

PUBLIC HEARING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, March 9, 2018

The Public Hearing of the Redfield Town Board was held on March 9, 2018 at the Redfield Municipal Building starting at 7:00pm. Roll call was taken and the following board members were present:

Tanya Yerdon	- Supervisor
Carla Bauer	- Councilwoman
Elaine Yerdon	- Councilwoman
Erwin Webb	- Councilman
Matthew Tompkins	- Councilman

In addition, Susan Hough -Town Clerk, Paul Pratt -Highway Superintendent, Rob Brenner – Nixon Peabody LLP, Terry Harlander, Michael Yerdon- Code Enforcement Officer, Jane Jones - Assessor, Tom Jones, Angela Kimball - Tug Hill Commission, Matt Smith – Woodwise/Camp Owner, Rebecca Fowler, Florence Parkhurst, Walter Marione - Avangrid

Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - this Public Hearing has to do with the petition received from Florence Parkhurst regarding reclassification of Caster Spur Drive was called to order at 7:10pm. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon opened the hearing for comment from the people in attendance, who would like to address the board.

Rebecca Fowler - a while ago they did some research as well, her mom had also wrote a letter on April 8, 2014, petitioning the board to get the road opened back up, we came up and met we were told we all we had to do was petition the town and that is why we are here, as to open that road back up so mom can live there so she's not paying rent.

Florence Parkhurst - can't get fire insurance because of the road.

Rebecca Fowler - we were told we couldn't clear the road, or we could be arrested, we can't pay someone to clear the road, we've come in a couple different times trying to resolve this and it's like this is the last ditch effort to resolve this. If not we will, this is the last step and we are not playing games anymore she's tired of it, mom has been put through hell, like I said back in 2014, said my name is Florence Parkhurst I own 105.44 acres on Castor Drive Spur, I would like to request that Castor Drive Spur be maintained during the winter months this is my primary residence but I am forced to rent during the months of November through late April or possibly May due to lack of it being maintained, I am only allowed to have seasonal fire insurance on my home because the fire trucks will not be able to reach the residence. It costs me approximately \$ 3,000 a year in taxes, this road was taken care of until 2008, I had to move my mailbox down by the creek because of the road not being kept clean, this causes another problem which means I have to drive 160 miles round trip once a week to get my mail. Could someone please help me with this problem, this was dated April 8, 2014. Then we wrote another letter sent it certified January 23, 2018, that again pretty much listed what was going on, what this was costing her, what financial burden this is making her incur because she does have to rent, mom was told it was going to cost \$ 100,000.00 to maintain that, she addressed the Town Highway Superintendent, they plow up Castor Drive well over, it's .23 miles Castor Drive Spur, she was told there was a turnaround at the end of Castor Drive that's why the plow all that distance, there is a turnaround on Castor Drive Spur and there always has been. So what's the explanation, let's get this done and let's get this taken care of, you guys have put mom through hell for too long.

Town Clerk Susan Hough asked for a copy of the April 8, 2014 letter. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - so it's your wish that the Town maintain it fulltime year around. Rebecca Fowler - so she can reside there. Florence Parkhurst - so she can reside there and have fire insurance there, so she can be there. Rebecca Fowler - so she doesn't have to rent, her chimney is now falling down, which we never went through that before because she could heat it and she could reside there. Since she can't reside there anymore, for the amount of money she pays in taxes, and for the inconvenience that it's cost her for several years, she has petitioned the town before she was told she had to do this, let's get this done, because this is my last trip here. Not to mention the financial burden it has put on her. CW Carla Bauer - what about the laws of the minimum maintenance. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - we don't discuss it yet, this is a public hearing for them to speak. Any other comments on the issue of Castor Drive Spur and the minimum maintenance, so no other comments. CEO - Michael Yerdon - would the existing road need to be widened. Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt - yes we would have to widen the road, change some culverts and re-gravel the road in order to maintain it year around. We would have to get permission from the landowners and get a permanent easement for the turnaround. Florence Parkhurst - you always used that turnaround before. Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt - he didn't. Florence Parkhurst - well whoever the town was used it. Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt - that very well could be but while I've been in we always get a permanent easement for a turnaround on anybody's property because it gives us the right in case the property changes hands or anything like that. Florence Parkhurst - well the one side would be my property. Rebecca Fowler - how many culverts. Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt - there are three (3) on that road. Rebecca Fowler on the .23 miles of Castor Drive Spur. Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt - yes - Paul explained where they were.

Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - asked if there were any other comments on the Castor Drive Spur on the petition from Florence Parkhurst.

Rebecca Fowler - we have dealt with the Highway Superintendent in our township, and so on and so forth, we have lots of different equipment, it's hard for her to believe that, that driveway has been maintained, the distance on the plows have not changed that much that it could not be done. Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt - when that road was plowed and maintained years ago, it was done with a four (4) wheel drive plows and we don't run them. Rebecca Fowler - what do you run on Castor Drive? Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt - a tandem, it's a bigger plow and a heavier truck, it doesn't have all wheel drive. Rebecca Fowler - well when you are paying \$ 40,000.00 in the past how many years, there is an attachment that's listed in here with the cost that mom has incurred alone, it's hard to believe that the Town Supervisor doesn't have a four (4) wheel drive pickup truck and she is very familiar with snow removal, she's a school bus driver and drives all across the county, she drives Central Square, Solvay, Hannibal, she's familiar with what we've got, she wasn't born yesterday, she's a farmer, it's hard for her to believe that you do not have equipment to maintain, you have a nice excuse. Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt - is not saying they can't maintain the road, but you are not going to do it with a four (4) wheel drive pickup. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - ok this is the public hearing so let's just let her make her comments, anymore comments. Rebecca Fowler - the fact that we have \$ 40,000.00 in costs that have been incurred in a minimal amount of years, we've made several trips up here and enough is enough this is our last ditch effort to work with you guys and not get a lawyer and handle this, we are not the kind of people that want to get a lawyer involved, we have honestly made an honest effort with the Town of Redfield to try and resolve this, not for three weeks, not for three months, this has been going on for years, she knows what it's like to

live in a small town, I've lived in my town for forty (40) years, she knows they are outsiders but it can be done and there's no reason why it shouldn't be done. Especially when she's been put through all this illegally, this has been going on, we've been given the runaround and the runaround we are here we tried to honestly resolve this and be a good resident and be part of the community, and we're tired of it. Florence Parkhurst - did you talk to your lawyer?

Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - this is a public hearing for you to make your comments. Florence Parkhurst that is my comment I'm asking did you talk to your lawyer? Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - she did talk to our lawyer, so we will discuss this when we come out of the public hearing. Rebecca Fowler - the last thing we knew it we were going to be told it was a few days before we heard and then we still hadn't heard, this is our last trip, we will not be making any other trips it will be our lawyer.

Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - thank you for your comments, does anyone else have any comments on this. Does anyone else have comments or questions?

She needs a motion to close the public hearing concerning the petition from Florence Parkhurst on 47 Castor Drive Spur.

Motion was made by Erwin Webb seconded by Elaine Yerdon to close the public hearing concerning the petition from Florence Parkhurst on 47 Castor Drive Spur at 7:25pm.

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

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Susan Hough, Town Clerk

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