forester, DEC Lowville Sub-Office, 7327 State Route 812, Lowville, New York 13367 or email r6.ump@dec.ny.gov.

All four Tug Hill counties are applying for the William G. Pomeroy Foundation's New York Historic Marker Grant Program. William G. Pomeroy Foundation has funded more than 700 markers in 58 NYS counties since 2006. The program commemorates historic people, places, things or events within the time frame of 1740-1921. For more information see www.wgpfoundation.org/history/nys-historicmarkers/.

Cornell Local Roads Program (CLRP) has multiple webinars scheduled for this upcoming winter months. For information and listing of all webinars visit <https://cals.cornell.edu.nysltap-local-roads>.

New York State Archives will be changing their regional model for local government advisory services. There will be a webinar on the new system entitled "Ask us Anything About the New Services Model" on Wednesday, December 15, from 1:30-3:30 pm. To register visit <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/schedule/ask-us-anything-about-the-new-services-model-2021-12-15>.

The 2022 Local Government Conference will be holding the conference on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at Turning Stone Casino Event Center. Details coming soon.

Supervisor's Financial Report – Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Supervisor's, Clerk LeeAnn Tedford has printed and submitted receipts and payments for November. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she doesn't believe her supervisor's report is correct. Mrs. Worden has asked the board not to approve her report due to the ongoing mistakes made by the Supervisor's Clerk, LeeAnn Tedford. All agreed. It was noted that Ms. Tedford has not provided checks for Supervisor Lisa Worden on the night of the Town Board meeting for the last two months. Supervisor Lisa Worden is very disappointed for not being made aware of the mistakes. Also, no checks were at the Town Hall to be signed the night of the meeting, for the second month in a row.

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

Zoning Officer Justin Sorensen has met with town resident Ashley Snow, County Route 69, concerning the clutter of boats and household trash around the outside of her home. Zoning Officer Justin Sorensen explained the local law and the process to Ms. Snow. She was given 30 days from November 14, 2021 to start cleaning up the property.

Town Justice Report- Judge Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of November. Judge Amy Simpson presented the board with a check in the amount of \$3,061 for the month of November.

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

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

Highway Superintendent Report- No report was submitted.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the crewmen have been preparing for the upcoming winter months.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the town crew have been getting overtime due to them working at the Transfer Station. Mr. Tamblin also stated the Transfer Station will be closed on Christmas and New Years Day. He asked the board to consider extending the hours on two Sundays after the holidays. All agreed. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley will make up a flier to hand out and will be posting signs at the Town Hall.

Councilman Arthur Baderman suggested the board consider changing the Transfer Station hours after the first of the year. Mr. Baderman stated extending Wednesdays to all day, keeping Saturdays the same and closing Sundays would be beneficial to many town residents. After some discussion the Town Board will table the possibility of changing the hours until after the first of the year.

Library Report- Library Manager Linda McConnell submitted a report for the month of November.

Rodman Library reported a very successful Grinch Program. There were 144 attendees and 76 of them were children. Emma Booth, Reese Roberts and Carley Worden volunteered during the Grinch Program. The Grinch was played by Leah Clemens. Town Resident Kim Sleeman made our Cindy Lou and Max. Abigail Worden was the winner of the child's raffle.

During the month of November there were 67 adults and 22 children that came into the Library.

The next program will be during the school's February break.

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

Planning Board Chairman John Stinson has been reviewing Real Property Tax Law 487, section 8 (a) which allows the town to opt-out of exemption from taxation for Solar/Wind Energy and Alternative Energy System. Supervisor Lisa Worden will be sending the Local Law to Attorney Mcardle to review. A tentative Public Hearing will be January 12, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Resolution- Planning Board Chairman John Stinson stated Vice Chairman Sandra Groff has resigned from the Planning Board. Chairman John Stinson asked the Town Board to consider voting Planning Board Member Star Carter as Vice Chairwoman. A motion was made by Supervisor Lisa Worden to approve Star Carter as Planning Board Vice Chairwoman of the Planning Board; Councilman Stuart Tamblin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Reappointing (Vital Statistic)- Town Clerk Jamie Ackley asked the Town Board to consider reappointing her as Town of Rodman Local Registrar. A Local Registrar holds the duties which include, but not limited to reviewing, affirming, maintaining, and issuing official birth and death certificates within their registration district. A motion was made by Supervisor Lisa Worden to approve Town Clerk Jamie Ackley as the Town of Rodman Local Registrar; Councilman Stuart Tamblin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

End of Year meeting- Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Town Board will be meeting on December 30, 2021 at 6:30 pm, to review and audit the end of the year General and Highway bills. Supervisor Lisa Worden will also have an updated Supervisors report to review and file.

NEW/OLD

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated at the last board meeting in November there was a discussion about the COVID-19 vaccine and the new guidelines coming from President Biden. The guidelines are stating all employees will have to be fully vaccinated from COVID-19 by January 4, 2022, at this time the Town of Rodman Board all agreed that all employees will be vaccinated by January 1, 2022. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated after the last meeting she feels that she owes the town crewman and board members an apology for not allowing them to have a choice. Supervisor Lisa Worden feels the Town of Rodman should slow down to see where Jefferson County stands on the COVID-19 vaccine mandate. Supervisor Lisa Worden stated if the mandate comes down from President Biden then the Town of Rodman will mandate it but not at this time. Councilman Arthur Baderman highly

recommends the Highway Crewman wear a mask while in the building and in the truck with other drivers. All agreed.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Eastern Shore Associated Insurance recommends the Town of Rodman to purchase NYMIR Cyber Liability. All agreed the Town of Rodman will purchase the NYMIR Cyber Liability that covers \$1,000,000 for an additional \$1,302.40 a month. Supervisor Lisa Worden will sign the agreement on behalf of the Town of Rodman.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated she received a letter of decision from Workmans Comp in regards to a previous employee, Darrel Curtis. Supervisor Lisa Worden will be in contact with Workmans Comp to find out if the letter is stating there was a hearing on November 30, 2021, that the Town of Rodman was not aware of and does the town continue paying Darrell Curtis \$374.09.

Supervisor Lisa Worden asked the board permission to sign the ongoing Jefferson County Dog Control Agreement for 2022. All agreed.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated the Town of Rodman received a check in the amount of \$33,733.16 for snow & ice and payroll reimbursement that will be deposited on December 9, 2021.

Supervisor Lisa Worden states Highway Crewman Damian Smith has been paying insurance premiums since he was hired. Mr. Smith has had alternet insurance and has not needed town insurance. The New York Teamsters Insurance will be reimbursing the Town of Rodman for the amount of \$3,300. Highway Crewman Damian Smith is now in need of insurance from the Town of Rodman. Mr. Smith will not be charged the premiums for one year.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated we have been receiving complaints about the front ramp being slippery. Supervisor Lisa Worden asked Superintendent Dale Tamblin to buy runners that have grips to lay down so no residents fall.

Supervisor Lisa Worden stated there has been lighting issues with the Christmas Trees up on the waterworks. Joel Bovee will be working on fixing the issue.

General and highway bills numbered 369-424 in the total amount of \$490,179.81 were audited and ordered paid for the month of October.

Rodman Town Board entered into executive session at 8:03 pm, for a personnel issue that needed to be addressed by the entire town board. The executive session ended at 8:30 pm. After a discussion the Rodman Town Board has decided to let the current Clerk to the Supervisor LeeAnn Tedford go on the bases of probation by January 1, 2022. The Town of Rodman will be filling the position in the near future.

Councilman Arthur Baderman motioned to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

End of the year meeting December 30, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

Next board meeting January 12, 2021 @ 7:00 pm