

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, MAY 9, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on May 9, 2017 at the Redfield Municipal Building starting at 7:30pm. Roll call was taken and the following board members were present:

- Tanya Yerdon - Supervisor
- Carla Bauer - Councilwoman
- James Cheney - Councilman
- Elaine Yerdon - Councilwoman
- Erwin Webb - Councilman

In addition, Susan Hough -Town Clerk, Paul Pratt -Highway Superintendent, Tom Jones, Erin Jennings – NYSDEC, John Howland – Code Enforcement Officer, Angie Kimball – Tug Hill Commission

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 17-40

Motion was made by Erwin Webb and seconded by Carla Bauer that the General Fund Bills - Abstract #05 Vouchers 144-161, 176,179-180

& 182,184-186 Totaling \$ 11,164.03

Light District #1 - Abstract #05 Vouchers 178 Totaling \$ 637.06 and

Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, J. Cheney, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, C. Bauer
Nays 0

Resolution 17-41

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by James Cheney that the Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 05 Vouchers 131-177, 183

Totaling \$ 13,704.88

Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, J. Cheney, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, C. Bauer
Nays 0

Resolution 17-42

Motion was made by Erwin Webb and seconded by James Cheney that the Supervisor's Report and Payroll Sheets be accepted as presented.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, J. Cheney, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, C. Bauer
Nays 0

TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH

Town Clerk received information from Rite Aid Pharmacy regarding scheduling a Flu Clinic at the Redfield Municipal Building. They will be contacting her. Legislator – Margaret Kastler will not be here tonight due to illness. She will be taking Autumn Bartlett to the Legislature Meeting in Oswego on Thursday. Kevin Gardner – Chairman of the Legislature has asked Margaret and Shawn Doyle to be the Liaison for the County for the Windmill Project, they will bring back information form meetings they attend to the Legislature. Town Clerk report – 1 DECALS, 2 Certified Copies, 7 Dog Licenses, 2 Dog Impoundment, and 2 Building Permits.

Resolution 17-43

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Erwin Webb to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise in a display ad of the Town of Redfield Memorial Day Celebration.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, J. Cheney, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, C. Bauer
Nays 0

Resolution 17-44

Motion was made by James Cheney and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to purchase flowers for the Municipal Building.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, J. Cheney, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, C. Bauer
Nays 0

Resolution 17-45

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to approve the March 14, 2017 minutes as presented.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, J. Cheney, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, C. Bauer
Nays 0

Resolution 17-46

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Erwin Webb to authorize Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to sign the Williamson Town Clerk Software Contract.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, J. Cheney, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, C. Bauer
Nays 0

Resolution 17-47

Motion was made by James Cheney and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to hire Trust Nursery for the landscaping at the Municipal Building.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, J. Cheney, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, C. Bauer
Nays 0

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - PAUL PRATT

Paul has negotiated with Unifirst for our uniforms, we will save \$ 354 per year, they reduced the price from \$ 56 to \$ 30 and added two 92) coats for each employee. They have been hauling stone for the Ryan Road, 1A Oil and Stone. We will receive money from the Pave NY and Extreme Winter Fund.

Resolution 17-48

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Erwin Webb to authorize Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to make a budget modification in the amount of \$ 29,427.49 to the Capital Improvements account DA5112.2 for funds from the Pave NY and Extreme Winter Fund.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, J. Cheney, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, C. Bauer
Nays 0

Resolution 17-49

Motion was made by Erwin Webb and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt to sign the 284 Amendment for the Pave NY and Extreme Winter Fund money to be included.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, J. Cheney, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, C. Bauer
Nays 0

price but didn't send a corrected bill. They assured this would not happen again. Paul has been chosen to be on the Highway Superintendent Committee for the Snow Contract. The Committee has been formed because of the problems with the Town of Boylston and then two (2) other Towns which aren't getting paid. They had a meeting with Kurt Ospelt - Oswego County Superintendent of Highways, Jim Kelley - Oswego County Deputy Superintendent of Highways, Stephen Walpole - Committee Chairperson - Infrastructure, Facilities & Technology Committee, John Marino - Committee Vice-Chairperson - Infrastructure, Facilities & Technology Committee. Also on the Committee along with Paul are John Fox - Highway Superintendent Town of Richland, Michael Kastler - Highway Superintendent Town of Sandy Creek, Wayne Woolridge - Highway Superintendent Town of Constantia, Robert Clark - Highway Superintendent Town of Hastings, Robert Parkhurst - Highway Superintendent Town of New Haven, David Sterio - Highway Superintendent Oswego Town. The County is willing to negotiate the Snow Contract, The Committee would like to have a change that would include notice given to the Town Highway Superintendent by the County Superintendent of Highways of a problem, both Town and County Superintendents would sign off, if the problem was not resolved the County Superintendent of Highways would then go to the Town Supervisor and Town Board, the County seemed to accept these changes in the contract. The Town of Boylston's problems have not been resolved, the County has requested a letter from the Town of Boylston to get their snow contract back, as of right now it's up to the Town of Boylston to send the letter. The County is looking into paying the Town's per mile instead of per hour, they are looking at each Town individually over the last two to five (2 to 5) years. They would still continue with the paperwork, provide sand & salt. They did talk about possibly not providing the sand and salt, instead inflating the numbers to cover sand and salt costs to the Towns, possibly bid out the sand and salt or use the sand pits they have -charge the cost of the sand, they are in open dialogue with the Towns. At least they are willing to talk, we each listened to both sides. They did a five (5) year study that was discussed two (2) years ago at a Legislator's meeting, the concern is the sand is being depleted. Paul had an inspection with NYMIR - he needs a CO2 Alarm and a Flash Protector for Welding.

NYS DEC FORESTER - ERIN JENNINGS

Erin is in the Forester Management that is in charge of 30,000 acres of the NYS DEC's land. Included in the 30,000 acres is the land around the Reservoir. Her intention is to stop the driving on the beach, gates will be installed and more parking will be added. There are environmental issues with the cars driving on the beach, parties, garbage, camping. They do not want to stop people from using the property, they want to change the way people are using the property, it will be a day use beach, park and walk in, camping is no more than three (3) nights and no more than ten (10) people without a permit. The Ranger is on board with these changes, they want people educated on the use and rules of State Land. More signs will be put up, it will be closed at dusk - a true day use only. They have acquired the land down past the old school, she is not sure what they are going to do about that yet. She has some long term goals, Albany wants her marking more timber to sell. Ed Montieth is a huge help, he mows and cleans up every Monday. The engineers in Albany didn't design the docks for fluctuating water so they will not work at the Reservoir. There were many comments regarding the beach.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - JOHN HOWLAND

John turned in his monthly report, he has sent out a few camper letters, Junk letters will be going out. CW Carla Bauer asked about the campers at the end of Castor Drive, John will look into them. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon stated that twenty-five to thirty (25-30) black garbage bags of

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human waste have been found on the road side, which the DEC is looking into. John was asked if

when a RV Permit is issued he knows where the waste is being dumped. Yes John makes sure the waste is removed properly. John will send the Junk letters out by the end of next week. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon asked John to look into property off County Route 2 where Bud Smith lives they have new buildings down there, John will go down and look tomorrow.

TUG HILL COMMISSION - ANGIE KIMBALL

Paul and Angie were in Albany today. There was a nice display of the NYS GIS map. They met with Legislators to help get the Minimum Maintenance Bill passed. The Senate passes the bill but it when it gets to the Assembly it goes to the Transportation Committee and never gets voted on. They had some confusion regarding Seasonal Law and Minimum Maintenance Law, they didn't know the difference in the two laws.

RESOLUTION # 50

IN SUPPORT OF MINIMUM MAINTENANCE ROAD LEGISLATION

Motion was made by Councilwoman Elaine Yerdon

WHEREAS, It is estimated that upgrading all of the State's 90,000 miles of county and town roads to meet the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) minimum standards would cost well over ten billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, The New York State tax cap is designed to limit locally financed expenditures on roads and public improvements and there is only about \$85 million annually available to all municipalities for all purposes in the New York State Transportation Improvement Fund; and

WHEREAS, New York State's Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act of 2010 is furthered by the minimum maintenance road concept, particularly by maintaining and using existing infrastructure in a stakeholder-driven, bottoms up process that preserves, protects and enhances water, air, agricultural land, forests, recreation, open spaces, and scenic areas; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Open Space Plan goals and principles are supported by the minimum maintenance road concept by providing a conservation tool for communities to combat sprawl, protect recreational access and open space, and conserve habitat for sustainable ecosystems and traditional rural pastimes of hunting and fishing; and

WHEREAS, Green infrastructure practices are furthered by the minimum maintenance road concept by preserving undisturbed areas, preserving buffers, reducing clearing and grading, encouraging development in less sensitive areas, and helping to maintain open space; and

WHEREAS, There are many rural and remote areas of the state which can be adequately and safely served with minimal road maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Local governments are best able to make determinations about local road maintenance needs and priorities; be it

RESOLVED, That the Town of Redfield supports the adoption of state legislation allowing town and county legislative bodies to designate minimum maintenance roads and provide appropriate maintenance to such designated roads as provided for in bills S02537/A00418.

with the following results and the foregoing resolution was duly carried on May 9, 2017.

Supervisor - Tanya Yerdon	AYE	Councilwoman - Elaine Yerdon	AYE
Councilwoman - Carla Bauer	AYE	Councilman - James Cheney	AYE
Councilman - Erwin Webb	AYE		

The Black River Watershed Conference has been scheduled for Wed. June 14th at the View Arts Center, 3273 St. Rt. 28, Old Forge. Contact Jennifer Harvill at the Tug Hill Commission for more information at jennifer@tughill.org or 315-785-2392. Agendas and registration information will be available soon. The Eastern Lake Ontario Invasive Species Symposium will be held Wednesday, 6/7 from 8:30am to 4pm at Selkirk Shores State Park. There is no cost for the event but seating is limited so pre-registration is required. For more information and registration details see www.sleloinvasives.org. The Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) Economic and Infrastructure Development Investment Program grants are now open. The maximum grant award for infrastructure projects is \$ 500,000 and for other projects is \$ 250,000. All four of our Tug Hill Counties are in the NBRC area and are in "distressed" counties which means the grant match is 20%. Eligible purposes are transportation infrastructure (maintenance, restoration, rehabilitation or reconstructing are not allowed); telecommunications infrastructure; water and waste water infrastructure; business and workforce development; and renewable and alternate energy projects. See the application manual for more details at <http://www.nbrc.gov/uploads/2017ProgramManual.pdf> for more information. Applications are due June 2nd at 5pm and letters of intent are encouraged by 4/30/2017. The 2017 Consolidated Funding Applications (CFAs) have opened for round 7. There are over 30 funding programs available through 12 state agencies including Empire State development, NYSERDA, Environmental Facilities Corp., Dept. of Labor, the Office of Parks and Rec., the DEC, the Dept. of Ag. And Markets etc. There are some training workshops up-coming: on 6/15 from 1:30 to 4pm at the Syracuse Center of Excellence 6/14 from 10:30 to 1pm at SUNY Oneonta and 6/23 from 2:30 to 5 at the ORDA Lake Placid Convention Center. The grant solicitations, resource materials and details for the workshops are available at www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov. The grants opened May 1st and close 7/28/2017 at 4pm. Cornell Local Roads is offering a Local Roads Done right workshop 5/18 from 8:30am to 3pm at the Jefferson co. Cornell cooperative Extension (203 N. Hamilton St., Watertown) and a Legal Liabilities workshop 5/24 from 8:30am to 3pm at the Oswego Co. Cooperative Extension, Amboy Education Center (748 Rt. 183, Williamstown). Cost for the classes is \$ 50 per attendee per class and sign-in starts at 8am. Visit www.cirp.cornell.edu for more information and to register. The Herkimer-Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program is offering training on SEQR Basics and Inter-municipal planning at Mohawk Valley Community College, Information technology Building, Schafer Theater from 5-9pm on 6/8. The cost for the training is \$ 10 and registration deadline is 6/1. Registration forms are available at <http://www.tughill.org/2017/04/26/land-use-training-workshop/>. The NYS Association of Towns (AOT) will be presenting a seminar on the new County-Wide Shared Services mandate from the state on May 19 from 10am to noon at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Syracuse, Dewitt. They will be examining the legislation as well as discussing local issues and strategic considerations towns may want to consider. To register for the seminar call AOT's office at (9518) 465-7933. For those unable to attend, a video version will be available within the next few weeks on AOT's website and there are already some documents available there about the subject. See www.nytowns.org for more info. \$ 225 million is available through the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2017 (WIIA) for drinking water and wastewater projects. There is also \$ 30 million in funding available in the Inter-municipal Grant Program for water quality infrastructure

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projects undertaken by two or more cooperating municipalities. The Environmental Finance Center

will host webinars on the program 5/9 at 11am and 6/1 at 2pm. To register for the webinars visit www.efc.ny.gov/NYSWaterGrants. Applications are due to NYSWATERGRANTS@efc.ny.gov by 6/23 at 5pm. The next Tug Hill Commission meeting is scheduled for the Town of Leyden Town Hall (6606 School Street, Leyden) on Monday May 15th at 10am. Lunch is scheduled to follow the meeting at Boondocks in Lyons Falls.

SUPERVISOR - TANYA YERDON

Supervisor Tanya Yerdon would like a speciation meeting to discuss the Windmill project. There is so much information and important decisions that the Town Board needs to make regarding the Windmill project. It is too much information to try to go through at a regular meeting.

The State Mandate of Shared Services has to be presented to Albany by September. All Town Supervisors, Mayors are mandated there is no opting out. Oswego County didn't opt out. They have to have ways and ideas that we can save the taxpayers money but we cannot use any of the services we already share/use. If you fail you have to start all over again. There has been discussion of county wide tax collector, tax assessor, code enforcement Officer, and judges. If you vote no you have to have written documentation as to the reason for voting no. It's overwhelming and very time consuming.

The Community Church wants to use the old Wesleyan/Methodist Church. The Wesleyan/Methodist Church reverts back to the Town of Redfield if not used as a Church. In 1954 title to the property of the church appears to have a lease. She would like permission to turn this over to the Town Attorney for clarification.

Robert Genant is the Oswego County ADA for the Town of Redfield. He is a very good Attorney and really cares about the Town of Redfield. He has given her credentials for a Tax Attorney which we need for the Windmill project. Avangrid pays for the Town's Tax Attorney. He has also given other names of Attorneys for the Windmill project. There was some discussion regarding Mr. Genant.

Resolution 17-51

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Elaine Yerdon to authorize Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to hire / appoint Robert Genant as the Town of Redfield's Attorney.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, J. Cheney, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, C. Bauer
Nays 0

Resolution 17-52

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by James Cheney to authorize Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to give all the necessary paperwork regarding the Wesleyan/Methodist Church to Attorney Robert Genant for clarification.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, J. Cheney, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, C. Bauer
Nays 0

It is the Town of Redfield's decision whether or not the IDA (Industrial Development Agency) is involved in the Windmill project. The Town of Redfield is the main entity in the project. Monday, June 19th she will be meeting with an IDA representative, Sandy Creek Central School representative, Oswego County representative and the Attorney regarding the Windmill project. Nothing will be decided at this meeting, we will need to decide if we are going with a PILOT or taxation at a later date.

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Resolution 17-53

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by James Cheney to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise a special meeting on Wednesday, June 7th at 6:30pm to discuss the Windmill Project no other business will be conducted.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, J. Cheney, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, C. Bauer
Nays 0

Councilwoman Carla Bauer thanked Supervisor Tanya Yerdon for all the time and research she has spent on the Windmill project and the Mandated Shared Services.

Motion was made by Carla Bauer seconded by Elaine Yerdon to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, J. Cheney, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, C. Bauer
Nays 0

The next Town of Redfield Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:30pm.

May 9, 2017
Susan Hough, Town Clerk

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