

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, December 10, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on December 10, 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, Russell Montieth, Terry Harlander, Margaret Kastler - Legislator, Corey Yerdon - Redfield Fire Chief, Mitch Yerdon and John Yerdon

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

**Resolution 19-111**

Motion was made by Erwin Webb and seconded by Carla Bauer that the General Fund Bills - Abstract #12 Vouchers 396-419, 433,435-438, 440 Totaling \$ 83,112.20 Be paid.

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

**Resolution 19-112**

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins that the Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 12 Vouchers 418-432, 439 Totaling \$ 62,293.83 Be paid.

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

**Resolution 19-113**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer 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 handed out CEO Michael Yerdon's report. Town Clerk opened the bids received for the equipment that was up for bid: received one (1) bid for the Roll-o-Stat Roller from Joe Cesta in the amount of \$ 350.75, received two (2) bids for the Wood Chipper - Bob Bird in the amount of \$ 255.00. Dale Myslivecek in the amount of \$ 76.00.

**Resolution 19-114**

Motion was made by Erwin Webb and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to accept Joe Cesta's bid in the amount of \$ 375.75 for the Roll-o-Stat Roller and accept Bob Bird's bid in the amount of \$ 255.00 for the Wood Chipper, the Town of Redfield will not delivery the equipment and it must be paid in full and moved by January 1, 2020.

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

**Resolution 19-115**

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to authorize Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to balance the accounts at year end.

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

**Resolution 19-116**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to pay the Hill Agency /NGM Insurance bill on January 1, 2020.

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

**Resolution 19-117**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Erwin Webb to approve the October 8 & October 14, 2019 minutes as presented.

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

Town Clerk - as you probably noticed there was no amount due for the Street Light account so next month will be a high bill.

**CODE ENFORCMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON**

Michael Yerdon - you all got my report, it hasn't been too busy, and he's been working on the demolition project and inspections. John Yerdon stated the contractor told him they only took the church debris to Volney and took the rest to Camillus. Michael Yerdon - the contract states they have to follow Oswego County's law.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - PAUL PRATT**

Paul - the new loader was delivered, the old one is gone. He has a draft agreement with the other Towns for the Shoulder Machine - the Town of Sandy Creek carries the insurance on the Roller, they talked about the Town of Richland carrying the Insurance, the Town of Redfield carries the Insurance on the Broom, a total of eight (8) towns have gone in on the Shoulder Machine. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon discussed this with Bob Genant - his concern was all eight (8) Towns needing to use it at the same time frame. Paul stated that it will go from Town to Town as the Oil truck goes from Town to Town, never paving and shouldering at the same time. CM E. Webb- you have to let it cure, you don't do the shoulders right away or it will leave marks. Paul - we work together, it shouldn't be a problem. Paul - the Town of Richland doesn't have much room to store the Shoulder Machine, he talked to Eastern Shore Insurance - as long as we have an agreement signed by all the Towns it's not a problem. CW E. Yerdon - do we have enough room? Paul -yes we have plenty of room. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon talked to Bob Genant and it shouldn't be a problem. Paul - main concern was storing it where it's not insured but as long as all the Towns are in the agreement it's not a problem. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon will let Bob Genant know the Town Board is ok with storing the machine and the agreement. Paul - we've had some problems with the 2014 sander, the hydraulic, controller, relief valve - having a problem getting the part. The one Company was bought out, they aren't that expensive if we can find one.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER - JOHN YERDON**

The NYS Inspector came to the kennel, she won't be back until spring, she will do inspection every three (3) months, John asked what happened to the six (6) month and year inspection.

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

Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - Angie won't be here tonight so she read the announcements.

**REMINDER:** The NYS Archives will be conducting some 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 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 William G. Pomeroy Foundation has announced funding for NYS historic markers in several counties, including all four of our Tug Hill Counties. Letters of intent are due by December 16<sup>th</sup> with a deadline to apply of January 20, 2020. The grant includes the cost of the marker, pole and shipping costs. Information eligible for the markers are historic events, people, places and things from 1740 to 1920. For more information and to apply online visit [www.wgpfoundation.org](http://www.wgpfoundation.org). The Northeast Heritage Economy Program (NHEP) will provide grants to community- driven preservation projects to address the negative economic shift produced by the consistent decline in the forest products industry. The grant program is funded by a \$1,000,000 grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission and will be split evenly across the 4 northern border states (ME, NH, NY, VT) with the Preservation League taking the lead role in New York. It is intended to revitalize vacant and underused historic buildings in rural communities to stimulate economic development and tourism, build community cohesion and create jobs in areas suffering from the decline of the forest products industry. Applicants must be a not-for-profit organization, municipality, state entity or a federally recognized tribe. The grant requires a 50% match and projects must be completed by July 31, 2020. For more information about the grant requirements and application information visit <https://www.preservenys.org/nhep>. The NYS Department of State’s Division of Local Government Services has announced their winter webinar series of training for local officials. The classes include “Special Use Permits” on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm; “Adaptive Re-use of White Elephants” on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm; “Planning Board Overview” on January 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm and “Zoning Board of Appeals Overview” on January 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm. The classes constitute training hours toward the annual required training for your planning and zoning officials, so long as they are approved by the town or village board. For more information and to register visit <http://www.dos.ny.gov/lglut/index.html>. The Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is holding their annual tree and shrub seedling sale. Order forms are available on their website ([www.jeffersoncountySWCD.org](http://www.jeffersoncountySWCD.org)) and you can also order online there. The Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance is helping to offset the costs by 25% in order to get more trees in the ground, increasing water quality throughout Jefferson County. Coniferous trees are sold in packs of 10 and deciduous trees in packs of 25. Pre-paid tree orders are due by February 23<sup>rd</sup> and orders will be available for pick-up at the Jefferson County SWCD office on April 23, 2020. For any questions call (315) 782- 2749. **Save the Dates:** The next regular meeting of the Tug Hill Commission will be held Monday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>

from 4 to 5:30 pm at the Tug Hill Commission office (317 Washington St., Watertown, 6<sup>th</sup> floor).  
NOTE the time change of the meeting. The public is welcome to attend this meeting.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - PAUL PRATT**

Paul - doesn't know if you want to do wages for the Seasonal workers, minimum wage will be \$ 11.70 as of January 1, 2020, we are paying \$ 11.25 non CDL and \$ 12.00 CDL, the rate needs to be changed by January 1, 2020.

**Resolution 19-118**

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Erwin Webb to change the Seasonal Workers wage rates to \$ 12.00 per hour Laborer non-CDL and \$ 13.00 per hour for CDL - MEO

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

**LEGISLATOR - MARGARET KASTLER**

Margaret - thank you all for allowing her to come up and represent the Town for the past eleven (11) years. The budget will stay the same - no increases. The next meeting will be held Thursday at 2pm they will recess at 4pm and resume at 7pm. Since the County went from four (4) year sale to two (2) year sale of back tax property they have more money from it. I'm sure everyone read in the paper the Governor's new law - lets people out of jail, no bail - they are against it and have wrote a letter against it. It's going to cost the County money, if they don't show up to court then the Sheriff will have to go get them, it's ridiculous, in another two (2) weeks it will not be good. She is also working on trying to get transportation for this part of the County. The Town Board, Supervisor and all attendees thanked Margaret for her eleven (11) years of service.

**SUPERVISOR - TANYA YERDON**

Tanya gave everyone the 2020 budget, the budget was raised by 1.6%, everyone should get a check in the mail. She gave the 2018/2019/2020 amounts, it was held at \$ .18 from 2018 through 2020, it will be \$ 16.45 per \$ 1,000 without Street Lights and \$ 16.92 per \$ 1,000 with Street Lights.

CW Elaine Yerdon - stated how grateful we are for Paul, Jane and Margaret's service. Tanya - we couldn't have done the job we've done without you. Paul - we've got a new Salt Shed, New Equipment, because we all worked and pulled together. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - presented Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt with an engraved clock for his service to the Town of Redfield. Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt - thanked everyone and really appreciated it. It's not an easy job, we have a good team and town.

**REDFIELD FIRE CHIEF - COREY YERDON**

Corey - thanked Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt on behalf of the Fire Department for all he's done for the Fire Department. Corey has been Fire Chief since 1998 - they have had a really good working relationship, instrumental in Building the new Fire Station, keeping them cleaned out, endless hours of cooking chicken, we've accomplished so much and he's thankful for this relationship, he gave Paul a pager and Paul always had a plow/sander or whatever they needed at the scenes. Thank you on behalf of the Fire Department - Corey presented Paul with a Fireman's Helmet.

Highway Superintendent Paul Pratt - has never worked with better people, it's been a pleasure to work with you, thank you.

Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - we also have a clock for Jane, we tried to get her here but her grandson had a concert tonight. She would like to thank everyone, it's been a hell of a year, and hopefully next year won't be as stressful. CW E. Yerdon make a couple cakes for Paul and Jane's retirement.

Motion was made by Erwin Webb seconded by Matthew Tompkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm.

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, January 14, 2020 at 7:30pm.

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Susan Hough, Town Clerk