

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, August 13, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on August 13, 2019 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  
Carla Bauer - Councilwoman

In addition, Susan Hough -Town Clerk, Paul Pratt -Highway Superintendent, Michael Yerdon - Code Enforcement Officer, Ed Montieth, John Yerdon - Dog Control Officer, Tom Jones, Jane Jones - Assessor, Terry Dopp, Teresa Dopp, Margaret Kastler - County Legislator, Russell Montieth, Corey Yerdon, John Flower and Angie Kimball - Tug Hill Commission.

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

**Resolution 19-72**

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Carla Bauer that the General Fund Bills - Abstract #08 Vouchers 265-284, 298 Totaling \$ 12,183.32  
Be paid.

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

**Resolution 19-73**

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins that the Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 08 Vouchers 284-296 Totaling \$ 41,389.94  
Be paid.

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

**Resolution 19-74**

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, M. Tompkins, C. Bauer  
Nays 0

John Flower - his neighbor Albert Phelps dogs are barking all the time. Terry Dopp - we have come to as the Town for help, the dogs' bark the whole time Albert isn't home. John Flower - he tried to talk to Albert, Albert was very obscene, he's unstable, John feels bad for the dogs, Albert doesn't seem to care, he's losing his home. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - asked how many dogs? John Yerdon - Dog Control Officer has had several calls regarding these dogs. John Yerdon - talked to Albert - the dogs don't have any shots or licenses, he told Albert if he picks them up its \$ 25 per dog, \$5 per day at the kennel, after 5 days he would put them down and charge Albert for that, it would be probably \$ 300, John suggested a 5 foot chain for each dog, one in each corner of a small shed he has in the back. Albert doesn't have a job, is losing his home, he's not in a good

place. John Yerdon agrees with John Flower on his assessment. John Flower - Albert did make some threats, killing people, the whole town. John Yerdon - heard some of the same comments, all of his neighbors and NYS. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - will contact the Oswego County Sheriffs or the NYS Troopers, this can't be taken lightly. John Yerdon - agrees something needs to be done, he told him he tried to get a neighbor to take him for groceries this winter, no one would so he ate dog food, in another month he will start working for Salmon Season, doesn't think we can wait, need to do something now. Terry Dopp - can the Town Board give John Yerdon - Dog Control Officer authority beyond or a motion to give him more authority, he has a hard time calling the Sheriffs on him. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - the Town needs a noise ordinance, but they don't work, Authorities won't act on them, they can only go so far off the street. CW E. Yerdon - they talked about it a long time ago, who's to tell how many decibels, etc. Terry Dopp - dogs barked until 2:30 am. John Yerdon suggested a chain in the back building, put something over the windows, the female is going to be coming into heat soon. Terry Dopp - he's already had 2 litters. John Yerdon - gave him to the end of the month, John will pick them up if nothing happens. Teresa Dopp- the dogs are friendly. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - will he surrender the dogs? John Yerdon - he's raised them from puppies. John Flower - it's the only family he has. John Yerdon - gave him till the end of the month, he will stay on top of this. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - would you put what happened in writing? There was discussion. John Flower, Terry Dopp and Terri Dopp left the meeting at 7:50pm.

### **TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH**

Sales for the month were 24 dog licenses, 1 marriage license, 3 certified copies, 3 DECALS, Suz Yerdon had 10 cemetery lots, and Mike had 5 building permits. She had a call from the Insurance Company regarding the demolition of the old town barn, they wanted an actual date.

### **Resolution 19-75**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to approve the June 11, June 11 public hearing, June 19 and July 9 minutes as presented.

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

### **CODE ENFORCMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON**

Mike's monthly report was handed out, it's been a busy month, he's been doing some inspections. On Thursday he will be in Syracuse for a training class on Fire Safety Design. CW E. Yerdon - asked how do you tell when the permit is done? Mike explained the report, the Certificate of Occupancy.

### **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - PAUL PRATT**

Paul - they are done paving the Teachout Road, they will oil and stone next week. They have hauled 50 loads of sand from Osceola, the invoice was in the vouchers. Saturday night a beaver dam washed out on the Kay Road, it pushed the concrete blocks way into the ditch. Paul asked Oswego County - Kurt Osphelt for help, the Town doesn't have any equipment big enough to get down in the ditch. The road mower is down - the bear box on the back isn't working, didn't know if it was just the seals, both the seals and bearings are gone, the shaft that goes in there can't get the part, Halsey's has checked - Alamo - says the part hasn't been available for a long time. The road mower and Gradall are getting towards the time to retire them, they are both over 30 years old.

We could take the mower off and possibly get some money for it. He hasn't checked any figures but it would be over \$ 100,000, Osceola bought a used one for \$ 65,000 but we should have a little bigger one, need for next year. Angie Kimball - Tug Hill Commission - Senator Patty Ritchie/Assemblyman William Barclay have a SAM Grant through the Dormauthority, she would help with the paperwork, could be worth a shot.

### **ASSESSOR - JANE JONES**

Jane has an upcoming small claims hearing regarding the Florence Parkhurst property, she hasn't gotten a date yet but it has to be done before the School Taxes come out.

### **DOG CONTROL OFFICER - JOHN YERDON**

John has a new list of 5 or 6 dogs to go check on.

### **TUG HILL COMMISSION – ANGELA KIMBALL**

**REMINDER:** Plans are underway for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Black River Trash Bash held in conjunction with the 2019 International Coastal Cleanup Day. The events, on a day of your choosing in September or October, are meant to draw awareness to the problem of trash and pollution along our waterways. If you know of a group that would like to participate in trash collection and adding your collection data to a world-wide dataset, or if you have any questions about the event, contact Jenn Harvill at the Commission office at (315) 785-2392 or [jennifer@tughill.org](mailto:jennifer@tughill.org). NYS Urban and Community Forestry program will be holding two sessions in preparation of the upcoming Round 15 grants. The application for funding is expected to be available in the fall of 2019 and funding categories include planting, maintenance, tree inventories, urban forest management plans and education programs. The closest information sessions to our area will be held Wednesday Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> from 8-11 am at Watertown City Hall (245 Washington St., Watertown) and Thursday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to 12:30 pm at the Dewitt Town Hall (5400 Butternut Dr., East Syracuse). For more information or to RSVP for a session call DEC Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) at (518) 402-9428, email [andrea.nieves@dec.ny.gov](mailto:andrea.nieves@dec.ny.gov) or sign up online at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/30859.html>. The annual NY Conference of Mayors fall training school will be held Sept. 16-20<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton in Saratoga Springs. Full conference cost for member municipalities is \$355 and for non-member municipalities is \$545 by August 23<sup>rd</sup> after which the cost increases \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members. More details are available on their website at <https://www.nycom.org/>. The Cornell Local Roads program has some upcoming workshops including: “Identifying and Reducing Legal Liability” offered in the City of Watertown in Jefferson County on Sept. 10; “Tools for Practical Communication” in Oriskany in Oneida County on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> and “Snow and Ice Control” in Lowville in Lewis County on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The workshops generally run from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at a cost of \$50. For more information or to register visit <https://www.clrp.cornell.edu/workshops/workshops.htm>. There is an upcoming opportunity for public education and public statement hearings to be held for the Deer River wind project (project number 16-F-0267) through the NYS Dept. of Public Service’s Article 10 process. There will be two sessions, both held at Lowville Academy and Central School’s auditorium (7668 State St., Lowville) on August 6<sup>th</sup>. The afternoon session will consist of an informational forum from 1:30 to 2:30 pm followed immediately by a public statement hearing. The evening session will follow the same pattern with the informational session from 5:30 to 6:30 pm and the public statement hearing to follow. Anyone who is unable to attend and comment, or who chooses to comment in some other way can do so via US Mail, email or telephone, referencing

the project number by October 4, 2019. For more information you can visit the project website at [www.avangridrenewables.com/deerriver](http://www.avangridrenewables.com/deerriver) or the Dept. of Public Service's Document and Matter Management system (DMM) at <http://documents.dps.ny.gov>. Angie attended the hearings on the Deer River Wind project - there were about 9 people in attendance and they were all anti-wind. The Office of the State Comptroller's Syracuse Regional Office will be conducting a "Town Board Budget Process" workshop on Wednesday August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Albion Town Hall (15 Bridge St., Altmar) from 7-9 pm. The training program is designed to assist town officials in preparing their annual budgets and will cover other related several subjects. To register call the Commission office at (315)785-2380 or email [tughill@tughill.org](mailto:tughill@tughill.org) by August 26<sup>th</sup>. The Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust has some upcoming events including trail biking at Potato Hill Farm on August 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 3 pm, a Geocache Day on August 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to Noon and their annual dinner and silent auction on October 24 from 6 to 9 pm at the Tailwater Lodge in Altmar. For more information on events check out the Land Trust's website at <https://tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org/events>. Commission Planning Guru Phil Street will be conducting a planning and zoning training session at the Osceola Town Hall/Library Building (2117 North Osceola Rd., Osceola) on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 pm. The Osceola Planning Board has opened the training to anyone interested in attending. To register for the training contact CTHC Circuit Rider Angie Kimball at (315) 599-8825 or [angie@tughill.org](mailto:angie@tughill.org) by 8/16. There is no cost for the training, and it will count as 2 hours toward the annually required planning/zoning training if approved by your town/village board. **Save the Date:** The fall meeting of the CTHC has been tentatively scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup>. The location and speaker are being verified presently and more information will be available soon in the August announcements and on the CTHC website at [www.tughillcouncil.com](http://www.tughillcouncil.com) with invitations being sent out once all details are finalized. Also, the date has been set for the Tug Hill Commission's annual meeting and dinner. The meeting will be held November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Tug Hill Vineyards in Lowville and more details will follow in the coming month's announcements.

### **COUNTY LEGISLATOR - MARGARET KASTLER**

The Legislator's meeting is this Thursday at 2pm in Pulaski everyone is welcome to come down. The Sheriff School Shooting event was held at Sandy Creek Central School, the Fire Departments were involved and it was a great success. Sandy Creek Central School will have a School Safety Officer that will be armed. The tax delinquent sale will be maybe in October, as soon as she knows she will call.

### **SUPERVISOR - TANYA YERDON**

Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - we are going to award the bid for the cold storage building.

First Bid - J & S Commercial Construction - Base \$ 139,600

Second Bid- Bauer Concrete & Masonry Inc. - Base \$ 137,598

Third Bid- Con Tech Building Systems Inc. - Base \$ 197,052

Obviously without the concrete floor the low bid would be Bauer Concrete & Masonry Inc. at \$ 137,598.

### **Resolution 19-76**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Erwin Webb to award the Cold Storage Building bid to Bauer Concrete & Masonry, Inc. for \$ 137,598 without the concrete floor.

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

Nays 0

Abstained 1 C. Bauer

The reports are back on the Asbestos - the church has quite a lot, the Engineer has mentioned that both buildings are very dangerous, recommends taking it down as a whole, it would be about \$ 16,000. The old town barn has some but not a great amount, it would be about \$ 26,000. Michael Yerdon - the Contractors would have to be certified to remove asbestos. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - we will be able to do all the projects this year. CM M. Tompkins - will do the specifications for the demolition, he will get together with Michael Yerdon. CW E. Yerdon - will the Engineer still be involved? Michael Yerdon - yes, he will be. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - she is sorry to the Fire Department that they buildings will not be down before the old home days. Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt - when do we put the bids out for demolition? CM M. Tompkins - we just need to incorporate the specs that are already written up.

**Resolution 19-77**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise the bid for demolition for the old church and old town barn as soon as the bid package it together.

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

Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - Jane is counting down the days, Tanya has 3 applicants, 1 local and 2 that are not local. We would have to adopt a law if we appoint a nonresident. She suggests having a public hearing for a local law at the next meeting. The prior week we would hold the interviews for the assessor position. We could appoint the night of the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Resolution 19-78**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise that the regular September meeting will be Wednesday, September 11, 2019 directly following the Public Hearing.

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

**Resolution 19-79**

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise a Public Hearing for Local Law #2 of 2019, Residency for Sole Assessor on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7:30pm.

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

**Resolution 19-80**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise a Special Meeting to be held on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 6:30pm, the purpose of this meeting is to interview applicants for the Sole Assessors position. No other business will be conducted at this meeting.

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

Supervisor Tanya Yerdon- has been working with the DEC on the parking area on Waterbury road. The DEC wants to know when the Town acquired the land, it goes back to the 1800's, and we have just been going back and forth.

Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - Spectrum - wants a Franchise Agreement she wants to consult with Bob. Angie Kimball - anytime they come in a Town they have to have a Franchise Agreement, she would definitely have the Attorney involved. There was discussion.

**Resolution 19-81**

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to talk to Attorney Bob Genant regarding the Franchise Agreement with Spectrum.

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

Supervisor Tanya Yerdon- did talk to Bob regarding the Scalfone Invoices, Melody will try for the intervenor funds again. There was discussion regarding the intervenor funds.

**REDFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT - COREY YERDON**

Corey - we are going to hold our contract the same, we need 10 air packs, hopefully we will get some FEMA Grant money, so we will hold last year to this year, rolling in to 2021 we will probably request a raise. There was discussion.

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

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 Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7:30pm.

July 09, 2019

Susan Hough, Town Clerk

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