

Town of Rodman
Town Board Meeting
April 11, 2018 7:00 PM

County Of Jefferson
State Of New York

Present was Supervisor Gary Stinson, Councilpersons Arthur Baderman, Vance Carpenter, Lisa Worden, and Stuart Tamblin

Privilege of the floor was offered:

Darren Burgess was present speaking on behalf of the Rodman Recreation Committee. Darren has officially announced that he will be stepping down as the Rodman Recreational Director, and Troy Matteson will be taking his place. The rest of the committee includes Sarah Matteson, Andrea Lomber, Stuart Tamblin, Keith Sullivan, Matt and Jodie Burdick.

There are 25 teams for South Jeff Little League. Seven of the 25 teams will call the Rodman Field Home.

Darren Burgess has suggested proper netting along the fence of the first base line and behind the press box. This will decrease the chances of children being hit by a foul ball during baseball games.

The Rodman Recreation Committee are looking for interested businesses that would like to sponsor the seven youth teams. The minimum donation cost is \$75.00 and includes a banner that represents the business that will be posted on the outfield fence at the Rodman Park from April 15th- August 15th. Game announcers will also read the the banners between innings during the games to help promote businesses. The banners will be reused every year as long as they are in good condition. The renewal fee is \$75.00 each season. If interested in this opportunity as a business owner, please contact Troy Matteson at 315-286-9900.

Craig Foltz was present in regard to a request of an early retire date from The Town of Rodman Highway Department. The board has taken his request into consideration.

After discussing the request of Mr. Foltz, The board has agreed to grant Mr. Foltz the time he has requested. Craig Foltz served the Town of Rodman for over twenty three years without abusing sick leave and vacation time.

Councilman Stuart Tamblin made a motion to grant an early retirement date for Craig Foltz, Councilman Arthur Baderman seconded the motion. All are in favor of granting the motion of Craig Foltz's early retirement date.

Approval of March 2018 Minutes was motioned by Councilwoman Lisa Worden, Councilman Arthur Baderman seconded the motion. All in favor of the approval of the March 2018 Minutes.

DANC Report –

Division Manager, Patricia M. Pastella was present with a check for the Town of Rodman for \$131,287.39

Patty Pastella stated that DANC was under the projected amounts for year-end tonnage by 3391 tons, with a total of 223,079 tons.

Supervisor Stinson is requesting a monthly report from DANC in regards to their energy and utility usage. Patty will work on getting that to present to the board for next month.

DANC continues to fill cells 10 and 11 bringing everything up to elevation for upsizing project that will start in May.

DANC is planning the 2018 Household Hazardous Waste. Details will be provided within the next few weeks on the waste management website, and other various places.

DANC has managed to fill a trailer full of old mattresses to be recycled. The trailer is shipped out to Triad in Buffalo NY.

DANC has started to clear trees out for the southern expansion of the landfill as well. The trees are mulched as well as turned into chips.

DANC is planting trees and could use some volunteers.

There was 3,345,400 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant.

DANC's well project will cap out at 1.4 million dollars.

DANC continues trying to neutralize odors coming from the older cells in the landfill. The well project will help with the odors being emitted from the landfill.

THC Report – Kay Chapman, Representative of The Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC), submitted a report for the month of April.

The New York Planning Federation conference will be held at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing from April 22nd-24th. Registration for the full conference is \$215.00 for members and \$240.00 for non-members. More information can be found at <http://www.nypf.org/editable/conference.html>

The 2018 Adirondack Park Local Government Conference is scheduled for April 18th and the 19th at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid. Session registration and information can be found at www.apa.ny.gov

The 8th annual Black River Watershed Conference has a date set for June 12th at CampTurk in Woodgate NY. The keynote speaker for this years event is Dave Eichorn. He is a retired meteorologist who will be speaking about “Changing weather in a changing climate”.

Kay Chapman stated The Home Depot Foundation Community Impact Grants awards up to \$5,000.00 to 501C3 organizations. This would be for the purchase of tools, materials or services. This grant must be completed and sent in by December 31, 2018. To Apply, Go to: <https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact-grants>

The Tug Hill Commission recently updated its GIS Resources for Local Government technical paper to provide updated info on the geographic information system. You can retain a hard copy by calling the office at 1-888-895-2380 or to download go to: <http://www.tughill.org/publications/technical-issue-papers>

There is also resources available for struggling New York farm families. NY Farmnet provides many resources including stress management, family communication, financial analysis, business planning, transition planning and estate planning. You can call 1-800-273-8255 or visit the website at www.farmnet.org

Supervisor’s Financial Report –Supervisor Gary Stinson submitted a report for March 2018. Supervisor Stinson reported a balance of \$1,278,282.40 for the Town of Rodman closing out the month of March

The Ritchie Grant is underway and funds are available up to \$50,000.00.

Town Zoning Officer’s Report- Jacob Bull has recreated the Town of Rodman Permit Application Instruction sheet. This Instruction sheet will be available on the town’s website as well as from the town clerk.

Town Justice Report- Honorable Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of March. Judge Simpson presented the board with a check for \$2,567.00 for the month of March.

The court clerk hours will be a set schedule. Honorable Simpson will arrange these hours with court clerk, Jamie Ackley, as to a set schedule so the general public will have access to speak with Jamie directly.

Town Clerk’s Report- Lauren Monroe submitted a report for the month of March. Lauren Monroe presented the Town of Rodman for a check in the amount of \$55.38.

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

Per New York State Law #284, the following agreement between the Rodman Town Board, Rodman Supervisor Stinson, The Rodman Highway Superintendent and Rodman Highway department will be entered into for the year of 2018. The funds provided in the account will not exceed \$140,000.00 and will be used to reconstruct and pave Main Street from Porkhill Road to the dead end, pave Cramer Road, Hickox Road (gravel section), and also pave Old Bridge Road going into Recycling.

The new Highway Department pickup truck is on its way and should arrive in the next couple of weeks. Vance Carpenter made motion to auction the 2015 ford pickup truck and John Deere 425 lawn mower with Surplus Equipment. Lisa Worden seconded the motion. All are in favor of auctioning these two pieces of highway equipment.

The remainder of paving on Lowe Road is planned to start in May.

Old/New

Ken McArdle with Beacon Home Inspections, Inc. has done an inspection on the Town Hall Building. There is no major issues with the building and it is structurally sound.

The Town Board and Supervisor have agreed the insulation in the Town Hall building needs to be replaced. The contractor that has been decided on is Shane Fashion.

Stuart Tamblin made the motion to remove existing insulation in the attick of Town Hall Building, add proper ventilation and add new blown insulation. Vance Carpenter seconded the motion. All Board members are in favor of replacing the insulation in the Town Hall Building.

The Town Board and Supervisor have agreed to wait a year or two, to look into the roof being replaced.

The Town Board and Supervisor Stinson have agreed to have the boilers at the Town Barn replaced by DBH Mechanical. Arthur Baderman made the motion to go forth with DBH Mechanical for the boiler replacement, Stuart Tamblin seconded the motion. All are in favor of the request to give the job to DBH Mechanical.

The Town Board and Supervisor Stinson have accepted Kim Sleeman's resignation as groundskeeper for the park and town hall property. Justin Monroe has showed interest in the position of groundskeeper.

There is a need for a storage building for the equipment for the groundskeeper. The board has decided to add the building as soon as possible. Supervisor Stinson made the motion to have the storage shed shed built as soon as possible. Arthur Baderman seconded the motion, All are in favor of the storage shed.

Wind damage blew Transfer Site's sign down. The board is discussing getting a new sign made for the transfer station. Lisa Worden made the motion to replace the sign with the same town signs that are in the park and town hall, so they all match. Vance Carpenter seconded the motion, all are in favor of a matching sign for the Transfer Site.

The Town Board has agreed to reappoint Roger Tibbitts as the THCT Representative. Lisa Worden made motion, Stuart Tamblin seconded the motion, all are in favor of reappointing Roger Tibbitts.

Jerry Merrill showed interest in the open position for Board of Assessment Review. Arthur Baderman made the motion to appoint Jerry Merrill, Vance Carpenter seconded the motion, all in favor of Jerry Merrill's appointment to Board of Assessment Review.

The Town Board has reviewed the survey for wind and solar. The question in the survey is "Do you support wind and solar energy in your community?" The results of the survey are as follows; 15% strongly endorse it, 35% support it, 35% are neutral, and 10% are against it. Art Baderman has spoke with the Jefferson County Planning board in regard to Drafting Wind Turbine Regulations and New York Solar Guidebook for local governments. Art has arranged to have someone from the Jefferson County Planning Board to publically speak about other local town's regulations and laws in regard to wind and solar energy. There will be a public workshop would be held at 6:30pm on May 9th before the Town Board Meeting.

The Town Board has agreed to a Resolution for a 6 month moratorium in regards to wind turbine construction. Arthur Baderman made a motion for a resolution for a 6 month moratorium for wind turbine construction. Vance Carpenter seconded the motion. All are in favor of a 6 month moratorium.

Councilwoman Worden mentioned removing the kitchen area out of the gym and make a kitchenette area in the foyer where the bathrooms are. She also suggested removing the bathrooms to make just one handicap accessible bathroom.

General Bills numbered 18-074 in the total amount of \$72,353.13 and Highway Bills numbered 18-047 in the total amount of \$35,961.87 were audited and ordered paid.

Supervisor Gary Stinson motioned to adjourn at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Monroe,

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Public Wind Regulations workshop Wednesday, May 9th, 2018 at 6:30pm

Next Board Meeting Wednesday, May 9th, 2018 at 7:00PM