

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, November 12, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on November 12, 2019 at the Redfield Municipal Building starting at 7:34pm. 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, Tom Jones, Russell Montieth, Ed Montieth - Snowmobile Club, Angie Kimball - Tug Hill Commission, and Dory Dumas - Town Justice

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

**Resolution 19-103**

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Erwin Webb that the  
General Fund Bills - Abstract #11 Vouchers 358-376 Totaling \$ 9,068.59 and  
Light District #1 - Abstract #11 Voucher 394 Totaling \$ 764.87

Be paid.

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

**Resolution 19-104**

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Elaine Yerdon that the  
Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 11 Vouchers 376-393 Totaling \$ 31,653.87

Be paid.

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

**Resolution 19-105**

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, M. Tompkins, C. Bauer  
Nays 0

**TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH**

Sales for the month were 5 dog licenses, 14 DECALS, Suz had 1 Cemetery lot, Paul 1 Driveway Permit. Margaret will not be here tonight, she's not feeling well. The County Legislator's meeting is Thursday at 2pm. So far there is no increase in the County Budget for Taxes, they haven't raised the taxes in ten (10) years. Town Clerk handed out CEO Michael Yerdon's report.

**Resolution 19-106**

Motion was made by Tanya Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to approve the September 11, 2019 minutes as presented.

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

Town Clerk did not receive any bids for the Wood Chipper or the Roller.

**Resolution 19-107**

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise the Wood Chipper and Roller again.

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

**CODE ENFORCMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON**

Mike had a couple permits this month, he was busy with other things, the Cold Storage Building and paperwork for the demolition of the buildings.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - PAUL PRATT**

Paul would like the legal ads put in the paper.

**Resolution 19-108**

Motion was made by Tanya Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise two (2) legal notices - Notice is hereby given that there will be no parking on town roads in the Town of Redfield from November 1, 2019 to April 15, 2020 between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00a.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. Also, 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

Paul - you will be seeing invoices - there were problems with the injectors, clean emission filter was cracked, air charge cooler wouldn't turn on, \$ 600 for a new one, couldn't get a refurbished one. The 2017 sander broke down, 1995 Paystar - keyway broke.

**TUG HILL COMMISSION – ANGELA KIMBALL**

**REMINDER:** The NYS Archives will be conducting some workshops in our area this fall. The final class in our area is a “LGRMIF Grant Application Information Session” on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Adams Town Hall. The class is scheduled from 9:30 am to 1 pm. For more information and to register for a class visit [www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/catalog](http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/catalog). Additionally, there are webinars available for those unable to attend a class and looking to write a LGRMIF grant including one on “How to Write a Superior LGRMIF grant Narrative” on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 am. For more information on the webinars and workshops visit [www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/schedule](http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/schedule).

**REMINDER:** The Southern Jefferson County towns of Adams, Ellisburg, Henderson, Lorraine, Rodman and Worth may apply for a grant from the Six Town Community Fund. The fund is administered by the Northern NY Community Foundation and supports projects and activities that enhance the quality of life in these communities. Applications are due November 15<sup>th</sup> and interested organizations are encouraged to contact Max Delsignore at (315)782-7110 or [max@nnycf.org](mailto:max@nnycf.org) to discuss potential projects and

grant guidelines. **REMINDER:** The National Endowment for the Humanities anticipates grants being available November 15<sup>th</sup> to help small and mid-sized institutions (libraries, museums, historical societies, cultural organizations, town and county records offices etc.) improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. The maximum award amount is \$10,000 or \$15,000 for projects related to the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of American independence. Applications are expected to be due on January 15, 2020 with notifications in August of 2020. For the complete announcement visit <https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-assistance-grants-smaller-institutions> or contact the Division of Preservation and Access Team at (202)606-8570 or [preservation@neh.gov](mailto:preservation@neh.gov). The NYS DEC is accepting applications for urban forestry projects (tree grants) now. There is up to \$1.2 million in funding available for tree planting, maintenance, tree inventories and community forest management plans and education. Awards will range from \$11,000 to \$75,000 depending on municipal population. Tree inventories and community forest plans require no match and tree planting and maintenance and education projects require a 25% match. Applications must be done through the NYS Grants Gateway and the deadline to apply is Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. For more information visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5285.html>. The Jefferson County Planning Dept. and the Tug Hill Commission are co-sponsoring a planning and zoning training on Thursday Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at JCC (1220 Coffeen St., Watertown). Phil Street from the Tug Hill Commission office will be presenting a session titled “Commonly Confused Planning and Zoning Topics”. If approved by your municipality the class is good for 2 hours of training toward the annual requirement for planning and zoning boards. Please RSVP by Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/commonly-confused-planning-and-zoning-topics-tickets-78427074491> or call Jefferson County planning at (315)785-3144 or [planning@co.jefferson.ny.us](mailto:planning@co.jefferson.ny.us). There will be a small reception before the class starting at 5:30 pm in honor of Phil’s retirement, which has been set for January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Coffee, cider and donuts will be served at the reception. The Tug Hill Commission and our Tug Hill COGs are sponsoring a Newly Elected Officials training taught by staff from the Association of Towns. The presentation will be conducted on two different nights covering the same material. The workshops will be held Wednesday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at the Boonville Municipal Building (13149 NYS Rt. 12, Boonville) and Thursday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at the Lorraine Municipal Building (20876 Co. Rt. 189, Lorraine) with both classes running from 6-8 pm. There is no charge to attend the workshops. To register contact Gwen at the Commission office at (315)785-2380 or [gwen@tughill.org](mailto:gwen@tughill.org). Please RSVP by December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The St. Lawrence Health Initiative is holding a free workshop on Tuesday Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at Clarkson University in Potsdam on how to grow the North Country’s active and healthy transportation network. Transportation experts Mark Fenton and Jeff Olsen will join the NYS DOT and DANC for a hands-on workshop. To register for the free workshop or for more information contact Karen Bage at the Health Initiative at 315-261-4760 X 228 or [karen@gethealthyslc.org](mailto:karen@gethealthyslc.org). **Save the Dates:** The next regular meeting of the Tug Hill Commission will be held Monday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 11:30 am at the Tug Hill Commission office (317 Washington St., Watertown, 6<sup>th</sup> floor). The public is welcome to attend this meeting. There will be two locations, same presentation, Newly Elected Officials Training -Boonville Municipal Building - December 4, 2019, 6-8pm, 13149 NYS Rout 12, Boonville, NY and Lorraine Town Hall - December 5, 2019, 6-8pm, 20876 Co Rt 189, Lorraine, NY 13659. Presentations will be made by staff from NYS Association of Towns. Topics to be covered include: conflicts of interest, code of ethics and boards of ethics, financial disclosure requirements, typical town offices and their roles, oath of office and preparing for

your first meeting. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers. Free Workshop Sponsored by: NYS Tug Hill Commission, Cooperative Tug Hill Council, Northern Oneida County Council of Governments, River Area Council of Governments, North Shore Council of Governments, and Salmon Rivers Council of Governments. To register, please contact the Tug Hill Commission at (315) 785-2380, toll free in the Tug Hill Region 1 (888) 785-2380 or email qwen@tughill.org. Please RSVP by December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Siting Board decision for Number Three Wind Farm has been approved to go through - Lowville/Harrisburg - Invenergy is the developer.

### **TOWN JUSTICE - DORY DUMAS**

Judge Dumas explained to the Board the new changes to the Court system as of January 1, 2020. Locally she will need to change the Court night, she can't get Attorney's to show up, she will need to have two (2) court nights a month, she will be having Court on Thursday nights at 5pm, Sandy Creek also will hold Court that night, her starting at 5pm should give ADA enough time to get to Sandy Creek. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - the Town Clerk has office hours on Thursday nights, will that be a problem? Dory it's not a problem for her, will it be for the Town Clerk? TC S. Hough - doesn't have a problem with it, during hunting season she does have a line waiting. They will all need to have more than one court date per month, certain time frames discovery 14-15 day, CAP returnable to local court within 14 days. She will be holding court on the second and forth Thursdays of the month at 5pm. October thru December usually quiet months, CAP Court will be seven (7) days a week. The reason she requested a raise at the last minute is due to more law changes - they can now choose how they are informed of their court date, email, call, standard mail, text - they are trying to figure out how the judges can text without cell phones. She discussed this with Tanya and they are not purchasing a cell phone for Court. There was discussion. Judge Dory Dumas - if she has someone come in that doesn't speak English - she has to have an Interpreter - she hasn't come across this - there is a Language Line - it doesn't cost to setup an account but would cost \$ .75 per minute it used, a Personal Interpreter would cost \$ 100 per hour which you would have to pay even if the defendant doesn't show up.

### **Resolution 19-109**

Motion was made by Tanya Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Town Justice Dory Dumas to setup a Language Line for the Town Court.

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

Town Justice Dory Dumas explained the centralized booking. Oswego County has a plan that the Superior Court has to approve, they are hoping the plan will be in effect January 1, 2020. They would have holding cells at Churchill, security doors, evenings 6/6:30 to 10/11pm, 7/365 days per year. Anyone arrested in Oswego County would go to Churchill. They are breaking the law by doing arraignments in the middle of the night without an Attorney present - it's unconstitutional. Each County has had to come up with their own plan. Oswego County Magistrates has a Scheduling Committee - it will be mandatory to take turns, it depends on the case load of your court as to how many times you will have to sit, Dory would have to take four (4) nights - she would be getting paid, the Supervising Judges want to make sure it's fair. Dory is the treasurer of the Magistrates this year. The money will come from the Office of Court Administration - County.

**SUPERVISOR - TANYA YERDON**

The doors have been installed on the new Cold Storage Building, the building is now completed. CW E. Yerdon asked if the building was full. Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt- it's not full but it has a lot of stuff in it. Paul was asked if everything is out of the old town barn. He still has the old wood chipper and roller in the building. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - everything is in line for the demolition, there's a ten (10) day waiting period with NYS, should take two (2) days per building to demolish. She asked Paul to remove the last of the stuff from the old town barn building. The project should be completely within the next two weeks. She has some extra Annual NYMIR Report's if anyone wants one and NOCA's financial reports. On Friday she is meeting with Keeley Hines of The Bonadio Group, CPAs, Consultants & More to get an estimate, she what she can do with for us.

**ED MONTIETH - REDFIELD SNOWMOBILE CLUB ASSOCIATION**

Ed would like to have a Snowmobile Club meeting on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Town Office Building. The Board is in favor of letting them use the building, TC S. Hough will get a key to Ed before December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Motion was made by Carla Bauer seconded by Erwin Webb to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm.

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, December 10, 2019 at 7:30pm.

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Susan Hough, Town Clerk

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