

Town of Rodman
Town Board Meeting
May 11, 2016 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. Town Clerk Jamie Ackley was absent.

Privilege of the floor was offered: No one spoke.

Councilman Baderman motioned to approve the April minutes. Councilwoman Worden seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Star Carter, a GIS Analyst in the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC), updated the Town Board on the Southern Jefferson County and Northern Oswego County Regional GIS Project. This project is partnering the Town of Rodman with nine other communities to convert the towns' hard copy water records into Digital GIS format copy. This project is 100% grant funded and requires no local share. The Town of Rodman's Water District hard copy has been digitized and there is an open portal for the records. There will be a training session on June 7 at the Town of Adams Fire Hall. The grant deadline is June 30th and the Town of Rodman will need to sign the hosting agreement before this date.

DANC is the host and all of the records can be viewed on the internet by login. No special software is required. There is one free year for the hosting beginning July 1, 2016. After the first year Rodman would need to agree to a five year contract with an annual hosting fee of \$650.00. The Town of Rodman can add other information to the GIS including highway signs, paving schedules, etc.

DANC Report – Rich LeClerc, General Manager, Solid Waste Division of DANC, reported that DANC cleaned up the trails on Earth Day. They also participated at the zoo in Watertown by offering textile collection. They collected approximately 2,000 pounds. DANC had a booth at the Arbor Day celebration in Adams.

DANC received delivery of the dump truck and have put it into service. They replaced the snowmobile that is used during the winter for the landfill gas crew.

DANC has hired a seasonal worker to clean up litter along the roadsides.

Rich LeClerc stated that DANC received 18,088 tons of waste in the month of April, approximately 1,697 tons over projections mainly due to soil jobs from Jefferson County.

There will be five hazardous waste collections this year.

There is a new commercial supporting the use of clear plastic trash bags. Lewis County has reported a 30% increase in recycling since they have required clear plastic trash bags.

Haulers will be charged double tipping fees if there are recyclables found in the trash.

There was 1,320,698 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant.

DANC has restarted the work on the leachate loadout building. They are testing a new meter on the landfill gas collection system. They are researching how to use the waste heat. Madison County has a lumber company using a kiln with a heat exchanger with the waste heat.

THC Report – Kay Chapman, Representative of the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC), reported that DEC is accepting applications for volunteer fire assistance grants. If awarded, fire departments will receive 50/50 matching funds up to \$1,500.00.

There will be an economic development seminar on May 18 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Watertown.

There will be a Tug Hill Commission meeting on Monday, May 16th, 10:00 am at the Town of Pickney Hall.

There will be a Tug Hill GSA & GPS demonstration on May 17th at the Lee Town Hall. They will demonstrate the free GIS services that are available, including the GIS Cloud online mapping application, mobile data collecting app, GPS, and the free desktop GIS software called QGIS.

The minimum maintenance road law has been overturned. The THC is trying to get municipalities to pass resolutions to support the adoption of state legislation allowing town and county legislative bodies to designate minimum maintenance roads and provide appropriate maintenance to such designated roads.

Supervisor's Financial Report - Supervisor Gary Stinson submitted a report for the month of April.

Town Zoning Officer's Report – Zoning Officer Michael Sorenson passed away on April 28, 2016. Deputy Zoning Officer Jacob Bull expressed interest in becoming the Zoning Officer. Councilman Baderman motioned to appoint Jacob Bull as the new Zoning Officer. Councilman Carpenter seconded the motion. The salary will be the same that Mr. Sorenson received. All were in favor. Mr. Bull submitted a partial report for the month of April.

Town Justice Report- No report was submitted for the month of April.

Town Clerk's Report- Jamie Ackley submitted a report for April. Councilwoman Worden motioned to approve a NYS Retirement resolution for Jamie Ackley, Court Clerk. Councilman Baderman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Watertown Savings Bank requires paperwork to close the HRA account. Polly Morgan, as an authorized signer on the account, will write a check in the amount of the balance of the account payable to the Town of Rodman.

Highway Superintendent Report- Superintendent Dale Tamblin submitted a report for April. The 1995 Mack truck was sold for \$25,766.00 through Auctions International.

The highway crew has done ditch work on the Dobbins Road, Myer Drive, Fassett Road and Bisg Road. They have replaced all culvert pipes on the Dobbins Road, Fassett Road and Myers Drive. They have prepared all roads for scheduled for paving. Paving on the roads should be complete by Thursday next week.

Minimum Maintenance Road Resolution: Councilman Baderman motioned to pass a resolution to support the adoption of state legislation allowing town and county legislative bodies to designate minimum maintenance roads and provide appropriate maintenance to such designated roads. Councilwoman Worden seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Transfer Station: The inspector showed up on a windy day and found trash blowing around. It is usually under control.

Grant Update: Supervisor Gary Stinson reported that the flagpole and two benches have been installed. The four hardy plants have been planted and they have begun painting the fence posts around the bridges and the new parking area. The batting cage is up. It is much larger than the town board members expected it to be. It is scheduled to be taken down in mid-July. The trees have been ordered and the swings are to be delivered soon. The four solar lights will be delivered in three weeks. The Board members discussed adding bocce ball for adults.

Old Business:

New Website: The new website, www.townofrodman.org is now active. Councilwoman Worden reported that Town Clerk Jamie Ackley did most of the communication with the webmaster and did a wonderful job. Supervisor Stinson needs to compose a welcome note to the site. Councilman Tamblin suggested that any comments or complaints should be discussed at the monthly meeting. The Town of Rodman zoning laws book should be added to the site.

Flags will be delivered soon for the cemeteries.

The highway crew will install the US flag banners along portions of County Route 69 and School Street.

Michael Sorensen Donation: The Sorensen family requested donations to the memory of Mike could be made to The American Cancer Society, National Kidney Foundation, or Road Dogs. Councilwoman Worden motioned to donate \$100.00 to the American Cancer Society on behalf of Michael Sorensen. Councilman Tamblin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Deputy Zoning Officer: Justin Sorensen expressed interest in the Deputy Zoning Officer position. Councilman Baderman motioned to appoint Justin Sorensen as the Deputy Zoning Officer. Councilwoman Worden seconded the motion. All were in favor.

General bills numbered 098-121 in the total amount of \$82,898.47 and highway bills numbered 055-070 in the total amount of \$40,220.95 were audited and ordered paid.

Rodman Town Board entered into executive session for personnel reasons at 8:30 pm. Executive session ended at 9:50pm. No action was taken.

Supervisor Gary Stinson motioned to adjourn at 9:54 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Morgan, Deputy Town Clerk

The next Town Board meeting will be June 8, 2016