

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, October 9, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on October 9, 2018 at the Redfield Municipal Building starting at 7:30pm. Roll call was taken and the following board members were present:

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

In addition, Susan Hough -Town Clerk, Paul Pratt -Highway Superintendent, Tom Jones

**Resolution 18-90**

Motion was made by Erwin Webb and seconded by Elaine Yerdon that the  
General Fund Bills - Abstract #10 Vouchers 328-345, 356,357 Totaling \$ 10,536.09 and  
Light District #1 - Abstract #10 Vouchers 355 Totaling \$ 650.87

Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins  
Nays 0

**Resolution 18-91**

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Erwin Webb that the  
Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 10 Vouchers 345-353 Totaling \$ 26,900.28

Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins  
Nays 0

**Resolution 18-92**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins that the Supervisor's  
Report and Payroll Sheets be accepted as presented.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins  
Nays 0

**TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH**

Town Clerk had seven (7) dog licenses and thirty five (35) DECALS. Margaret will not be here tonight - the County is working on their budget and the meetings are back to the winter schedule of 2pm on Thursdays. She handed out Code Enforcement Officer Mike Yerdon's report.

The board discussed the new Sexual Harassment Policy. Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt - in the County Snow and Ice Contract it's required that the Town has a Sexual Harassment Policy in place. He heard that the Fire Department will need one because they have a contract with the Town, anyone that works for the Town or Contracts with the Town is what he was told. Tom Jones - the Snowmobile Club had to have a Violence in the Work Place Policy.

**Resolution 18-93**

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Elaine Yerdon to approve the new Sexual Harassment Policy with the noted changes made.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins  
Nays 0

TClerk to check the training requirements, Amboy and Williamstown have the new policy too.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - PAUL PRATT**

Paul - they've hauled and piled all the sand and salt. He ordered salt for the Town of Osceola, we should be getting the check this week. He has received the new Snow & Ice Contract from the County, they have changed it so the Highway Superintendent and the Supervisor both must sign this year, not much change in the contract, Town of Redfield will get paid \$ 5,000 per mile same as last year. To enter into the Contract you must have a Sexual Harassment Policy in affect. There was discussion regarding the PILOT program, Paul is happy with it. The Towns still getting paid by the hour have some changes- the County use to take the total amount of overtime and pay half of it, now they are only paying half of the overtime on County roads, they have trucks that never touch a County road and some that are only on a County road for ten (10) minutes. We get paid a third in November and the rest in February, he thinks it's around \$ 35,000 in November and \$ 135,850 in February, there are 27.11 miles of County Roads in the Town of Redfield per the Road Inventory from New York State. In the other Towns the County doesn't pay for the miles that are in the Village, we don't have a Village so he is going to ask about getting paid for ours, the County would like all the sanders calibrated, the amount of sand that is being used in a lane mile, that's easier with the new sanders, they would like the Towns to purchase the electronic controlled sanders when replacing a truck with a new one. Paul will keep track of the hours and miles so he can know where we are at the end of the season.

**Resolution 18-94**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to authorize Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt and Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to sign the 2018 - 2019 Oswego County Ice and Snow Removal Contract.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins  
Nays 0

**REDFIELD SNOWMOBILE CLUB - TOM JONES**

Tom - the Old Sky Lodge trail is crosses on National Grid property. National Grid requires a Snowmobile Trail License, part of that is the local Municipality has to sign off that they are in agreement for the License. There are no changes to the contract, the Club maintains the trail, this is requirement yearly. The 503 Trail is a Club Trail - the local Snowmobile Club pays for the grooming and maintaining the trail, they do not receive any State Funds for this trail.

**Resolution 18-95**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to authorize Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to sign the National Grid agreement for snowmobile trail 503 to the Old Sky Lodge. This is only for snowmobiles not for any ATVs.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins  
Nays 0

**SUPERVISOR - TANYA YERDON**

The grant money for the high speed internet was award last year to Frontier, she received a letter from Verizon with an update. Verizon is partnering with New York State under its broadband grant program to deploy high speed broadband service to more than 15,000 rural addresses in upstate New York. The earliest program construction will begin this Fall, and will continue on a

rolling basis until all the census blocks are reached. We will be reaching out to you to discuss our specific plans for your community an estimated three months proper to our build start, and to identify Verizon's lead engineering and construction contract for the builds in your community. She has been told that the Frontier customers up north already can get it and that it costs \$ 60 - she's not sure if that's really happening. Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt - his contract was up and he was told it would be \$ 80/month so he stayed with what he had for the next year. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - it does say Verizon will offer awarded addresses a minimum broadband speed tier of 25Mbps for \$ 60/month plus taxes and fees. There was discussion regarding Spectrum - they have been running lines through Boylston, Orwell and Williamstown, the north end is Frontier and the rest of Redfield is Verizon. Spectrum doesn't have anything to do with the broadband grant. Tanya - received, she did give Roy a copy but doesn't think it applies to anyone here, on the Retired Public Employees Association just letting you someone looking to retire in the next year, if anyone needs to know what they have to do for the New York State Retirement. Paul gave a copy to Roy and he plans on going to Syracuse to talk to someone, it will be posted. She also received notice from the Department of Civil Service- the law has changed relating to Line of Duty Sick Leave related to the World Trade Center conditions, she doesn't believe it affects anyone in Town but it will be posted. Legislation enacted September 11, 2017, Chapter 212, Laws of 2017, amended the New York State General Municipal Law to authorize leave with pay without charge to accruals for State and Local employees who are absent from work due to a qualifying World Trade Center condition, this bulletin generally describes the requirements to whom the Law is applicable and must follow. Also for any board members the 2019 Annual Association of Towns meeting and Training will be at the Marriott Marquis in New York on February 17 through the 20, she has the registration and information if you feel the need to attend, the Town has to reimburse you for the room and mileage. This packet that says - The Town of Redfield Plan - the Tug Hill Commission through the last couple of years with the Wind Mills coming in and the Zoning, we've been asked if we have a Comprehensive Plan. Yes, we were part of the Tug Hill Commission's along with many other Towns, back in the 1990's they became a part of it, so by Law we did have a legal Comprehensive Plan, so the question has come up if the Towns have their own Comprehensive Plan, so the Tug Hill Commission has taken all of the information they had and condensed it, put together this packet, so this is our individual Comprehensive Plan, they would like the board to go look at them and see if there's any changes, if you agree or disagree or whatever. This possibly could help us in the long run. She received a letter from the DEC regarding a piece of land on Battle Hill that consists of 262 +/- acres, the land is currently owned by Francis Yerdon, Stuart Yerdon, Francis Adams, Herbert Yerdon and Kern Yerdon, three want to get rid of it the other two don't, the State has a piece behind this that is land locked, the State would like to purchase the property, the State does pay taxes in the Town of Redfield and it wouldn't go into a 480a, the other people interested want to Subdivide it and add it to their lots. The DEC has asked like they always do, if the Town has any concerns and if we are for or against the purchase, we do not have to answer them and yes this came June 29<sup>th</sup> but she waited because at that time it was not agreeable with all of the owners that the State was going to be involved, but she talked to Fran last week and he said to go ahead with it if the Town wanted to respond. They will probably re-issue this letter. There was some discussion. Board would rather see the State have it. She has had a complaint in the Myrtle Cemetery, Mrs. Becker is upset because her stone was moved a little, very little, she thought that somehow the mower hit the stone, Tanya, Suz and John all looked at the stone, and John tweaked it back in place. Mrs. Becker wants the Town to pay for the monument adhesive to the base. She talked to EW Carle in Camden, she was told you have the foundation, then a piece of stone, it's not usually done. We don't have perpetual care, it wasn't done by the Town equipment or an employee. EW Carle talked to Mrs. Becker and told her they never adhesive to the foundation. The stone appears to be in very good shape. There was

discussion and the Town Board doesn't feel it's the Town's responsibility. Tanya will talk to Mrs. Becker. Tanya had the lights outside the front door of the building replaced and the building pressure washed, it looks a lot better. Tanya bought the lights and is waiting to submit them because she is trying to find a clock for the other outside lights, the timers range from \$ 50 to \$ 100, she left a message for Corey to call her back so she can get the correct one. Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt contacted the guy that did the fans in the Highway Garage about changing the two (2) lights on the end of the building that aren't working, we're not hiring him, he said that to replace the lights they are \$ 300 to \$ 400 apiece, it would take him a couple hours with his bucket truck, \$ 1,300 to \$ 1,400 to change them. He called Smartwatt did the initial installation about four (4) years ago, he's sure the warranty will be off. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon attended the CTHC banquet last week, they had an Attorney from Barclay Damon there, he has now taken a lot of Towns on as a Municipal Attorney, he brought up the fact of ATV's on the Town roads, it's obviously happening everywhere, and some Towns have passed a law to open their roads to ATV's, he went through the Law - he told the Towns do not open any of the roads to ATVs, the Law is very explicit, you will lose in court, she did ask what to do because it's a free for all, we have put it out there that our roads are not open, but the ATV Clubs are putting it on their sites to come up and ride, as long as we don't open any of our roads, when a lawsuit arises, he said it's only a matter of time, we should be covered. CM M. Tompkins - should we put a notice in the paper. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - no, if it comes down to it, she'll ask him because Oswego County put it on their trail map, we have no control over what the County does. Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt - the County is suppose to post the open roads for ATV's just like they would for snowmobiles trails, they haven't posted them and they aren't supposedly open if there isn't a sign. There was discussion, we need a copy of the ATV map. At the workshop the Town Clerk handed out to everyone the Tentative Budget which we went through.

#### **Resolution 18-96**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Erwin Webb to accept the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget and advertise it in the paper.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins  
Nays 0

#### **Resolution 18-97**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Erwin Webb to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise that the November Regular Town Board meeting will be changed to Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> directly following the Public Hearings. A Public Hearing for Local Law #2 of 2018 Wind Energy Facilities at 6:30pm on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. A Public Hearing for the Preliminary Budget directly following the 6:30pm Public Hearing on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins  
Nays 0

Angie was not in attendance but sent her announcements

#### **TUG HILL COMMISSION - ANGIE KIMBALL -**

**REMINDER:** The NYS Archives will be holding a session on “**Conducting a Records Inventory for Local Governments**” which will allow you to learn how to inventory paper and electronic records and use the inventory data to determine needs for your records and develop a records management plan. The session will be held Tuesday October 16 at the Marcy Town Hall (8801 Paul Becker Rd., Marcy) from 9 am to Noon. For more information and to register visit <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/schedule/conducting-a-records-inventory-for-local-governments-2018-10-16>. **REMINDER:** The 2018-19 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) grants are now available. There is \$3 million in funding available with the maximum grant award

per court of \$30,000 (\$60,000 for joint applications). All Town and Village courts are eligible for funding and funding is available for office equipment and furniture, security equipment and court room and court facilities improvements and renovations. The application must be filed by Court personnel, so if Boards are aware of an area needing funding they should coordinate with their court personnel to submit an application. The majority of the application is submitted online and court personnel will be able to access the town and village courts webpage with login and other information at [www.nycourts.gov/townandvillage](http://www.nycourts.gov/townandvillage). Deadline to apply for JCAP grants is 10/11. The 27<sup>th</sup> annual Potsdam Local Government Conference will be held 10/9 at SUNY Potsdam. There are sessions geared toward assessors, municipal board members, code officers, clerks and public work employees. For more information or to register visit <https://clear.potsdam.edu/coursestatus.awp?&course=186CON1004>. There is an upcoming workshop entitled “Preparing Your Woods for More Frequent Disturbance” which will focus on the Nature Conservancy’s 17,000 acre Tug Hill conservation area. The morning session will be held at Snow Ridge Resort in Turin and the afternoon session is in the field, with morning refreshments and lunch served. The event will be held Saturday 10/13 from 9 am to 4 pm. Registration by 10/9 is free, but required to ensure refreshment and handout counts. To register visit [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/CCETNCResilience18\\_231](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/CCETNCResilience18_231). The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) have announced the FY 2018 Assistance to Firefighters grants (AFG) have opened. The grant cycle opened 9/24 and the deadline to apply is 10/26 at 5 pm. The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The program provides direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTA). The funds provide critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience. For more information on the AFG process visit <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/170096>. The St. Lawrence Eastern Lake Ontario Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (SLELO PRISM) is hosting a Hemlock Woody Adelgid Walk and Talk on Tuesday 10/23 (rescheduled date due to weather) from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm at Forest Park (10-24 Ripley Rd., Camden). You can join this guided hike and learn about hemlock tree identification, the hemlock woolly adelgid, early detection techniques, how to report observations using iMapInvasives and citizen science and volunteer opportunities. To register contact Megan Pistolese at (315) 387-3600 X7724 or [megan.pistolese@tnc.org](mailto:megan.pistolese@tnc.org). Governor Cuomo has announced a series of listening sessions on regulated marijuana will be held across New York State in September and October. The purpose of these sessions is to garner input from community members and key stakeholders on the implementation of a regulated marijuana program in New York State. This input will assist the Regulated Marijuana Workgroup in drafting legislation for an adult-use marijuana program for the legislature to consider in the upcoming session. Sessions will be held 10/9 in Syracuse at the Double Tree by Hilton (6301 St. Rt. 298, East Syracuse), 10/10 in Utica at the Holiday Inn Utica (1777 Burrstone Rd., New Hartford) and 10/11 in Watertown at JCC (1220 Coffeen St., Watertown). All the sessions will run from 6-8 pm with doors opening at 5:30 pm. Visit <https://www.ny.gov/regulated-marijuana/regulated-marijuana-listening-sessions#listening-sessions> to register for a session. The Jefferson County Planning Dept. and the Tug Hill Commission are co-sponsoring a land use training session entitled “Sustaining Your Community Vitality into the Future”. The workshop will be held on Monday October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Jefferson Community College (1220 Coffeen St., Watertown). Khris Dodson from the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center will offer insights into what is needed to plan for the future and help your community remain vibrant and solvent. Please RSVP by 10/26 to Jefferson County Planning at (315) 785-3144 or [planning@co.jefferson.ny.us](http://planning@co.jefferson.ny.us). **Save the Dates:**

The next Tug Hill Commission meeting is Monday 10/15 at the Town of Steuben Town Hall (9458 Soule Rd., Remsen) from 10-11:30 am. The date has been set for the 45<sup>th</sup> Tug Hill Commission Annual Dinner for Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Grape and Grog (85 Taberg St., Camden). The cost of the dinner is \$25 per person with a cash bar. Please RSVP to Gwen at the Commission Office at (35)785-2380 by 10/26.

Motion was made by Erwin Webb seconded by Matthew Tompkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm.

ADOPTED    Ayes 4            T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins  
                 Nays 0

The next Town of Redfield Town Board meeting will be held Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:30pm.

October 9, 2018  
Susan Hough, Town Clerk

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