

Town of Rodman
Town Board Meeting
June 13th, 2018 7:00 PM

County Of Jefferson
State Of New York

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

Also present Highway Superintendent Dale Tamblin, and Zoning Officer Jacob Bull

Privilege of the floor was offered:

Gentry Rouse from Northern Power was present to discuss the growing interest and development of Renewable Energy resources. Wind Turbines to be exact. The turbines they promote are much smaller than commercialized Wind energy resources. The height of the smaller scale turbines are 120-160 feet. There is no need for aircraft light as it is not even tall enough to disrupt aircraft control towers or the aircraft itself.

Gentry Rouse has been in contact with a local resident in regards to placing the smaller scaled turbines on the resident's family farm. There was a halt to the process when the Town of Rodman set a six month moratorium, Resolution # 041118-1 to create laws and regulations in regards to installing this type of energy source. During the 6 month process, the committee that was created will develop necessary laws and regulations that will allow residents to have wind turbines as an option for an energy source, but limit the development to an organized manner for the Town of Rodman and its Residents. The company itself has their own laws and requirements that help protect the consumer and the product they represent.

Town Assessor Jim Rounds was present with some information in regard to the Comptroller's office contacted Jim with information about auditing all assessors for exemptions on Veteran, Senior and agricultural exemptions. Jim attended a session at JCC that provided a gentleman from the comptroller's office who provided a lot of information in regard to how to check for compliance and deserving residents of the exemptions. The comptroller's office has found in the state of New York increasing numbers of residents who are receiving these benefits unfairly, and many residents who should be receiving the exemptions and are not. They would like town assessors to be able to cross reference the residents personal information like income, and any other paperwork with information that determines the residents ability to qualify for these exemptions. There are several towns in the area who have voluntarily audited themselves to check all exemptions on town residents to make sure the correct exemptions are going out to everyone who qualifies. Assessor Jim Rounds made mention that he would not mind a voluntary audit for cross verification on his work.

Jed Wall was present with concerns that there are issues with the current parking lot in the front of the Town Hall Building. There is a parking space next to a neighboring resident that was wrongly marked with “no parking” on the pavement. The issue of being able to park in this spot has been discussed by the Town Board and all are in favor of coving the “no parking” in the space and adding an extra line for the extra space. This parking space does line right up with residents property line.

Approval of May 2018 Minutes was motioned by Councilman Arthur Baderman, Councilman Vance Carpenter seconded the motion. All in favor of the approval of the May 2018 Minutes.

DANC Report –

Division Manager, Patricia M. Pastella was present. Patty read the report for DANC.

There was 1.892 million gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant.

DANC’s well project will cap out at 1.4 million dollars. The project will start in a couple of weeks.

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.

Patty Pastella stated the DANC Open House will be August 16th this year from 2p-6p.

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

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 May 2018. Supervisor Stinson reported a balance of \$1,229,781.22 for the Town of Rodman closing out the month of May

Town Zoning Officer's Report- Zoning Officer Jacob Bull submitted a report for the month of May 2018.

Jacob has issued 2 permits for the year so far.

Town Justice Report- Honorable Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of May. Judge Simpson presented the board with a check for \$3290.00 for the month of April.

Town Clerk's Report- Lauren Monroe submitted a report for the month of May 2018. Lauren Monroe presented the Town of Rodman for a check in the amount of \$152.03.

Highway Superintendent Report- Highway Superintendent Dale Tamblin submitted a report for the month of May 2018.

Dale Tamblin stated Hickox Rd. Paving is finished with a total spent of \$24,409.39, Cramer Rd Paving is finished with a total spent of \$56,747.51, Recycling Rd was paved with a total of \$24,041.09. The total of this work is \$105,198.09. There was \$140,000.00 budgeted. This leaves a remaining balance of \$34,801.91

Dale Tamblin states that using the additional capitol money being received for CHIPS for \$52,033.30 and the \$34,801.91 that was left over from what was budgeted, there should be plenty of funds left over to finish Main St.

Lowe Rd Project is set at \$66,733.63 which was rolled over from 2017 due to weather conditions.

Supervisor Stinson has stated the CHIPS funds should not be spent after its been reimbursed and the CHIPS go into the budget for the next year for appropriations, but Superintendent Tamblin has stated the funds rolled over from the Lowe Rd Project was not rolled over into the 2018 Budget to be spent for the project. The board is in discussion of this and will revisit next month at the July Board meeting.

The boiler system is up and functioning. All that is needed is the 15x20 concrete pad. The air blow off has been replaced

Old/New

John Stinson was present and stated the Windmill Committee will meet next Thursday, June 21st. Jed Wall has declined an invite to join the committee. Rob Feldman has showed interest in the available position. Councilman Arthur Baderman made the motion to nominate Rob Feldman to the Windmill Committee, Supervisor Gary Stinson seconded the motion, All in favor of Rob Feldman joining the Windmill Committee.

The Town Board has agreed to a feasibility Study performed by Aubertine & Currier. The study includes, but is not limited to creating secure, fire rated and humidity controlled file storage room, a small meeting room for the court system, a secure clerk's office, courtroom, judges

office, supervisors office, and space for zoning officer. The cost of the Feasibility Study is \$4250.00. The company is still working on a plan and will have their report ready in July.

Councilman Vance Carpenter has presented some sign ideas for the Transfer Station and they will be finished and ready for installation soon.

Charter communications has asked The Town of Rodman if they would be interested in signing a contract to have new internet company available for residents in the rural areas. The board has agreed to send the contract out to Town Attorney David Renzi to review before the town signs the contract.

General Bills numbered 122-153 in the total amount of \$301,568.03 and Highway Bills numbered 076-099 in the total amount of \$237,412.21 were audited and ordered paid.

Supervisor Gary Stinson motioned to adjourn at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Monroe,
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Next Board Meeting Wednesday, July 11th, 2018 at 7:00PM