

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, JULY 14, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on July 14, 2020 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, Russell Montieth -Highway Superintendent, Mitch Yerdon, John Yerdon - Dog Control Officer, Michael Yerdon – Code Enforcement Officer, Eric Gantley, Dory Dumas - Town Justice, David Fox, Natasha Fox and Angie Kimball –Tug Hill Commission

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 20-48

Motion was made by Tanya Yerdon and seconded by Elaine Yerdon that the Town Board go into Executive Session to discuss an Employee matter at 7:25pm.

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

Resolution 20-49

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Erwin Webb that the Town Board goes out of Executive Session at 7:37pm.

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

Resolution 20-50

Motion was made by Tanya Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer that the Town Board resume the Regular Meeting.

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

Resolution 20-51

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Erwin Webb that the
General Fund Bills - Abstract #07 Vouchers 197 - 213 Totaling \$ 10,852.39 and
Light District #1 - Abstract #07 Voucher 224 Totaling \$ 1,193.66
Be paid.

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

Resolution 20-52

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Elaine Yerdon that the
Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 07 Vouchers 213 - 222 Totaling \$ 10,720.41
Be paid.

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

Resolution 20-53

Motion was made by Erwin Webb 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

TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH

TClerk had 6 DECALS, 24 Dog Licenses, 1 Driveway Permit, and there were 9 Building Permits. She has received a couple emails from a concerned citizen regarding when the Town is going to sell the church windows and excess equipment, he would like to look at the items. The Board discussed the Executive Orders, and selling the items, after discussion the Board doesn't feel they can try to sell them at this time, they will not be pursuing any sales until further notice.

Resolution 20-54

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to approve the May 12, 2020 minutes as presented.

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

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

They helped Boylston moto pave and Osceola's Bridge projects, they spent three (3) days last week getting the old out and getting ready to form, has to set ten (10) days, so looking around the 21st to start - a total of sixty (60) days road outage. They've been hauling stone from Kings, will be doing 4/10 mile on Caster Road, that would chip seal all the way to the end of the road, repave culvert, 2/10 mile on Kay road, go over the culvert that was plugged. Mitch, Tanya, Jimmy and Russell met with Joe Cheraloti on June 30th, he liked the idea of what they want to do with the Kay road culvert, , Russell hasn't heard anything, he talked to the DEC everything sounds promising, we should be able to proceed without permits, she's waiting for Supervisor Signature, they are still working from home making it a slow process. June 15th the Road Mower we leased from Stephenson had a few problems, lost blade on it on the Caster road, Russell talked to a friend, they got the blade back on and it came back off when they backed in the garage, they finally sent someone to repair it, they have authorization to keep it until Thursday as long as they have it to Boylston by Thursday night. They have a little left on Kay road, Otto Mills road and O'Hara road, Osceola has offered theirs to finish up the last three (3) roads. The Lease amount was \$ 6,400, the invoice came in at \$ 5,800, he doesn't think they know what they're doing, the County and other Towns are having issues with Stephenson's too. Russell asked the Board permission - has \$ 100,000 of CHIPS money which includes the \$ 30,000 left over from last year, we're only entitled to eighty percent (80%), which will be \$ 120,000, he would like to start working on the Truck Replacement. CM E. Webb - it takes up to a year to get one doesn't it. Russell - they have seen them coming in at six (6) months, the 2007 is very usable, he has no qualms about using it or sending it out, we don't have to trade right now. CM M. Tompkins - it will take a while to get the specs and bids out - which doesn't cost anything. Russell will work on the specs. Tracy Road Equipment has a Road Mower for sale, it was leased to Boylston for three (3) years, it's a New Holland Road Mower, the one we leased was a John Deere Diamond mower which seems to be a problem.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER - JOHN YERDON

John - another issue with a dog killing chickens, it's a different dog and chickens. He's been over there three (3) times, it was suppose to be taken care of today. He will be making another trip over to make sure it's done.

John went up to the Greenboro Cemetery, his parents have a twelve (12) section plot, two (2) corner stones are missing, he met with Chris Ouderkirk - who is in charge of the Cemetery Association. Chris informed John that there would be a \$ 300 charge to be buried in the plot, it would be \$ 50 if you live in Greensboro. The plot of 12 took place many years ago, the Town takes care of the Cemetery - mowing and put flags up. The Town would get \$ 100 and the Association would keep \$ 200. The family pays for digging of a grave, the Family Plot was done in the 1960's, he thinks it's wrong. There was discussion regarding the Cemetery. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - would the Board like her to write a letter requesting a meeting with Chris regarding the Greenboro Cemetery. Mike Yerdon - the last meeting he went to was at least fifteen (15) years ago, since Shirley turned it over there hasn't been a meeting, no decisions have been made at a meeting. They are suppose to have a public meeting once a year, Sharon Babcock took over from Shirley and then Chris Ouderkirk ended up with it, Mike told Chris the Town Clerk is suppose to get all burial permits. T. Clerk - Susan Hough - called Chris and told him she needed all the burial permits for the Greenboro Cemetery.

Resolution 20-55

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to approve Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to write a letter to Chris Ouderkirk regarding the Greenboro Cemetery requesting a meeting.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON

He's close to thirty (30) building permits already, has two (2) applications tonight, he's been busy, it's very active people have free time.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR - MICHAEL YERDON

They've had two (2) meetings in Chambers, they've been doing ZOOM meetings on their tablets which was very challenging. They are addressing the Land Bank - the operation and procedures to be updated, sites building lots with problems, demolish and renovate. They are getting these properties for a dollar, pay no taxes, they wanted nineteen (19) properties that were on the list for tax auction, the back taxes are \$ 332,000 on these properties, they got five (5) of the properties, the building are rated A (decent) B, C & D - they didn't have any D properties on the list. Mike handed out information on the tax auction, the Legislator can say no to the Land Bank for properties in his/her district. One Resolution that was passed regarding - Oswego County handles Medicaid, the Federal Government sends Oswego County money, but the money is sent to New York State which hasn't sent it on to Oswego County in two (2) years. Oswego County is owed \$ 1,600,000. We are demanding our money from New York State, it's against Federal Law to not pay us, they might take legal action.

Eric Gantley - proposed a subdivision on County Route 47, he had a sketch plan, he would take 2.6 acres off the total of 17 acres, with the house, has a new septic and well. Charlie Trust would plant Christmas trees on the rest of the acres. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon & CM Matthew Tompkins - need time to look the subdivision over, need the SEQR, application and drawing. Mr. Gantley - stated nothing has been filed with Oswego County.

David and Natasha Fox - they are purchasing the 2.6 acres with the house, they have an attorney, they were suppose to close on the property and couldn't because Mr. Gantley didn't do the subdivision. They have already moved in the house. They would like this on the next meeting's agenda so they can move forward.

Resolution 20-56

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to approve moving the August meeting to Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 7:30pm and authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise the change in the papers.

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

TUG HILL COMMISSION – ANGELA KIMBALL

Executive Order 202.38 is the latest order which allows for the relaxation of the Open Meetings Law requirements allowing virtual meetings and that order currently extends through July 6th, so any of our local municipalities that may be looking to hold their monthly board meetings, planning board or ZBA meetings through electronic means are still able to. The Commission will continue to host any of these meeting using Zoom for the time being, so if anyone is interested in using the service for July meetings, please contact Angie so she can get your meeting set up. I will update you if this Executive Order gets extended. Executive Order 202.39 also extended the availability for remote public hearings through July 7th.

Executive Order 202.42 amended Executive Order 202.10 (and as afterward amended) and allowed non-essential gatherings to allow 25 or fewer people for any lawful purpose for regions who had reached Phase 3 of reopening, up from the previous limit of 10.

Finally, Executive Order 202.39 also lifted the requirement of Executive Order 202.4 which mandated that non-essential workers as determined by local governments could not exceed 50% of the total number of employees. The new Executive Order removed the 50% of non-essential workers limit for local governments who had been in phase 2 of re-opening for at least two weeks. The New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) has many recorded webinars available on their website for anyone looking for training. There are webinars on various COVID- 19 subjects, webinars for new officials and several planning and zoning topics. For more information or to watch a webinar visit: <https://www.nycom.org/training/additional-training-events/webinars/2uncategorised/1063-recorded-webinars>. The NYS Archives has announced that the deadline for the 2019-2020 Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) grants has been extended to December 31, 2020. For more information you can contact the Grants Administration Unit at archgrants@nysed.gov or (518)474-6926. You can also contact your Circuit Rider and they will connect you with the Commission staff who can help.

The Commission has updated its “Landownership and Protected Lands in the Tug Hill Region” issue paper. The paper first published in 2015 identifies and describes the protected lands in the Tug Hill region. Only 12% of the land on Tug Hill or 249,221 acres is owned by NY State, leaving privately owned land still dominating the landscape, especially in comparison to the Adirondacks and Catskills. American Farmland Trust’s “Farms Under Threat –The State of the States” report offers valuable new tools and insights that can be of help in addressing agricultural land conversion and increasing permanent protection of this irreplaceable resource within your communities. Our food and farming resiliency depends on an increased commitment from us all to save the land that sustains us. For more information, contact Samantha Levy, New York Policy Manager, American Farmland Trust, 315 -679- 4772, slevy@farmland.org, www.farmland.org. The Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) will also be conducting some training sessions this summer. There is one on July 21st from 10 to 11am titled “Interview With a Hacker (Cybersecurity) Webinar”. Through a mock interview with a “world-renowned and infamous hacker,” they will explain how a lack of basic cybersecurity controls makes a hacker’s job easier. They will share simple, low-cost improvements that local officials can make today to significantly strengthen municipal networks and systems against cyberattacks. For more information or to register visit

<https://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/academy/webinarstraining.htm>. **SAVE THE DATES:** There is no Tug Hill Commission meeting scheduled for July. Stay tuned for the decision on the CTHC Fall meeting. The Executive Committee will be tracking the changing social distancing and gathering limits imposed by the state and will make a decision on the feasibility of holding a traditional fall meeting within the next couple of months.

WORK GOALS FOR 2020

1. Oversee the day to day operation of the council through the executive committee, the circuit rider and independent contractors.
2. Stay current on issues that affect Tug Hill and take appropriate actions such as assisting with the drafting of and encouraging the passage of state legislation for issues pertinent to our municipalities ie: low volume roads, locally requested court consolidations, RPTL 480a reform and state payment of taxes in Wildlife Management Areas where not included in current law. Monitor issues that have already been identified (landfills; watershed management i.e. Fish Creek, Salmon River and the Black River; large land sales; snowmobiling and ATV impacts; minimum maintenance road standards, maintenance and impacts; alternate energy projects and broad band initiatives).
3. Administer the Tug Hill Reserve Act in line with the needs and desires of local governments.
4. Promote regular liaison between municipal boards, clerks, planning boards, ZBAs and circuit riders to address the needs of our member communities.
5. Respond to information requests from member municipalities in a timely fashion.
6. Develop and expand educational opportunities for local government officials.
7. Help member municipalities find funding for recreational and economic development within the area, consistent with the environment and needs of local people.
8. Administer the Cooperative Tug Hill Zoning Board of Appeals.
9. Encourage Legislators to increase funding for state and local infrastructure within the region.

Tug Hill Trail Maps and Brochures are now available.

JUSTICE - DORY DUMAS

Dory is trying to keep up with courts opening - she has to come up with a re-opening plan, plans should include assistance from the Town, her court is totally different than the other courts. She plans on wiping down all surfaces, keeping the door locked, a no contact thermometer, everyone that enters must wear a mask, anyone with exposure will not be admitted, she will mark the floor for 6ft distancing, will use Mike's office for the ADA - she will wipe down Mike's office after it's used, try to get fines mailed in, she will need disposable masks, wipes, hand sanitizer, thermometer, which she will get reimbursed up to \$ 1,000. CW E. Yerdon - doesn't think the meeting table should be wiped down with the wipes. Judge Dory Dumas - she will put the cover on the table when in use and wipe the cover down. She would also like the Boards permission to apply for a JCAP Grant - she would like to apply for chairs, portable desk, and side tables at this time.

Resolution 20-57

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Elaine Yerdon to authorize Town Justice Dory Dumas to apply for a JCAP Grant to purchase chairs, portable desk and side tables.

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

SUPERVISOR - TANYA YERDON

There was discussion regarding the Assessor. The Food Bank Food Distribution went off very well, the volunteers worked good together, she's had a lot of good feedback, she would like to thank everyone that volunteered/help make it such a success. Mike Yerdon - he's participated in 5 or 6 food distributions and the operation went very well in Redfield. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - Mitch installed the dehumidifier in the records room. The Redfield Fish and Game Club would like to apply for a grant to install lights for night activities.

Resolution 20-58

Motion was made by Erwin Webb and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Town Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to write a letter in support of the Redfield Fish and Game Club applying for the grant.

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

Bob Bush Jr, had inquired about working on the infield on the ballfield, but he's not here. We will set a Public Hearing at the next meeting for the driveway law, we've already agreed on the fees.

Motion was made by Erwin Webb seconded by Elaine Yerdon to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm.

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 Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 7:30pm.