**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, OCTOBER 10, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on October 10, 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, Jane Jones - Assessor, Matt Tompkins, Frank Hilliker, Dan Murdie - Avangrid, Roger Murdie - Mad River Club, Wanda Murdie - Mad River Club, Ed Montieth - Redfield Snowmobile Club, Melissa Fisher - Avangrid, Robert O'Neal- Epsilon Associates, Inc., Chris Ollson - OEHM, Sue Harlander - Tax Collector, Terry Harlander, Bill Falcheck, Angie Kimball - Tug Hill Commission, Shawn Doyle - Oswego County Legislator, Nancy Ouderkirk, Neil Cheney, and John Howland - Code Enforcement Officer

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

**Resolution 17-103**

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by James Cheney to approve the final application of the Salmon River Subdivision presented by Christmas & Associates. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon was given the final application payment.

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

Nays 0

**Resolution 17-104**

Motion was made by Erwin Webb and seconded by Elaine Yerdon that the

General Fund Bills - Abstract #10 Vouchers 328-344, 353-358 Totaling $ 22,251.09

Light District #1 - Abstract #10 Vouchers 352 Totaling $ 609.05

ADOPTED Ayes 4 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, C. Bauer

Nays 1 J. Cheney

**Resolution 17-105**

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by James Cheney that the

Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 10 Vouchers 344-350 Totaling $ 3,343.26

Be paid.

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

**Resolution 17-106**

Motion was made by Carla Bauer 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**

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**Resolution 17-107**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to approve the September 13, 2017 minutes as presented with meeting date change noted.

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

Nays 0

TClerk reported forty-three (43) DECAL sales, six (6) dog licenses, no marriage license, and $ 5.50 copy fees. She still has twenty-four (24) people with dogs that are not licensed, approximately forty-six (46) dogs, she sent out a final notice of October 17th. The internet bill was ten dollars ($ 10.00) more than usual for the municipal building, during the primary election the workers used up all of the data and Supervisor Tanya Yerdon couldn't do her payroll reports, so we had to purchase additional data. Margaret will not be here tonight, she is at a meeting with Assemblyman Will Barclay, Senator Patti Ritchie, and other regarding the flooding problems. The County is working on their budget and they are looking at expanding or building a new jail. November 7th is Election Day, due to an Election Law the Town offices will be closed that day, if you are on the ballot you cannot be in the building all day to work.

**SUPERVISOR - TANYA YERDON**

The County Legislators have changed from four (4) years to two (2) years for taking property for unpaid taxes. Shawn Doyle - Oswego Legislator - the County has $ three to four (3-4) million held up, the Treasurer is willing to work with anyone, the auctions have gotten out of hand.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - PAUL PRATT**

They have one (1) truck done in the next day or two they will put the plow hitches on the others. Working on pot holes on the minimum maintenance roads. The 2015 pickup needed front brakes and hubs, most are switching to manual hubs because of the problems with the hubs, should be done in the next couple of days. As we talked about before he signed the letter for the County to get paid by the mile, he feels it should work out for us. We will be getting a check for twenty-five (25) percent in October and seventy-five (75) percent in February. He received a quote for a new loader, its more money than in the past, we would keep this loader for three to four (3-4) years because they are doing away with this program because they have too many used loaders. If we do go with a new loader he feels we should pay the $ 545.00 for the bumper to bumper warranty, which covers the electronics, which we had problems with the one we have now after we had it only two (2) weeks, the total cost would be $ 11,907.00, delivered in December and payment in January. We have basically met our Revenue for the year so we will have extra, we wouldn't need to add to the budget line, coupler helps with the trade-in and it's not costing additional this year, our loader has a little over four hundred (400) hours. CM James Cheney - so you would plan on getting a new one in three years. Paul - we wouldn't want to go more than four (4) years, you don’t want it getting too old, then it would need tires and repairs, if the market gets better they might want to go sooner, by December we will have about five hundred (500) hours on our machine, typically we run five hundred (500) hours per year.

**Resolution 17-108**

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Erwin Webb to approve Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt to purchase a new 2017 Caterpillar 938m loader for $ 11,907.00 which includes an extended warranty for $ 545.00, delivery in December, payment in January.

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

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CW Elaine Yerdon - Russell Montieth told her that Verna Gleasman received a new septic system through the County grant program that Tanya signed a letter in support for.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - JOHN HOWLAND**

John gave out his monthly report. There was discussion regarding a new septic system installed on County Route 47, no permit for the septic, John will send a letter, you do not need a permit if you are replacing the tank.

**ANGELA KIMBALL - TUG HILL COMMISSION**

**REMINDER:** The US Fish and Wildlife Service’s Lower Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office has announced the availability of funding for Fish Passage and Aquatic Habitat Restoration in NY and Pennsylvania’s Great Lakes Watershed. Grants are available for projects between $10,000 and $100,000 that 1) remove or bypass dams and/or replace or retrofit culverts, 2) restore riparian and in-stream habitat, 3) protect, restore and manage coastal wetlands and 4) complete road-stream crossing assessments and prioritizing barrier removal projects. Eligible organizations include states, tribes, local governments and not-for-profits. For more information see <https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/NYSDEC/2017/09/05/file_attachments/874491/LGLFWCO%2BHabitat%2BProgram%2BRFP2017.pdf>. Deadline to apply is 10/13. **REMINDER:** The US Endowment for Forestry and Communities has announced the availability of up to $3 million of funding through the 2018 Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program. Grants will be awarded in 3 categories 1) Watershed Action Projects (projects which fulfill components of an established watershed plan - $50,000 to $250,000 awards size), 2) Building Watershed Protection Capacity (grow organizational capacity and partnerships needed for long-term watershed protection – maximum award $150,000/year) and 3) Advancing the State of Practice (new experimental technologies, methods, strategies or approaches to incentivize watershed protection on a broad level -$50,000 to $200,000 awards). Eligible organizations are not-for-profits, for profit communities, tribes, states and local governments. At least a 25% match is required and an informational webinar will be held 10/11 at 2 pm. For more information visit <http://www.usendowment.org/healthywatersheds.html>. Proposals are due 2/1/18. The Local Government Education Committee (LGEC) is offering a free GIS workshop Thurs. 10/26 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Deerfield Town Hall (6329 Walker Rd., Deerfield). Jeff Quackenbush, GIS Coordinator for Herkimer-Oneida Comprehensive Planning Program will be presenting. Pre-registration is due by 10/24 and for more information or to register you can call the LGEC at (315) 792-7270. There is are two public open houses regarding compatibility planning around Fort Drum coming up in regards to the ongoing Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). There is one open house 10/10 at the Lowville Academy Elementary Cafeteria (7668 N. State St., Lowville) from 6-8 pm; and one 10/11 at Watertown High School’s Large Cafeteria (1335 Washington St., Watertown) from 6-8 pm. The presentations and materials will be the same at both open houses so choose the most convenient one for you. For more information visit [www.danc.org/ftdrum\_jlus](http://www.danc.org/ftdrum_jlus) . Parks and Trails NY and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation are offering a third round of competitive grants through the NYS Parks and Trails Partnership Program. The grants are designed, among other things, to promote preservation, stewardship, maintenance etc. of NYS parks, trails, historic sites and public lands; increase sustainability of not-for-profits that promote and maintain the same; promote tourism and economic development benefits of outdoor recreation. Eligible applicants must be not-for profit corporations; must be tax-exempt or have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a tax-exempt fiscal agent and must have a Memorandum of

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Agreement (MOA) with NYS Parks and Rec. or a MOU or Stewardship agreement with the NYS

DEC at the time the grant is issued. See <https://www.ptny.org/our-work/support/park-trail-partnership-program> for more information. Clean vehicle rebates are available to municipalities that purchased or leased (at least a 36 month lease) an eligible vehicle and placed it in municipal service (from an eligible dealer) on or after 4/1/17. Rebates of up to $2,500 per vehicle will be issued for vehicles with an all-battery electric range between 10 and 50 miles and rebates of $5,000 per vehicle for vehicles with an all-battery range of over 50 miles. Additionally, approximately $2 million in funding is available to municipalities for eligible infrastructure projects which support public use of clean vehicles (public charging or fueling of clean vehicles). A 20% local match is necessary for the infrastructure grant. The NYS DEC will accept applications through 5/31/18 and for more information contact DEC’s Office of Climate Change at [ZEVrebate@dec.ny.gov](mailto:ZEVrebate@dec.ny.gov) or (518)402-8448. The Jefferson County Planning Dept. and the Tug Hill Commission are sponsoring a land use training session on 10/30 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Jefferson Community College (1220 Coffeen St., Watertown). The session is titled “Land Use and Zoning Non-Conformities” and Scott Chatfield will be presenting. For more information or to RSVP contact Jefferson County Planning at (315) 785-3144 or [planning@co.jefferson.ny.us](mailto:planning@co.jefferson.ny.us). NYS Archives has some upcoming training sessions available this fall. There is a class on “Using State Archives Local Government Retention Schedules” on 11/14 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Town of Macedon and one on “Document Scanning Essentials” on 11/20 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in Cazenovia. For more information on training events see <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/schedule>, click the training session you want and follow the link to registration information. **Save the Date:** The date has been set for the Tug Hill Commission’s Annual Meeting which will be held Thursday November 2nd at the Boonville VFW (108 Park Ave, Boonville). Social hour starts at 5 pm, followed by a short program starting at 6 pm and a buffet dinner at 6:45 pm. Following dinner, a sneak peak of the new book the Commission has been working on will be available. Cost for the dinner is $20 each and reservations are due by 10/20. Also, a reminder that the Intermunicipal Agreement needs to be signed by the end of the year.

**SUPERVISOR - TANYA YERDON**

Supervisor Tanya Yerdon read a letter regarding the Snowmobile Club and the trails.

**Resolution 17-109**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to approve Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to write and sign a letter in support of the Redfield Snowmobile Association.

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

Nays 0

Also, we need to set a date for the Preliminary Budget after the Election.

**Resolution 17-110**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise a Public Hearing on the Fire Contract for one (1) year at $ 45,500.00 at 7:00pm, and a Zoning Law Public Hearing immediately following the Fire Contract on Wednesday, November 7, 2017 at the Redfield Municipal Building.

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

Nays 0

We can't advertise for the Preliminary Budget until it's completed.

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**Resolution 17-111**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise the Regular November Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 7:30pm at the Redfield Municipal Building.

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

Nays 0

**Resolution 17-112**

Motion was made by Tanya Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise a budget workshop on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Redfield Municipal Building no other business with be conducted.

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

Nays 0

Presentation from Avangrid - Rob O'Neal, Christopher Ollson, Dan Murdie, Melissa Fisher and Walter Meisner. Information was given regarding noise, lightning and tornados, and extensive studies done on wind mill farms.

CM James Cheney - At the last meeting we had a pre executive session before the meeting and we were presented with a Wind Mill Law -we were told this should be kept confidential, he doesn't think that is right, he checked with the State Committee for Open Government - they agree with him any kind of draft or anything like this should be open to the public, all we are representatives of the public, if they don't know the people we are representing don't know what the laws about, we shouldn't be making the decisions the community should be making the decisions, he thinks that windmill law should be made public to the people and voters in this town, he doesn’t know why we have a windmill law because we haven't decided whether we are going to have windmills yet or not, we paid a lawyer good money to come up with this windmill law, nobody can give me, only thing they have told me is we've got to do it now because it we wait we might not be able to, it might be too late, the windmill law that has been presented to us if it was ever enforced there will be no windmills, that's as much confidential as he, that's his feeling why are we keeping if confidential from the people, I guess that's a question for you Tanya. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon -advice from our Attorneys, we may not even. CM James Cheney - excuse me, he talked to Melody she said that is not her business that is up to the board, he asked her that today. Bill Falcheck asked if that was a separate issue from the Zoning Law. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon stated yes. CM James Cheney - what happened is that when the windmills were presented to us last fall, at that point Tanya appointed a Zoning Board because we thought at that time we had to have zoning if we were to have a windmill law, we've got both now. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - we might not even proceed with the windmill law, it there's no need for it we won't put it on the books. CM James Cheney - but that's the whole point I'm making why did we spend all this money for something we might not need. He doesn’t go along with this it has to be done now instead of later, but that's my input on that. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon asked anymore discussions.

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon seconded by Carla Bauer to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm.

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 Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 7:30pm.

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Susan Hough, Town Clerk