

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, March 12, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on March 12, 2019 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
- Elaine Yerdon - Councilwoman
- Erwin Webb - Councilman
- Matthew Tompkins - Councilman

In addition, Susan Hough -Town Clerk, Paul Pratt -Highway Superintendent, John Yerdon - Dog Control Officer, Michael Yerdon - Code Enforcement Officer, Tom Jones, Terry Harlander and Angela Kimball - Tug Hill Commission,

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 19-23

Motion was made by Erwin Webb and seconded by Carla Bauer that the
 General Fund Bills - Abstract #03 Vouchers 103-119, 131, 135 Totaling \$ 18,808.97,
 Fire District - Abstract #03 Vouchers 134 Totaling \$ 45,500.00 and
 Light District #1 - Abstract #03 Vouchers 133 Totaling \$ 747.82

Be paid.

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

Resolution 19-24

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins that the
 Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 03 Vouchers 119-130 Totaling \$ 32,556.73

Be paid.

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

Resolution 19-25

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

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

TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH

Town Clerk had 3 dog licenses and 1 DECALS. She has some licenses that are behind and will be sending out the Final Notice and then will hand over to Mr. Yerdon. Legislator - Margaret Kastler will not be her tonight due to the ice. She handed out Mike's report.

Resolution 19-26

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to approve the January 8, 2019 minutes as presented.

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

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - PAUL PRATT

Paul would like the road weight limit put in the paper.

Resolution 19-26

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise Notice is Hereby Given that pursuant to Article 41, Section 1660, Paragraph 11 of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law, all Town Roads in the Town of Redfield, Oswego County, are temporarily closed to any vehicle with a gross load in excess of five (5) tons per axle. Under this restriction, will be effective immediately, once the signs are posted on the roads, any vehicle (including load) in excess of five (5) tons per axle will not be permitted to operate on the Town Roads in the Town of Redfield.

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

The county snowplow had an accident on County Route 49, the rumor is they were ticketed for not having a wide load permit, they did not get a ticket, they were asked if they had one, the County Attorney is looking into the law, Snowplows are under an emergency vehicle - which didn't need them, but things are changing, NYS plows are all under a blanket permit for wide loads. You didn't have to have a CDL to drive a snowplow before because it was considered an emergency vehicle but they changed that law and you have to now. They only give so many of the permits, DMV changed so the plows are registered at 6600 without the overload permit. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon received a check from the County for the remainder of the snow contract in the amount of \$ 101,887.50. Paul the Town of Parish ran out of sand, he heard the county hauled 35 - 50 loads and charged them \$ 6,000.00. Even though the County cut back one-hundred loads in the last two years, we should be ok and have some left, we are in the old sand now. We might have to buy some sand for next year.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike's report shows two permits. He sent the US Census report in, you have to put the estimated value on the new homes/camps, we had seven, three of which are full size homes, it's for new permits issued. A Solar Company contacted him and sent him information regarding a place on Lorton Lake, you can't get to it in the winter because it's not plowed.

TUG HILL COMMISSION – ANGELA KIMBALL

REMINDER: The NYS Urban Forestry Council has funding currently available for small communities to have a 2019 Arbor Day tree planting event and establish a community-based forest program (this is not part of the NYSDEC’s community tree grants). Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to communities or non-profits that work in partnership with communities to celebrate Arbor Day 2019 by both planting a tree or trees **and** forming a volunteer tree committee or tree board within the municipality. To be considered for a grant or to get more information visit <http://nysufc.org/>. Applications are due March 7th and applicants should be notified by the 3rd full week of March. **REMINDER:** The 2019 Adirondack Park Local Government Conference will be held April 3rd and 4th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Lake Placid. The early registration fee is \$70.91 (\$66.08 with tax exempt form) and is good through March 20th. After the 20th the cost goes up to \$90.91 (\$86.08 if tax exempt). More information on the conference including the agenda and registration and hotel information is available on the Adirondack Park Agency’s website at

www.apa.ny.gov. **REMINDER:** The Tug Hill Commission's 30th Annual Local Government Conference will be held Thursday March 28th at JCC (1220 Coffeen St., Watertown). Registration is \$50 by March 8th; \$100 from March 9th to the 15th and \$150 after March 15th. There are two ways to register online at <https://lgc2019.eventbrite.com> and pay electronically or by mail with a paper registration form and check or completed voucher to the Commission office (317 Washington St., Watertown 13601). For more information or to print a registration form visit www.tughill.org/lgc2019, call (315) 785-2380 or ask your circuit rider. **REMINDER:** The Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring a NYS DEC endorsed 4 hour Erosion and Sediment Control Training on Wed. March 27th from 10 am to 2 pm. The workshop will be held at Old McDonald's Farm in Sackets Harbor and the cost for the workshop is \$80. For more information visit <https://jeffersoncountyswcd.org/registration-form/>. The Commission in conjunction with Lewis Co. Planning and the Lewis Co. Dept. of Forestry, Recreation and Parks are hosting a workshop on the Grants Gateway on Tuesday March 19th from 6-8 pm at the Howard G. Sackett Technical Center (5836 NYS Rt. 12 Glenfield). The workshop will help you learn to navigate the gateway, search for grants and learn how to register and prequalify. The workshop is free and is geared toward non-profit groups hoping to apply for NYS grants, but is open to anyone. RSVP to Jenn Harvill at 315-785-2392 or Jennifer@tughill.org. The NYS DEC will be holding a series of public meetings to provide stakeholders with the opportunity for input on the Real Property Tax Law Program's Section 480A. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss areas of the program that could be improved, including increasing compliance, reducing administrative burdens and improving forestry outcomes. The closest session to our area is March 27th from 6-8 pm at the Region 6 DEC office (7327 Rt. 812, Lowville). There will be a workshop on the Spotted Lanternfly held March 13th at the Constantia Town Hall (14 Fredrick St., Constantia) from 1-4 pm. The Spotted Lanternfly is an invasive pest known to feed heavily on a variety of crops especially tree fruits, vineyards, hops, maple and nut trees. To register visit <https://goo.gl/forms/TAIDxMLbcEHAWE12> or contact megan.pistolese@tnc.org or 315-387-3600x7724. The NYS Planning Federation Conference has been scheduled for April 28-30 at the Sagamore Hotel in Bolton's Landing, NY. Registration is now available and information on the conference agenda can also be found on the Planning Federation website. Visit <http://nypf.org/annual-conference> for more information. The next meeting of the Tug Hill Commission will be Wednesday March 27th at 4 pm at Commission Office at the State Office Building (317 Washington St.) in Watertown. The spring meeting for the CTHC has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday April 25th and more details are soon to come regarding costs and location. Both of these meetings are open to the public.

Last week she went to the Town of Worth public hearing on their wind mill law, there were no attorneys for Woodwise or Avangrid there, no one from Avangrid or Woodwise, they had one person in favor of the windmills, their law is stricter than the Town of Redfield's law. They are hoping to pass the law in May. John asked about the Roaring Brook project that was in the newspaper. Angie - Roaring Brook is a project in Martinsburg, it's a pre-Article 10, so it's gone through local review, it started eleven years ago, they have significantly changed stuff, so some of the people, Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust are trying to push, because it's changed so much, to get it to have to go through the Article 10, so far they have not gotten to that point, right now they are still in the local review, the Town of Martinsburg Planning Board is the one reviewing it, of all of them with the exception of the one proposed here, it's probably the one that would do the most damage to the Core Forest, it's right in the middle of the Core Forest in Martinsburg, and it's probably the one that will cause the worst degradation of the Montague radar. The person that owns the property has already cut and butchered stuff. Terry Harlander - where is the Town of Burke? CM M. Tompkins - northern part of the state. Terry Harlander - they are amending their wind law to allow seven hundred feet towers. CM M. Tompkins - they already have a huge windfarm up there, that he actually worked on, they already have a ton of turbines they don't have a lot to lose.

Angie - in other wind news Number Three project in Harrisburg/Lowville the application has been filed and they are starting the hearing process so the one year clock is running, but there's been some layout changes there so there's been a flurry of stuff back and forth on the PSC site, people wanting to compel it to extend six months so they have time to review, the wind company Invenenergy doesn't think that's necessary, so that one has had a lot going back and forth, that one had been going smooth. Deer River application was filed February 8th, then a bunch of appendixes filed February 21st. Galloo Island application was withdrawn. John Yerdon - in the paper it stated they wanted a new Environmental Impact Study completed. Angie - at the Martinsburg Meeting the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust and several people read statements that because the project has changed so much since it's original proposal which was pre-Article 10, it's not the same project because it's changed so significantly, so they think it should now have to be re-filed under Article 10. CM M. Tompkins - there's an article about that in the Watertown Paper today. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - also if you have a computer you can go on PBS - under Connect New York - they were talking about the new Green Energy push from Governor Cuomo, Assemblyman Barclay was there, it was quite interesting, you can actually see where the differences are, she thought Assemblyman Barclay could have pushed harder, because they mentioned the North Country, it was mentioned that most of the people in the North Country are against the wind farms, he only touched on a few of the factors, he didn't touch on what she believes is one of the important issues, is the Watershed, and this kind of thing, he didn't touch on that, but if you get a chance you should go on and put in WCNY - Connect NY, she did put a call into Mr. Barclay and gave her thoughts were, that he could have represented the North area she thinks a little bit better than he did, there was a business man that did quite well for the North Country - he was putting numbers out there, how it wasn't going to be beneficial to us and that we had the Nuclear Power division here, it was interesting. The Governor is pushing the Scientists - his new push is 80 by 2050. Also, in the State of Minnesota - they are in a state of emergency, since they've had colder weather than usual for a longer time, a lot of their energy comes from wind farms, those wind farms cannot create enough energy, that they had to declare a state of emergency to have people cut back on their electricity use because the wind mills could not contribute enough to the grid, also we posted something about the ice the other day, it's a hot topic all across the north region. Angie - Worth's proposed law has 400 height restriction, 33dBa during the day and 25dBa at night

SUPERVISOR - TANYA YERDON

Tanya discovered a water leak down cellar just outside the Records Room door, the ceiling wasn't dripping or wet, it maybe the eaves from the roof, there was a puddle on the floor, Mitch will look at the roof. Code Enforcement Officer received a package from Farm East, LLC which is Woodwise/Salmon River Timberlands - they want to sell an eight (8) acre parcel in the Forest District which is a minimum of fifteen (15) acres. Mike - the parcel is at Old State Road and Bradley Road, it would be land locked, the paperwork is all dated September 30, 2017 which was before our Zoning Law went into effect. He had received a call from Danny Robbins Attorney which he sent a copy of the Zoning Law too. Tanya - in order for this to move forward - it goes to the Code Enforcement Officer - he has to deny it before an appeal for a variance can be accepted/brought before the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mike needs to send them a denial. Also, we need to set a fee schedule, Phil Street is going to give her some examples. Angie - the Zoning Board of Appeals has a list of things they have to do, Angie can help if they need her.

She would like the books completed tonight.

Resolution 19-27

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to approve the Town Clerk Susan Hough's 2018 books as audited tonight.

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

Resolution 19-28

Motion was made by Erwin Webb and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to approve the Town Justice Dory Dumas's 2018 books as audited tonight.

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

Resolution 19-29

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Erwin Webb to approve the Town Supervisor Tanya Yerdon's 2018 books as audited tonight.

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

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins seconded by to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm.

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

The next Town of Redfield Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7:30pm.

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Susan Hough, Town Clerk

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