

Town of Rodman
Town Board Meeting
July 13, 2016 7:00 PM

County of Jefferson
State of New York

Present were Supervisor Gary Stinson, Councilpersons Arthur Baderman, Lisa Worden and Stuart Tamblin and Highway Superintendent Dale Tamblin. Councilman Vance Carpenter was absent.

Councilman Arthur Baderman made a motion to approve the June minutes; Councilman Stuart Tamblin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Privilege of the floor was offered:

Jefferson County Legislator Jeremiah Maxon was in attendance. Supervisor Gary Stinson stated the lack of equipment and work being done on County Route 69 in the Town of Rodman is noticeable by local residents. Mr. Maxon stated he spoke to Jim Lawrence, Highway Superintendent of Jefferson County, prior to the meeting. Mr. Lawrence wanted to thank Highway Superintendent Dale Tamblin and the town crew for the help that they provided last week. Mr. Maxon stated that the Jefferson County Highway Department is currently working on County Route 64 which runs through the Town of Adams into Watertown. County Route 64 will be a bypass road for US Route 11 while a culvert is being replaced in the upcoming year. Mr. Maxon stated that Jefferson County Highway Department is behind approximately two weeks due to breakdowns, however there will be a two mile paving done on County Route 69 in Rodman.

Jefferson County Legislature, Jeremiah Maxon stated that if there is any concerns please contact him.

DANC Report – Steve McElwain, Solid Waste Division of the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC), presented a Host Community check in the amount of \$211,818.93 to the Rodman Town Board.

DANC had a test run on the leachate Loadout facility that was a success.

Steve McElwain stated that DANC received 26,868 tons of waste in the month of June, approximately 2,569 tons over projections.

New uniform contract has been awarded to Cintas.

DANC will not have an open house this year due to the construction being done at the landfill.

There was three-quarters of a million gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant.

New trees were planted along the Murry Trail.

DANC stated that there are 6 portable flares burning.

THC Report – Kay Chapman, Representative of the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC), stated a grant is available through New York State Parks and Trails to develop a trail for bicycle and pedestrians. Deadline is August 29, 2016.

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

Councilwoman Worden asked Supervisor Stinson if the \$7,583.69 that was listed under General & Special Funds was the closing of the HRA account. Supervisor Stinson stated the old HRA account is closed.

Supervisor Gary Stinson asked Superintendent Dale Tamblin if everything is submitted for the CHIPS program. Superintendent Tamblin stated he needed a copy of the cancelled checks from the bookkeeper, Terry Dack.

Town Zoning Officer's Report-Jacob Bull submitted a report for the month of June. Mr. Bull stated he has two ongoing investigations with Sally Reynolds, Lowe Road and Michael Pierce, County Route 68.

Mr. Jacob asked if there could be a discussion about town ordinance on how many times Zoning Permits can be renewed. A town resident Sally Reynolds has renewed her permit every year for the past 9 years. There is some concern if progress is being made. After some discussion board came to the conclusion that there is no law that states how many times a resident can renew their permit. Zoning Officer Jacob Bull is going to meet with Mrs. Reynolds in regards to the progress the home.

Mr. Bull received a request for a variance from Cherrish Beattie. Ms. Beattie is in the process of selling her house in East Rodman and is in need of a variance for drilling a well within 10 feet of her property line. Cherrish Beattie has filled out a Zoning Permit. Mr. Bull will meet to Ms. Beattie this coming week. Mr. Bull is stated Ms. Beattie will be starting the Zoning Board of Appeals process.

Mr. Bull stated that Mr. Pierce has made noticeable progress on cleaning up the rental property that he resides at on County Route 98.

Town Clerk's Report- Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk, submitted a report for the month of June. Mrs. Ackley has collected water fees in the amount of \$4,031.41.

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk, submitted a letter of resignation to the Town Board. After some discussion Councilwoman Lisa Worden ask if the resignation can be tabled until the following month. Mrs. Worden asked Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk to email the board members with her thoughts on a possible salary increase.

Town Justice Report- Amy Simpson submitted a reports for the month of July. Judge Simpson presented the board with a check for \$1,215.

Judge Simpson stated that there is a \$30,000 grant available to improve the town's court room. Supervisor Stinson believes Judge Simpson should apply for the grant for some equipment to help set up the court room.

Highway Superintendent Report- Superintendent Dale Tamblin stated the new Ford F350 crew cab is available. Councilman Stuart Tamblin made a motion to approve the purchase of a 4-door Ford F350 in the amount of \$33,046. Seconded by Councilman Arthur Baderman. All were in favor. Superintendent Dale Tamblin will pick a color for the new truck.

Superintendent Dale Tamblin will be building a 3 by 3 concrete slab around where the water shut off is. Mr. Tamblin also stated that the town crew will be laying stone around the slab connecting it to the walking trail and the dugouts.

Councilman Arthur Baderman asked Superintendent Tamblin about possibly hiring a part time worker for roadside mowing. Superintendent Tamblin believes that starting next week they will have a full crew to start mowing.

Solicitation Permit- Supervisor Gary Stinson stated that he has not received the law from David Renzi, Town Lawyer, regarding the soliciting that has been happening in the town. Mr. Stinson will keep the town board posted.

Grant update-

Supervisor Gary Stinson stated he contacted Joel Wasilewski to come hook up the lights to the flag pole and a few other odds and ends.

Supervisor Stinson stated the grant is winding down. The building is completed, speaker system was installed, soccer nets are in place, and the solar lights have also been installed.

Old/New

Councilwoman Lisa Worden stated that the town picnic will be on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be furnished by the town. The attendees will bring their own tableware and a dish to pass. There will be a small presentation at 7:00pm and at 8:30pm the movie Zootopia will be shown on the big screen. Popcorn will be served. There will be an extended invitation going to all the baseball teams in Rodman along with Senator Richie and Jefferson County Legislature, Jeremiah Maxon.

Councilman Stuart Tamblin stated that some residents are concerned with the traffic that is walking through their property. Mr. Tamblin suggested putting up a nice roped fence to help prevent people walking on town resident's property. Councilman Stuart Tamblin made a motion to approve the town property line to be surveyed so that a roped fence can be installed from t-ball field around the playground to the building. Seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Worden. All were in favor.

Councilman Arthur Baderman asked about the Summer Recreation Program. Supervisor Gary Stinson stated that there are 30 students signed up in the town of Rodman. However only 15 students ride the bus.

Supervisor Gary Stinson stated the Kim Sleeman, town resident, is working up to 20 hours a week doing the landscaping about the park. The town has rented a 4-wheeler from Mike Gallo for \$50, (petty cash) a month to help with the watering of the trees and flowers. Mr. Stinson has asked the board to consider

purchasing a John Deere gator from Cazenovia Equipment Company to help with this process. The John Deere Gator is \$11,159 with a municipal price of \$9500 on state contract. Councilman Stuart Tamblin stated he would like to see something more versatile. Possibly a small lawn tractor to help with the plowing in the winter and mowing in the summer month. Councilman Baderman requested that Supervisor Stinson get some estimates for August meeting.

General bills numbered 161-190 in the total amount of \$134,739.52 and highway bills numbered 086-104 in the total amount of \$75,107.84 were audited and ordered paid.

Rodman Town Board entered into executive session for personnel reasons at 8:45 pm. Executive session ended at 8:56 pm. No action was taken.

Councilwoman Lisa Worden motioned to adjourn at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next Meeting August 10, 2016