

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, November 8, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on November 8, 2018 at the Redfield Municipal Building starting at 8:05pm. Roll call was taken and the following board members were present:

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

In addition, Susan Hough -Town Clerk, Paul Pratt -Highway Superintendent, Rob Brenner - Nixon Peabody, LLP, Rob O'Neal - Epsilon Associates, John Yerdon - Dog Control Officer, Matt Smith - Woodwise, Richard Palmer - Mad River Club, Dan Murdie - Avangrid, Jim Muscato - Young/Sommer, Michael Yerdon - Code Enforcement Officer, Walter Meisner - Avangrid, Terry Harlander, John Halstead - IUOE 158, Roger Murdie- Mad River Club, James Cullinan, Tom McHale - NYS Laborers, John Cheney, Jane Jones - Assessor, Tom Jones, Scott Swift - Laborers Local 633

Pledge of the Allegiance was waived.

Resolution 18-98

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins that the General Fund Bills - Abstract #11 Vouchers 362-372, 376-377, 386-392,394-395 Totaling \$ 8,474.13 and Light District #1 - Abstract #11 Vouchers 385 Totaling \$ 668.41

Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins, C. Bauer
Nays 0

Resolution 18-99

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Erwin Webb that the Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 11 Vouchers 377-384, 393 Totaling \$ 14,666.72

Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins, C. Bauer
Nays 0

Resolution 18-101

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins, C. Bauer
Nays 0

TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH

Town Clerk had 15 DECALS, 22 Dog Licenses, 1 Certified Copy. She would like the board to know that postage stamps will be going up to \$.55 in January, which could add up for everyone especially the Tax Collector, we will be purchasing some forever stamps by the end of the year. She handed out the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report.

Resolution 18-102

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Erwin Webb to approve the following minutes as presented: January 9, February 16, June 12 & 27, July 2 & 10, August 14, September 11 & 25, October 2 & 9.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins, C. Bauer
Nays 0

DOG CONTROL OFFICER - JOHN YERDON

John has had a problem with a dog owner that will be coming before the Judge this month, they won't come to the door, refuse to sign for a registered letter. John has wrote a summons for him to appear in court, last John knew he got the letter sent regular mail. John gave the Judge an itemized list of the expenses incurred. The dog killed the neighbor's chickens, John actually was there and saw it, he had a problem a couple of years ago but couldn't prove it was that dog. So he will be coming up in court this month, the law says he has to pay the chicken owner and the town. The lady from NYS Agriculture & Markets came and inspected the kennel, everything was good, it's a new lady as the other one received a promotion.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike has had forty-four (44) permits to date, and has three (3) more pending - storage sheds, he will have close to fifty (50). It's going good with the new Zoning Law, mostly out of town people. He's had some issues with non-conforming lots in the Hamlet but its going good. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - stated Mike is doing a good job. Assessor Jane Jones - It makes a big difference for her, Mike writes it all out so Jane knows what's going on.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - PAUL PRATT

Paul has received the new pickup truck. They have put everything away for winter storage, secured the old town barn with some plywood. He did get a quote for the lights on the Town Barn for \$ 1,200.00. He found out that the guarantee on the lights runs out next month so Smart Watt will install for \$ 400.00, they have sent two (2) new ones.

Resolution 18-103

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to authorize the Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise Notice is Hereby Given that there will be no parking on town roads in the Town of Redfield from November 1, 2018 to April 15, 2019 between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. There will also be no parking in snowplow turnarounds at any time of day between the aforementioned dates and no parking at any time in school bus turnarounds. Vehicles illegally parked will be towed away at the owner's expense and advertise Notice is Hereby Given that the Town of Redfield will not be liable for any damage to vehicles and/or personal property, including mailboxes that are within the Town's right of way during the process of plowing and removing snow.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins, C. Bauer
Nays 0

TUG HILL COMMISSION - ANGIE KIMBALL - Angie sent her announcements in for the meeting, she will not be here tonight:

The NYS Archives is preparing for the next round of Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) grants with some webinars and some locally held information sessions. There is a webinar on November 15th from 10 -11 am on writing a shared services LGRMIF grant and one on December 4th from 10 -11 am on the LGRMIF narrative section. In our area, the session on writing an effective LGRMIF grant will be held Friday November 16th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Lowville Town Hall (5533 Bostwick St., Lowville). For more information on the LGRMIF grants and to sign up for either a webinar or an information session visit the NYS Archives website at http://www.archives.nysed.gov/grants/grants_lgrmif.shtml.

Upcoming wind project meetings: a) The Number Three wind project located in Harrisburg and Lowville has had their application deemed complete by the Article 10 siting board. Upcoming information sessions and public comment hearings have been announced. The sessions will be held on November 14th at the Lowville Town Hall (5533 Bostwick St., Lowville) with the first information session starting at 2 pm and the public statement hearing at 3 pm and the second information session starting at 6 pm and the public statement hearing starting at 7 pm. For more information on the project and other ways to comment visit The Public Service Commission's Document Matter Management (DMM) system at

<http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterSeq=50941&MNO=16-F-0328>.

b) Avangrid Renewables has announced that they will be hosting an open house on the Deer River wind project (located in Pinckney, Harrisburg and Montague) on November 14th from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm at the Pinckney Town Hall (307 St. Rt. 177, Barnes Corners). Avangrid will have people available to discuss studies that have been completed as well as the Article 10 process. There will be many information stations about the project and the opportunity to ask questions of the Avangrid staff. The American Farmland Trust along with the Cornell University Community and Regional Development Institute (CaRDI) and the NYS Dept. of Ag and Markets are hosting a Farmland Protection and Smart Solar Siting Forum on Thursday November 15th from 9 am to Noon. The Forum will be held at the Gouverneur Community Center in St. Lawrence County. The Forum will feature discussions on how to design zoning laws to protect the best farm land while permitting large scale solar projects. There will be time for networking and discussion with other municipal leaders and farmers who are concerned about these issues. The session is free of charge and lunch will be provided. For more information and to RSVP to

www.farmland.org/farmlandforum. The NYS DEC and New York ReLeaf are hosting a workshop on the Emerald Ash Borer which is geared toward town and village boards and municipal officials. The workshop will be held Wednesday November 14th at the Adams Municipal Building (3 South Main St., Adams) from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Please pre-register for the session by contacting Mike Giocondo at michael.giocondo@dec.ny.gov or (315) 376-3521. The 2018 Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Clean Vehicle Municipal Rebate program is now open. The NYS DEC is accepting applications for the program until 7/26/19 or until the \$300,000 in funding is exhausted (on a first-come, first-served basis). The rebates are available to municipalities that purchase (or lease for a minimum of 36 months) a new clean vehicle from a dealership in New York on or after May 1, 2018 and place it into service before July 26, 2019. Applications are available on the NY State Grants Gateway under the opportunity name "2018 Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Clean Vehicle (Purchase or Lease)". For more information visit the DEC's Office of Climate Change funding page at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/109181.html>.

Parks and Trails New York (PTNY) is offering a fourth round of grants through the NYS Parks and Trail Partnership Program. This program is a \$500,000 capacity building matching grants program funded through the Environmental Protection Fund. The program is available to **"organizations whose primary mission is the preservation, stewardship, interpretation, environmental education, maintenance, and/or promotion of a specific New York State park, trail, historic site or public land under the jurisdiction of OPRHP or Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)"**

and is designed to enhance the preservation, stewardship, interpretation, maintenance and promotion of New York State parks, trails, state historic sites and public lands. For more information visit the Parks and Trails NY website at <https://www.ptny.org>. Deadline to apply is November 30, 2018. The Association of Towns (AOT) Annual Meeting and Training School will be held February 17-20th, 2019 at the New York Marriott Marquis. Early registration runs from 11/1 to 1/25 and the conference registration is \$125 for members and \$150 for non-members. Starting 1/26/19 the rates increase to the on-site registration rate of \$160 for members or \$185 for non-members. Rooms must be reserved at the Marriott Marquis separately under the AOT's block and the cutoff to reserve a room is January 25, 2019. For more information visit the Association of Towns at www.nytowns.org or call (518) 465-7933. **Save the Dates:** Two workshops on the Complete Streets program have been scheduled for municipalities in Lewis and Jefferson Counties. Mark Fenton, a public health, planning, and transportation consultant, will be presenting information on the Complete Streets program which promotes active community designs that lead to economically, environmentally, and socially thriving towns, villages and rural settings. He will discuss how to build environments, policies, and programs that help to create places where more people walk, bicycle, and take transit more of the time. The workshops are scheduled for December 4th at the Village of West Carthage Community Room (61 High Street, Carthage) from 9 am to Noon and December 5th at the Lowville Village Fire Hall (7640 NYS Rt. 26, Lowville) from 8 am to 11 am. Stay tuned for more information soon.

Resolution 18-104

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to sign the corrected NOCA 2019 contract with the corrected amount due of \$ 13,590.00.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins, C. Bauer
Nays 0

Resolution 18-105

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to accept the 2019 Preliminary Budget as the Final 2019 Budget.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins, C. Bauer
Nays 0

ASSESSOR - JANE JONES

Jane has mailed out all the enhanced STAR exemptions, there are three (3) forms for most but some will have four or five (4 or 5) forms. If any of the residents are upset and need help they can make an appointment with her and she will sit down with them to help. The deadline is March 1st, she will not be able to make any exceptions if not received on time. She has sent two (2) certified mail as she had problems last year, they said they never received the forms.

SUPERVISOR - TANYA YERDON

On the Windmill Law - she has just been informed it is considered a Land Use Law which means she has to send it to Oswego County for referrals, just like the Zoning Law. Any substantial changes in the Law we have to send the proposed Law to all the surrounding Towns. The Town of Worth is working on their Windmill Law.

Resolution 18-106

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to authorize Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to send the proposed Local Law #2 Wind Energy Facilities to Oswego County for referrals.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins, C. Bauer
 Nays 0

We need to discuss the proposed Union Contract, Under the Taylor Law she hired Mr. Kotary to assist in the negotiations.

Resolution 18-107

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Elaine Yerdon to go into Executive Session to discuss the Union Contract negotiations at 9:00pm.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins, C. Bauer
 Nays 0

Resolution 18-108

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to go out of Executive Session and back to the regular meeting at 9:20pm.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins, C. Bauer
 Nays 0

Motion was made by Erwin Webb seconded by Matthew Tompkins to adjourn the meeting at 9:22pm.

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, December 11, 2018 at 7:30pm.

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Susan Hough, Town Clerk

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