

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, April 9, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on April 9, 2019 at the Redfield Municipal Building starting at 7:42pm. 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, Matt Smith - WoodWise, Michael Yerdon - Code Enforcement Marc Christmas - Christmas & Associates, Margaret Kastler - Legislator, Philip Street - Tug Hill Commission and Angela Kimball - Tug Hill Commission,

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

**Resolution 19-30**

Motion was made by Erwin Webb and seconded by Elaine Yerdon that the  
General Fund Bills - Abstract #04 Vouchers 136-155,162,164,165 Totaling \$ 32,829.56 and  
Light District #1 - Abstract #04 Vouchers 163 Totaling \$ 723.01

Be paid.

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

**Resolution 19-31**

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Carla Bauer that the  
Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 04 Vouchers 155-160 Totaling \$ 23,982.58  
Be paid.

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

**Resolution 19-32**

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins 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

**CHRISTMAS & ASSOCIATES - MARC CHRISTMAS**

Marc presented a new Subdivision that borders the last subdivision they brought before the board - River Bend, Marc handed out maps for the Board. He's giving the board notice of the new subdivision. Next month he will have the application, the SEQR, all that stuff, he wanted to bring it so the board could see what's going on. M. Tompkins - looks like you have 10ft contours, can you have 5ft for next month. Marc- will have 5ft next month, he will have the bigger map next month too. M. Tompkins - don't we have a setback for water bodies? Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - 100ft. Marc - he did put the 100ft line on from the wetlands, it should have also been from this as well, he will make this correction as well. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - you're asking to be on the agenda for next month. Marc - yes.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON**

Mike received a letter from Matt Smith of WoodWise requesting a variance to the Zoning. The last meeting I was told to go ahead work on this. He gave Phil a call to get some advice on this, this being somewhat new, Phil gave him a hand, the area variance to zoning normally an area variance for zoning is on an existing lot that you want to do something different on, setbacks, stuff like that, a use permit is the same thing an existing lot. So, this fell into the Subdivision law not the Zoning, our Subdivision Law right now as you can see is for five (5) lots or more, two lots to four lots (2-4) was never put in the subdivision. So, we need to modify the Subdivision Law so we can address the request we got from WoodWise.

Phil Street - essentially what you have right now is a hole because the Subdivision Law isn't in sync with the Zoning Law, you don't review subdivisions with less than five (5) lots, so actually anybody can go out and subdivide lots all they want, as long as they keep under five (5), any size they want they don't have to conform to the Zoning Law. What that does is it puts them in jeopardy that they won't be able to build on it once they create the lot because you would have to get variances for the actual structures, the zoning deals with the actual structures that are built on it not the configuration of the lot itself. So it be cues you to do something to bring the Subdivision Law up to sync with the zoning law. He's drafted a proposal there that brings the Subdivision Law review down so that all lots will be reviewable, but there's a very generous waiver provision in there so if the board see through any evidence that the developer brings to the board that the lots will be in conform with the zoning you can waive the review process. At least having some kind of administration procedure there then allows them to pursue a variance if they wanted to for a substandard lot, you could go through a whole subdivision process, at least there would be some kind of process for a variance. Another thing included in there is, Tanya reminded him, they had talked about a cluster provisions in there. Cluster provisions it allows you a lot more flexibility when you review a subdivision, now that you have lot size requirements in the Zoning Law, with the cluster provisions there's flexibility, totally up to the board on review and approval. The key things that are in the draft are: The definition of subdivision is changed from five (5) to two (2) lots, Cluster Development has been added to the definitions, the Waiver provision and the Cluster requirements. CW E. Yerdon - everything underlined is a revision. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - yes it is. Phil Street - the actual amendments themselves would not require County Referral, it can be easily done, he believes but is not sure that you would need a ten (10) day Public Hearing notice but he's not sure it could be a five (5) day and you need to do a SEQR determination before you adopt it. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon the only thing she saw when she was reading through it, which is so minor - under the Submission of Application we have in here - Applications and fees shall be submitted to the town board at least five days prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered. It's got to be business days, that's just something minor. Phil this is the time to put those things in here though. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon it's up to the board if you want to go over this and discuss it in length or we can setup another meeting, she does think we should set a public hearing for the beginning of the next meeting so that action can be taken and this can move along quickly, we've kind of been in a stalled mode, it needs to move along. CM M. Tompkins - thinks we should set another meeting because we just got this to go over, he'd like to digest and come back with comments.

### **Resolution 19-33**

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise for a special meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 7pm to review the proposed revisions to Local Law #1 of 2011 Subdivision Law and any other business that may

come before the board. Also, to advertise for a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:30pm to consider the proposed revisions to Local Law #1 of 2011 Subdivision Law.

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

Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - she did have a couple of questions when she was reading over it but it's not a whole lot of change, it's just so it brings it together. Phil - the real key thing is the changing the definition of subdivision and the waiver provision that you want to focus on, the cluster provision is nice, it's useful and nice to have. CW E. Yerdon - so now subdivision is going to be any lot? Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - that's where she had confusion, all these years subdivision have been five (5) or more lots. Angie Kimball - now it takes away the hole for two, three and four (2, 3 & 4), so now they would be reviewable. Phil - the waiver would be you can provide the evidence to the board that you're conformance to the zoning and you wouldn't actually have to have a plat drawn up, it could be a deed or something else the board found acceptable that you are in conformance. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - gave the board examples of fees schedules from some of the surrounding towns.

Matt Smith - he submitted an application for an area variance, according to the Zoning Law the Town spent two (2) years discussing, adopting into law, there's a simple process to deny the application, schedule a hearing for the Zoning Board/Planning Board and he thinks a public hearing is involved, then the Zoning Board makes a determination, they don't have to grant it although that was discussed in great length, so just so he's clear, he understands what these changes are to the Subdivision Law, and it makes the letter that Mike sent more sense now, but was it our application, are you trying to make us subject to the Subdivision Law that our application came in March and we're suppose to wait for the town to fix their laws to now affect a lawful application, it's just confusing, he's just trying to ask questions, these weren't given to him, do you know what he means, does anyone know because it doesn't make any sense, because we gave a variance application, it's not automatic that it gets granted but the town needs to follow it. Angie Kimball - currently there's no way to get to the ZBA, that's the issue. Matt Smith - well why? Michael Yerdon - because we don't have the provisions in the Subdivision Law to address two to four (2 - 4) subdivision lots, an area variance for zoning is not a land division, it's an existing lot for area variance for putting structures up or something like that, it's not a new lot development so that's why we had to do this in order to address your area variance. Matt Smith - your existing law right now is five (5) lots constitutes a subdivision in this town, what does that have to do with us, it's not even applicable to the application we put in, the Subdivision Law, it's not a subdivision. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - but it is a division. CM M. Tompkins - apparently, it's not. Matt Smith - not in the definitions of your current law. Phil Street will explain. Matt Smith - is he the Town's new Attorney, cause that's very disturbing, no offense, you shouldn't be getting legal, technical advice that's great. CM M. Tompkins - that's his job. Matt Smith - does the Town even have representation, we're all talking about legal things, and he doesn't know if we're all qualified too, in terms of process, what should have happened, we could sit here all day and go back and forth. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - right - our Attorney did contact your Attorney today. It's her understanding that your Attorney does understand where the Town's coming from and yes he also was a little upset because it's taking so long but he did understand why we're doing what we're doing. Matt Smith - what you're doing it separately he thinks makes sense, that's for the Public Hearing, he just saying he doesn't see anything vindictive or wrong with it, it just seems like an odd response to an area variance application put in correctly. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - but in order for it to go right to the Zoning, to the Appeals Board we did not have a process, we didn't have things in order so it could

be denied by the Planning Board, it could be denied by the Zoning Officer, we had to get our procedures in line, you can't just jump right straight to the Zoning Board of Appeals, even New York State Law says you can't do that, there is a process to it. CM M. Tompkins - there has to be some kind of denial before that. Matt Smith - yes the Code Enforcement Officer denies it, which is part of that process, within a reasonable time, which is the language a hearing is scheduled, there's sixty-two (62) days for a determination. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - from the time it's denied. Matt Smith - a hearing was heard regardless. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - is going to let Phil explain to you, why only because, these people are put in place to help Towns like this, they are put in by Governor Cuomo. Matt Smith - he understands that, he thinks it's got out of hand, again this has nothing to do with us, cause he hasn't seen this until tonight, to change this to two (2) lots which really means one (1), would that apply to the application he put in, now let's just look at that, so he put in an application following the Town's Law, and then the response at the end of the day, it's to alter one Law to apply to the variance that they put in under, following the newly, fairly newly created Zoning Law. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - right, but what you're doing is dividing property, the Zoning Law isn't put in place for dividing property, so there's two different procedures here. Matt Smith - he can show you in the Zoning Law, because the Zoning Law doesn't apply to existing lots, so that's incorrect, that's the whole point of the Zoning Law and minimum lots, it doesn't mean if you're in Forest which we're talking about, fourteen (14) acre lot, a two (2) acre lot, it's lawful, it you want to build on it, you've got setbacks and those types of things you have to follow but it absolutely does and only applies to the newly created lots. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - she can't answer that because she needs to look at the verbage first to see what exactly you're saying. CW C. Bauer - maybe Phil can explain. Phil Street - the purpose of the Subdivision Law in part is to enforce the provisions of the Zoning Law, you're right parcels that are already there and grandfathered can be used, but what you're contemplating doing is creating a new lot that wouldn't be grandfathered, so you can create that lot right now without any Town approval at all, but the problem for you is going to be that nobody is going to be able to use that lot, you're not going to be able to build on it without variances, you can take your chances to get variances if you create the lot in the future but what you want to do, he thinks is to get the variances in place now before you create the lot, that would be the smart thing for you to do, what the Town is trying to do is create an avenue for you to do that. Matt Smith - we had a lot surveyed, it was created and they we asked for a variance. CM M. Tompkins - if it hasn't been filed with the County it hasn't been created, it doesn't have its own tax id. Matt Smith - right because we need a variance from the Town by law or not. CM M. Tompkins - he doesn't think you need a variance to create the lot but you need a variance to do anything with it. Matt Smith - to file with the County you need a variance or to transfer it you need a variance. CM M. Tompkins - not with the laws they are currently. Matt Smith - but there's a fifteen (15) acre minimum, lot size, creating an eight (8) acre lot from a twelve-thousand-acre lot in a minimum fifteen (15) acre lot. CM M. Tompkins - currently the way our Subdivision Law is written that's not a subdivision. Angie Kimball - so you can take your chances and create the nonconforming lot, the problem would be whoever buys it wouldn't be able to build on it. Michael Yerdon - the letter he sent to Matt - the last paragraph refers to Article 10 Section 1040 in that section/article it basically says if you create an illegal lot, which this would be, then you couldn't use the lot to build because it's an illegal lot, so that's why he put that comment in there so you would be aware of it. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - so whoever buys it, which it looks like it's Mr. Robbins, whatever, it doesn't matter who it's going too, they won't be able to do anything with it Matt, so we're trying to open up the avenue so that. Matt Smith - but that mechanism is in place to do the variance steps, separate from the Subdivision Law, which still is five (5) or more lots, all that aside, and again he thinks some of the changes here and trying to make things matchup is a positive thing but the question is with the existing Zoning Law, we're looking to sell an eight (8) acre lot, and what you just said it would be illegal for someone to build on it, to transfer it, and that's

not his legal advice, if he's gotten one or two words wrong he apologizes, it was a while ago but it was explained to him what could happen if you do things at the County level that are basically against the law at the Town level, he forgets the phase, he doesn't pretend to be a lawyer, but again at the end of the day, it just seems the Zoning Board, the mechanism wasn't in place, this was the first application for an area variance, he gets that, he didn't think there was a Zoning Board, he wasn't sure, but he knew if there wasn't his expectation would be that the Town would get one together, or do the best they could or work with the Tug Hill Commission. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - we do have a Zoning Board of Appeals, we are trying to protect you in the long run. Angie Kimball - there is no way to get to the Zoning Board of Appeals at this point in time. Matt Smith - it has nothing to do with Subdivision. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - so you can go over to the County and file this, file this deed, and then whoever comes and says I would like to put a camp or a lean-to or whatever, it's a nonconforming lot and they can't do anything. Matt Smith - that's why we're requesting a variance. CM M. Tompkins - but what you're requesting to do doesn't require one at this point, you would need a variance to put a building on it, to develop it but you don't need a variance to create it, so what we are trying to do is build a way for us to evaluate a need for those variances at this step rather than when whoever purchases the lot from you comes to us or to Mike and wants to do something. Matt Smith - it's consistent with the Zoning Law that we all spent so much time on, but to your point you can't sell it potentially, in theory like Marc Christmas for instance, now that subdivision is separate, his point is they are conforming so when he goes to sell their lots that people want to build camps on they know they can. The same thing if he's going to sell a lot not subject to the existing Subdivision Law, but the buyer is going to want some insurance, first of all either party can request that variance he believes and certainly the owner of the property can, and that's what the application is for. CW C. Bauer - if he just wants to go and have a picnic with his wife and kids that's fine, but he's going to want to build a camp and leave it to his kids, we are trying to prevent so there's not problems down the road. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - in the long run this is liable to keep you out of court, about the time you sell someone an eight (8) acre lot that you filed with the County knowing fully well it did not. Matt Smith - when was that suggested Tanya, we applied for a variance from the Town we are not trying to go around anybody. CW E. Yerdon - we are trying to create a process so you can get to the Zoning Board of Appeals, right now we don't have that process. CM M. Tompkins - we need a legal mechanism to issue the denial basically. Matt Smith - the denial is because of the lot size, it's an eight (8) acre in a fifteen (15) acre minimum lot. John Yerdon - in his opinion it should stop there then, if it does not meet the criteria of fifteen (15) acres and you're selling a lot of eight (8) acres, you're in violation of an illegal lot. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - John you cannot be part of this discussion, so it's up to you, you either ride this until the next meeting or you go to the County and file and you hope that in the long run when whoever sell that eight (8) acres too doesn't come back on you and say you sold me a nonconforming lot, what am I suppose to do with it. Matt Smith - he can assure you and the Town and he thinks the minutes will reflect that, he never suggested that, that's not something he would do, that's not something he's ever been advised to do, it's just out of the question. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - you've been advised not to make it this. Matt Smith - no you can't go file something with the County that's against the laws of the Town. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - which is probably good advice. Matt Smith - yes he's trying to go through the regular process according to the laws on the books. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - to be truthful with you she didn't know there was this loophole, granted we spent years on the Zoning, this hole that they don't connect, why we are at this impasse right now, we went through that Zoning, there was so much to learn, it was all new, it happens with every Town, they're going to find that these conundrums come up, she apologizes but we're trying to make it easier for you in the long run, she understands this was sent a while ago. Matt Smith - we didn't ask for the law to be changed, we could go around and around, he will leave it at this, again the Subdivision Law doesn't apply. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - yes

the current Subdivision Law, if we just ignore this and don't make changes to our Subdivision Law, it will hurt you and a lot of people that want to take a piece and give it to their son or whatever, this is going to come up again and again, if we don't address it now. CM M. Tompkins - this is just the first time it's come up so we need a way to deal with it, obviously it's something we need to do, he does totally see your point though, that you submit an application and if we change this law and expect you to be subject to that, that's not necessarily good business. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - like you said we could go on all night long with this, granted we've had this in our hands for quite a while, but looking at some of the stamps on this, you've had it in your hands for a long time. Matt Smith - what's that. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - some of the dates, October 4, 2017. Matt Smith - that's the date the surveyor, he didn't hire, did the field work. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - this very well could have been filed long before we finished the Zoning, but on that point we are trying to help you, so end of discussion, we really are, we aren't trying to make it tough for you. Matt Smith - no he doesn't think it's intentional. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - so everyone has the dates, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm will be a Special Meeting to discuss the revisions to the Subdivision Law and then a Public Hearing on May 14<sup>th</sup> after paying bills and before the meeting at 7:30pm, and Phil you will be here, thank you very much.

**TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH**

**Resolution 19-34**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to approve the February 19, 2019, February 19, 2019 Public Hearing and March 12, 2019 minutes as presented.

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

Town Clerk had 26 Dog Licenses, no DECALS or Marriage Licenses. Grievance day is Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

**Resolution 19-35**

Motion was made by Erwin Webb and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to appoint Wendy Ranieri to the Board of Assessment to replace Bart Cheney, term ending September 30, 2022.

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

She received a letter from National Grid confirming the meter and power has been removed from the Old Town Barn building. Does she need to call Verizon to have the telephone line removed? There was discussion regarding the phone at the old Town Barn, she will look at the invoices to see if it's been taken off the account. She ordered special dog tags, per our Law we are suppose to provide them for a service dog, emotional support dog and therapy dog. CW C. Bauer - are they different colors. Town Clerk - yes - she numbered them on the back, she currently has two that need tags, she ordered them from amazon because all the others wanted you to order a minimum of one-hundred tags. Town Clerk will be out of town Thursday thru Tuesday, she will have signs up to call Deputy Clerk Yvonne Phelps for assistance. She handed out Code Enforcement Officer - Michael Yerdon's report.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - PAUL PRATT**

Paul has laid off the Seasonal Employees last week. The 2017 has been changed over so they can haul stone. The new sander that was ordered last fall is in, they will need to install the lights and electric.

**Resolution 19-36**

Motion was made by Tanya Yerdon and seconded by Erwin Webb for the use of County bid on Stone, Gravel and Asphalt Oil with the exception of 3/4 inch crush stone and run to be purchased at Kings Quarry.

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

Paul doesn't know if we will be receiving the Extreme Weather money this year. The Pave NY should be the same as last year.

**Resolution 19-3**

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to authorize Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to make the following budget modifications: DA3501 change to \$ 86,035.00 and change DA5112.2 to \$ 239,035.00.

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

Paul has received the 284 Agreement from the County, which agrees to spend \$ 96,000.00 for repairs on 28.16 miles of highway in the Town of Redfield, he will use part of the money to work on the Teach Out Road, he usually has an estimate of not over a sum of \_\_\_ but with the price of road oil increasing he can't estimate it right now. He plans to pave .57 miles of Teach Out road. Legislator Margaret Kastler asked Paul since Oswego County went with Onondaga County for purchasing have the prices increased. Paul - the prices are higher now than when Oswego County did the purchasing, the asphalt oil is more, it's better to go off a different County, he used Cayuga County, he hasn't used Jefferson County bids, last year their salt bid was double of Oswego County, it jumped \$ 16.00 per ton. He doesn't see where we have saved money but it hasn't really affected us so much, it does affect Kurt, he sees no advantage.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER - JOHN YERDON**

John picked up two (2) dogs, a Blue Tick and Walker. Jimmy put them on Facebook today, he won't have any problem getting rid of them.

**TUG HILL COMMISSION – ANGELA KIMBALL**

**REMINDER:** 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. Associate Circuit Rider Kay Chapman has announced her expected retirement at the end of 2019. The CTHC will be looking for someone to fill the contract for services that Kay now covers. Kay currently covers the board meetings for Harrisburg, Lorraine, Montague, Pinckney, Rodman, Worth and Adams in alternating months. The optimal candidate would be someone who resides in this general area, so if anyone knows someone who might be interested in contracting with the CTHC have them contact Angie Kimball (info at top of page) for more information. We will begin advertising if necessary for the position within the next couple months. New York State's Annual Burn Ban began on March 16<sup>th</sup> and runs through May 14<sup>th</sup>. No open burning of any kind is allowed during this time period, when dry spring conditions traditionally lead to higher wildfire dangers. The DEC posts a daily fire

danger rating map on their website at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/68329.html>. Violators of the state's open burning regulations are subject to both criminal and civil enforcement actions. For more information on the burn ban and the open burning regulations for the rest of the year check out the commission's white paper on "Open Burning Regulations" at [www.tughill.org](http://www.tughill.org) or the DEC's "Learn Before You Burn" webpage at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/32064.html>. New York State Archives Regional Advisory Officer Michael Martin will be doing to Records Management workshops in the area in upcoming months. The first will be on "Your Role as Local Government Records Officer" and will be held at the Boonville Town and Village Offices (13149 St. Rt. 12, Boonville) on Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30am to 1 pm. The second workshop will be on "Managing Digital Born Records" and will be held at the Jefferson County Building (175 Arsenal St., Watertown) on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 1 pm. For more information or to register for the workshops visit <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/schedule>. The NYS DEC has announced a public meeting about the Salmon River Fishery to be held April 11 at 6:30 pm at the Pulaski High School Auditorium (4624 Salina St., Pulaski). The meeting will talk about the Department's activities in 2018 and what to look forward to in this year on the Salmon River. For more information contact David Lemon, DEC Region 7 Fisheries Manager at (607) 753-3095 or by email at [fwfish7@dec.ny.gov](mailto:fwfish7@dec.ny.gov). The Jefferson County Planning Dept. and the Tug Hill Commission are partnering to bring you a land use planning workshop entitled "The Process of Site Plan and Subdivision Review." Phil Street from the Commission staff will be the speaker for the evening. The Workshop will be held April 22 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at JCC (Coffeen St., Watertown). For more information contact the Commission office at (315)785-2380. The Local Government Education Committee of Oneida and Herkimer Counties is sponsoring a second session relating to the Amish. This session will focus on codes issues with a representative from the Department of State. The session will be held June 20 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at the Town of Trenton Municipal Building (Rt. 12, Trenton). Registration details to follow as they are available. The Office of the State Comptroller's new training schedule includes dates for both the Introduction to Governmental Accounting (basic) and Accounting Principles and Procedures (advanced). The basic class will be held in several locations including in Saratoga County in May and in Camillus in Onondaga County in November. The advanced class will be held in Otsego County in June; Monroe County in September and Saratoga and Nassau County in October. For more information on the session, locations and content visit the Comptroller's website at <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/academy/index.htm>. The next meeting of the Tug Hill Commission will be Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am at the Town of Lee Municipal Building (5808 Stokes Lee Center Rd., Lee Center). This meeting is open to the public. The spring meeting for the CTHC has been scheduled for Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Steak and Brew Restaurant (4497 State Rt. 26, Turin). Cocktail hour starts at 6 pm with dinner at 7 pm and the meeting to follow. CTHC rep's dinners are paid for by the Council and the cost for guests for dinner is \$25, payable at the door. The meeting is open to the public at no charge. Please RSVP by 4/19 to Angie Kimball (info at top of page) or to your circuit rider at a meeting. Invitations to reps are out now.

## **LEGISLATOR - MARGARET KASTLER**

Margaret gave out the 2019 County Government Directory. She will be retiring this year, would like to thank everyone for the 11 years. She has County Fishing & Hunting books. She has nomination forms for the 2019 Oswego County Veteran of the Year Award, they are due by May 30<sup>th</sup>. The recognition day will be July 13<sup>th</sup> which is a Saturday at Fort Ontario. The Legislator's next meeting is Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm if anyone would like to attend.



**SUPERVISOR - TANYA YERDON**

Tanya has received a letter from the Redfield Volunteer Fire Department - which she read - inviting all to an open house. Tanya gave Matt Smith a copy of the letter, inviting him to the open house. Tanya received a letter from the NYS DEC - 46 Corners Unit Management Plan Update Notification - UMPS are used to make long term sustainable management decisions and are updated every ten years, she read the letter, it's quite interesting, she asked Matthew Tompkins if it affects his parents, Matthew said it affects them some. Tanya asked Matt Smith if he knew about the DEC updating the plan. Matt Smith - what he has heard is they've been reclassifying some of their State Forest, enforcing them and actually closing some to motorized vehicles. Tanya gave Matt Smith the letter that contains the contact numbers and addresses. A few meetings ago she made the comment that National Grid keeps wanting us to switch over the lighting to LEDs and they wanted us to pay for it, through the years it would get our money back through savings on our bill. She wanted to hold out they will fix it themselves. Mr. David Hess is the one that helped us before to get some money back. So now they don't want to come in and change them all but they want to know if we would open to this opt in LED replacement program, so every time one goes out they would replace it with an LED light, to no cost to the Town. Paul - there's about three of them to replace right now. Angie Kimball - Mickey - Circuit Rider for the River Areas has been working with his Town's, they are doing a big project with the New York Power Authority to switch their lights to LED lights, they are doing it as a big group so they are getting a cheaper rate, a couple of our Municipalities are piggybacking on, Martinsburg, Lyons Falls, she's meeting with Adams today. It's a lot bigger savings than having National Grid do it, you would buy the stuff yourself, you would own the stuff eventually, the New York Power Authority, because it's a big group for a lot cheaper, they have a company that does the maintenance agreements, you get a loan to purchase the stuff from National Grid and they make sure that even though you are paying back the loan you are still saving a little bit, at the end of the project you will be saving 60 to 70%. If you're interested in it she will email Mickey and have him get ahold of you and the Power Authority. Supervisor - Tanya Yerdon - so why do we want to own it and why would we want to do that, why don't we just have them switch them out when they go out and have them responsible for everything. Angie Kimball - what happens with National Grid - your energy costs will go down because they are more efficient but they will raise your facility fee, so you will end up paying as much or more than you do now. Angie - if you want the information they will break it all down for you. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - yes have them send me the information. Legislator Margaret Kastler - Sandy Creek and the Village of Lacona have done it, they shine straight down, the ones you have now shine out, when you're walking at night they go from dark to the light. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon was following some Amish in Richland where they have changed them out, you could see them under the light but then they were gone until the next light, extremely dangerous.

Motion was made by Erwin Webb seconded by Matthew Tompkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:58pm.

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, May 14, 2019 at 7:30pm.

April 9, 2019  
Susan Hough, Town Clerk