

Town of Rodman

County of Jefferson

Town Board Meeting

State of New York

May 13, 2015 7:00 PM

Present were Supervisor Gary Stinson, Councilpersons Mark Scott, Arthur Baderman, Vance Carpenter, Lisa Worden and Highway Superintendent Dale Tamblin.

Privilege of the floor was offered: Marilyn Blodgett and Lynne Sischo presented the town board with a letter asking them to consider installed lights along the walking trail and the surrounding areas. Mrs. Blodgett and Mrs. Sischo expressed their concerns with the safety of the local residences while walking on the trail in the evening hours. They also stated that the lighting would enhance the area in and around the community park which would benefit the residents of the town. Supervisor Gary Stinson stated, that the town board accepts their letter and would like to discuss the lighting after the final plans for the walking trail is completed.

Rodman Recreation and Baseball Coordinator, Darren Burgess stated there are five Rodman teams this 2015 baseball season, with approximately 60 players. Mr. Burgess submitted a calendar that shows all scheduled games Rodman Ball field.

There has been outstanding feedback about the center field flag and the developments that have occurred on the Rodman field. The feedback came from players and by standers from surrounding communities who attended games. Supervisor Gary Stinson has asked Darren Burgess to have the flag taken down after the games until a solar light in installed.

Upcoming plans for the field are finishing the deck, stairs and scoreboard.

Darren Burgess is asking the town to purchase a new backstop for the smaller t-ball field that will be located on the far side of the fence. This field could also be used for different community activities such as kickball or whiffle ball games. Mr. Burgess is also asking the town if they would help with cutting the sod up on the new smaller field. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lisa Worden to purchase a new backstop, due to the safety of the players, and for the town crew to help dig out the smaller t-ball field. Seconded by Councilman Mark Scott. All were in favor.

Darren Burgess wants to fundraise for the purchase of a batting cage from Belloff's, with the town's approval. The batting cage which is approximately 50/60ft in length, would be a non-permanent structure. The location of the batting cages would be beside the right field fence, towards the small t-ball field.

Darren Burgess would like to thank the highway crew for mowing the baseball field and keeping it looking nice. He would also like to thank Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk, for being her helpfulness when he calls.

Future plans for the Rodman Ball field are a press box and concession stand, free to the town.

A CanAm fundraiser is coming up, which could bring in approximately \$600. The funds will be exclusively put into the Rodman Improvement Fund.

Councilman Arthur Baderman made a motion to approve the April minutes; Councilwoman Lisa Worden seconded the motion. All were in favor.

DANC Report – Rich LeClerc, General Manager, Solid Waste Division of the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC), purchase of two new Honda ATV's and a Hydro seeder.

The litter crew is out doing their rounds on the highway.

DANC has two Boces students from Watertown, working on an internship. One student is planning apply for the summer.

There was 17,004 tons of waste collected in the month of April. That is 558 tons over projections due mostly to construction activity.

DANC helped the tri-counties with an E-waste recycling service. DANC will be receiving a reduced price for CRT's, which includes computers monitors and televisions.

DANC partnered with the Rescue Mission for a Textiles Collection Event at the zoo in Watertown, as part of Earth Day. There was 45 hundred pounds of textile collected.

Jan Oatman, DANC Regional Recycling Coordinator, will be in Canton for a workshop about reuse training.

There was 1,949,414 gallons of leachate hauled to Watertown Treatment Plant.

DANC purchased two Zoning Permits, One for the Leachate Load Out Facility relocation and the second is for the Murray Interpretive Center. DANC has also purchased a building permit from the county for the Murray Interpretive Center.

The power plant has been down for two days due to a fallen tree on the wires.

CTC Report – Kay Chapman, Representative of the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC), reported that the governor has announced the Consolidated Funding Applications that are available to municipalities, through the Regional Economic Development Council. The grants available are:

- NYS Council on Arts
- Community Development Block Grant Program
- Office of Parks & Recreation
- NYS DED/EFC Wastewater Infrastructure
- NYS DEC Water Quality Improvement Project
- EFA Green Innovation Grant
- NYS DOS Local Government Efficiency Program

Details on these grants are available in the Town Clerk attachments along with the websites.

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative are asking people to join together to help set a Guinness World Record in planting the most trees in an hour. This will take place Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at Sand Flats State Forest.

Funding Opportunities for Sewer & Water Infrastructure Seminar is Thursday, May 28, 2015 at the Holiday Inn, located in Oneonta, NY.

Tug Hill Council had their spring meeting at the Alpine Restaurant in Constableville on April 30, 2015, 15 out of 16 towns were represented.

Highway School will be held the 1st through the 3rd of June in Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY. The website to register is <http://www.nytowns.org/sites/default/files/2015%20highway.pdf>

Supervisor's Financial Report – Supervisor Gary Stinson reported the Jefferson County \$42,794.40 receipt is believed to be the Town of Rodman share of sales tax.

Town Zoning Officer's Report- Michael Sorensen stated that he has visited Roy Pooler, Rodman and he is no longer in violation.

Greg Steiner, owner of the Burrville Cider Mill, signed a "Letter of Understanding" written by Town Zoning Officer's, Michael Sorensen that states

It is hereby understood that upon issuances of a Certificate of Occupancy for permit number 07-MS-15 that both living quarters in each pole barn on the property Tax Number 101.00-2-16 be vacated, and not be resided in unless subdivided and the proper permits from both the Town of Rodman and Jefferson County be applied for and approved. It is also understood this project be completed before the winter of 2015.

Details of Zoning Permit and signed letter is available in the Town Clerk attachments.

Zoning Officer's Report- Michael Sorensen asked the town board to consider amending the town law that states mobile homes that were manufactured prior to 1974 will not be allowed to be sited in the Town of Rodman. Amending this law will prevent unsafe structured mobile homes from being placed in the Town of Rodman. Planning Board President, John Stinson stated that if the board changes the law the town could be open to a law suit.

Town Clerk's Report- Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk, submitted a report for April.

Town Justice Report- Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of April. Judge Simpson presented the board with a check for \$1,491.00.

Highway Superintendent Report- Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated that there was a radial Arm Saw left at the Recycling Center on Wednesday May 6, 2015, by a resident of the town for another resident to pick up. The saw was missing by Saturday. Superintendent Tamblin has since discussed with both George Hess and Denise Grandjean that no one is allowed to leave any items at the Recycling Center for another person to pick up on a different date.

The wooden playground is gone.

Mr. Tamblin also stated that the hours for the recycling center are noted and should be followed. George Hess was notified that the gate should only be opened 15 minutes prior to stated hours.

Superintendent Tamblin stated that there are repairs needed on the walking trail bridge. During the walking trail project the repairs to the bridge will also be made.

Superintendent Tamblin asked the board to allow Supervisor Gary Stinson to sign a Shared Services Agreement. This agreement states that the Town of Rodman will provide all necessary requirements to the facility and equipment that the NYS Department of Transportation needs. A motion was made by Councilman Arthur Baderman, that allows Supervisor Gary Stinson to sign the Shared Service Agreement, seconded the motion was Councilwomen Lisa Worden. All were in favor.

Highway Crewmen, David Holder injured his collar bone while taking off a plow frame. Mr. Holder went to Urgent Care and is now going to therapy. There was no loss of work.

The 1795 Volvo Autocar was placed on Auctions International and was sold for \$14,700.

The Ford F250 pickup was also placed on Auctions international and sold for \$24,000.

Solar Electricity Supervisor Gary Stinson stated a package is being developed to see if it is feasible to installed Solar Panels at the Community Hall, Fire Hall and Town Highway barn.

Old/New Business

Councilwomen Lisa Worden stated there is no updates on the new cemetery signs. She also wants to thank the town crew for taking care of the flags in the cemetery.

Councilwomen Lisa Worden wanted to inform the board that Tom Mills service will be held Saturday May 16, 2015 at 11:00am at the cemetery, a reception will follow at the Rodman Fire Hall. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Also, Pat Boulio's family will be having a gathering at 5:00pm at the Fire Hall.

Chicken BBQ on Sunday May 17, 2015 at the Rodman Fire Hall.

Councilman Vance Carpenter submitted a design of the new walking trail project that will be located on Parcel number 108.12-1-72.11. The current walking trail will be extended to 1/3 of a mile, new exercise equipment will be installed and a parking lot that will hold 40 cars. A motion was made by Councilwomen Lisa Worden to approve the design of the new walking trail project that was designed by Councilman Carpenter, seconded the motion was Councilman Mark Scott. All were in favor.

Trees for the new walking trail will be planted after the walking path is finished. Councilwomen Lisa Worden will look into solar lights and or lights that could be installed on the poles along NYS Route 177.

Councilman Arthur Baderman stated that he attended the Planning Board meeting and all the necessary paperwork is finished with the Curtis Property.

Councilman Arthur Baderman stated that the Planning Board is in the need of a secretary to keep the monthly Minutes. Planning Board President, John Stinson stated that a secretary would be needed for about 3 hours a month on average. A motion was made by Councilwomen Lisa Worden to approve to pay a secretary \$10 an hour to take the monthly minutes, seconded the motion was Councilman Arthur Baderman. All were in favor.

General bills numbered 064-085 in the total amount of \$21,533.50 and highway bills numbered 052-072 in the total amount of \$42,134.35 were audited and ordered paid.

Councilwomen Lisa Worden motioned to adjourn at 6:00pm Councilman Mark Scott second the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next Meeting June 10, 2015 at 7:00pm

