

Town of Rodman

County of Jefferson

Town Board Meeting

State of New York

August 12, 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:

Present were Patricia Nelson, Deanna Nelson, Paul Haldeman and Richard Edington, all Rodman residents, expressed their concern with the 2 million gallon manure pit being built in the PorterDale Farm, County Route 68 Rodman. They are concerned with the location of the pit due to an increase of traffic, the methane gas smell and the drinking water for the surrounding landowners.

Rodman Recreation and Baseball Coordinator, Darren Burgess submitted a finance report for the Rodman Recreation Committee.

Mr. Burgess presented the board with a picture of the Portable Backstop that was talked about in previous meetings. The town has a cap of \$1000.00 that they fund towards the backstop. Mr. Burgess stated he could not find a backstop under a thousand dollars. Supervisor Gary Stinson stated that he has had discussion with Highway Superintendent Dale Tamblin and they are going to build a backstop the same size as the one that is currently there.

Darren Burgess asked the town board if the Rodman Recreation can store the batting cage at the Town Barn, all agreed.

Councilwomen Lisa Worden told Mr. Burgess that the town board would like all coaches and assistant coaches to attend the Be Brave Jefferson in the fall. Mr. Burgess agrees and will talk to the upcoming coaches when available.

Councilman Arthur Baderman made a motion to approve the July 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), stated that in the Month of July DANC had a Leachate Cleanout inspection and passed with no issues.

Three bids were awarded for a new tandem snow plow, leachate tanker trailer and a hydraulic excavator.

A new access road leading to cell 10 and 11 was constructed.

Rich LeClerc, stated that DANC received 20,895 tons of waste in the month of July, approximately 1000 tons over projections.

There was 1,800,356 gallons of leachate hauled to the Watertown Treatment Plant.

Leachate Load out Facility is making good progress.

DANC is holding a ribbon cutting at their open house on Thursday, August 27th at 3:30pm, all are welcome.

THC Report – Kay Chapman, Representative of the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC), reported that the New York State Comptroller released the 2016 tax cap of 0.73%, previous year was 1.56%.

New York State Woodsmen’s field days will be held on August 21st through the 23rd in Boonville at the Oneida County Fairgrounds.

Supervisor’s Financial Report – Supervisor Gary Stinson reported the Jefferson County \$177,919.79 receipt is believed to be the Town of Rodman share of sales tax.

Town Zoning Officer’s Report- Michael Sorensen submitted a report for the month of July.

Town Clerk’s Report- Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk, submitted a report for the month of July.

Town Justice Report- Amy Simpson submitted a report for the month of July. Judge Simpson presented the board with a check for \$1,632.

Highway Superintendent Report- Superintendent Dale Tamblin would like the board to approve a Caterpillar Pay Loader, Councilman Mark Scott made a motion to approve the purchase of the pay loader; Councilman Vance Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Superintendent Tamblin would like the permission from the town board to purchase and install signs that will be placed around the walking trail to ask people to clean up after their pets. The town board agrees that signs should be installed.

Councilman Arthur Baderman asked about the beaver issue on the Lowe Road. Superintendent Tamblin stated, that they were able to get the dam dug out and the water has lowered.

Councilmen Lisa Worden stated that she has heard great reviews on the parking lot and walking trail.

Supervisor Gary Stinson stated that he would like the board to approve a property tax override, to help with the 46% raise in workmen’s comp and a 41% increase in the retirement. A motion was made by Councilman Arthur Baderman to approve resolution #TB08122015-1, which would support the tax cap override, as needed, Councilman Mark Scott Seconded the motion. All were in favor.

There will be a public Hearing on the property tax cap override on September 9, 2015 at 6:30pm.

Supervisor Gary Stinson stated that Kim Sleeman would like to mow for the town, no more than 20 hours a week for \$10 an hour. Supervisor Stinson will work out the details with Mr. Sleeman.

Supervisor Gary Stinson is going to work with the town Attorney, David Renzi, to amend the Land Use Law in the Town of Rodman.

Councilman Arthur Baderman will contact Greg Porter, for a meeting on September 2, 2015 to discuss the 2 million gallon manure pit that is being built in the PorterDale Farm, County Route 68 Rodman. The meeting will be held at 6:00 pm in the Rodman Community Hall.

Councilmen Lisa Worden asked the board for permission to have Chris Trombly take down the town’s website. The website is not user friendly and is not updated on a regular basis, the board agrees. Councilmen Worden will email Chris Trombly asking him to take down the outdated website. She will also look into finding someone that will update the Town of Rodman’s website.

Old/New Business

Supervisor Gary Stinson stated he had Rob Company make sure the solar panels on the town barn are working properly, and everything checked out correctly.

Supervisor Gary Stinson stated that Jed Wall, a resident of Rodman, gave the town a bill for \$90 to replace his water tank. The town borrowed Mr. Wall's tank to water the trees around the park and miracle grow was placed into the tank. The town board agrees pay Mr. Wall for the water tank.

General bills numbered 132-155 in the total amount of \$301,052.68 and highway bills numbered 097-116 in the total amount of \$150,498.90 were audited and ordered paid.

Rodman Town Board entered into executive session for personnel reasons at 9:00 pm. Executive session ended at 9:15pm. Supervisor Gary Stinson made a motion after exiting the executive session, not to pay medical bills over the allotted amount. Councilwoman Worden seconded the motion. Councilman Baderman voted yes. Councilman Carpenter voted yes. Councilman Scott voted yes.

Councilwomen Lisa Worden motioned to adjourn 9:20 pm Councilman Mark Scott second the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Ackley, Town Clerk

Next Meeting September 9, 2015 at 7:00pm