

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on September 8, 2020 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, Russell Montieth -Highway Superintendent, Mitch Yerdon, Michael Yerdon – Code Enforcement Officer, David Fox, Natasha Fox, Sally Montieth, Bob Bush Jr., Brian Rogers and Angie Kimball –Tug Hill Commission

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

**Resolution 20-68**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins that the General Fund Bills - Abstract #09 Vouchers 258 - 268, 274, 277 Totaling \$ 6,488.87 Be paid.

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

**Resolution 20-69**

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Erwin Webb that the Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 09 Vouchers 269 - 274, 276 Totaling \$ 47,362.01 Be paid.

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

**Resolution 20-70**

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

**TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH**

Town Clerk had 15 DECAL sales, 12 Certified Copies and some dog licenses. Town Clerk passed out the 2021 Tentative Budget to the Board Members.

**Resolution 20-71**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to approve the July 14, 2020 minutes as presented.

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

Bob Bush Jr. & Brian Rogers - they would like to hold a Softball Tournament on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at the Redfield Ballfield. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - asked how many teams would be involved. Brian - they have six teams. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - what are the guidelines for COVID-19? Brian - no hand shaking, wear masks, social distancing - that's all the State required for the Babe Ruth League. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - will you need the restrooms opened? Brian - yes - we will clean them with Clorox. Everyone will sign a waiver which states that Him, the Tournament and the Town are no responsible for anything, every play has to sign before they can play, he will give the waivers to Supervisor Tanya Yerdon. CW C. Bauer - will you be selling food or providing food? Brian - no, everyone will have their own.

**Resolution 20-72**

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Erwin Webb to authorize Bob Bush Jr. and Brian Rogers to have a softball tournament on the Redfield Ballfield with six teams.

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

Bob Bush Jr. - they are not going to drag the infield, so much has already been taken out they don't want any more out, and it brings up more rocks. Thank you.

Sally Montieth - is there a Noise Ordinance in the Town of Redfield? Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - no - she has look at two different ideas on Noise Ordinance - it's very hard to enforce them - she was told the authorities will not enforce Town Ordinances, there are permits for mass gatherings - but doesn't think there is much the authorities will do. Sally - called the Law - they must have had a scanner because the music would go down/off for about 35 minutes then right back up, she called them several times, there was no social distancing or masks worn. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - the Law did come up - said they couldn't enforce anything. Sally said last year the Troopers came up and the music went down, then back up the Mom showed up and made them turn it down. They were so loud, you couldn't hear Lenny's music. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - isn't sure what will work, the Highway Department had to pick up glass, etc. in the roadway, she tried to call Oswego. Angie - the same group had ATV's and Mini-Bikes going up and down the road without any helmets. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - will look into it, she saw the pictures on FB, she thanked Sally for calling the Law. Sally - they were Redfield people over there too. Sally left at 7:52pm. CW C. Bauer - people left Lenny's and went over there. There was discussion regarding the loud music, gun shooting, fireworks and Tannerite.

**Resolution 20-73**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Erwin Webb to authorize Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to send a letter to the owner of 800 County Route 47 regarding safety and public nuisance.

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

Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - Someone that was at a different party over the weekend, from another town has been tested for COVID-19, we will get the results on Thursday.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON**

Mike - handed out his report, he's up to 45 permits so far for the year, 44 have been turned in, three waiting for checks, another that needs drawings. He met with Mike Lasell - Engineer,

regarding the property on County Route 47 Subdivision - one leach line- the septic system needs to be re-designed, he hasn't heard from Mr. Gentley - he was told he had to have a permit.

### **COUNTY LEGISLATOR - MICHAEL YERDON**

Mike - Oswego County Clerk - Michael Backus has resigned. He is on the election ballot unopposed - it's very important to have this position filled by the election. We are encouraging a write-in for Mr. Terry Wilbur, he is a County Legislator - District # 21, representing Hannibal and part of Oswego Town. The Governor of NYS can appoint for a year the positions of County Clerk, County Treasurer and County Sheriff - we do not want that to happen. They had a County Employee pass away today due to a fall at the County Building, the phones and websites were not working for a period of time due to the accident. Mike has personally talked to the County Sheriff - he told him that it's like the wild west up here, in 2015 the County opened roads to ATVs - there are a multitude of restrictions - non are being followed, a third of ATVs don't have license plates and side by sides are not legal in NYS, he will be talking to him again this week. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - Monday DEC Officers were on the Bridge - four or five ATVs went by while they were there. Mike - also talked to the DEC - told them the Redfield Reservoir is a pristine body of water, the DEC advertised the Reservoir - they are camping, trashing the beach and island, the garbage & waste - he's setting up a meeting with them.

### **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH**

Russell - Castor and Kay roads are done - chipped sealed 5/10 mile on Caster and 1/10 on Kay road, they have the shoulders left to do. Double Oil and stone, installed guard rails in Osceola, Williamstown hauling sand. Town inventory is complete and turned in, new tools and equipment listed. The 2017 International - check engine lights - Delong checked the codes - DEF system problem - said it didn't have any DEF - the truck is covered under warranty, the County towed it on Wednesday for us. Replaced DEC Sensor System - all under warranty. Russell had prices for a new truck and equipment, if we order a truck today would be at dealer in one hundred days, there was discussion. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon will make copies of the new truck information for the Budget meeting. Russell - the list is long as to replacing equipment. He's looking at a Road Mowing Machine, he found a new listing of a 2014 New Holland but we sold immediately, he has found some others. The Road Mowing Machine rental did not go very well this year from Stephenson - they were not good at getting back to us, breakdowns. He has a salesman at Tracy also looking for a machine for him, there should be some machines coming in on trade-in. They hauled gravel from Dale's, 294 yards of gravel building up around the new cold storage building, prices are going to go up, everything is gone, Mrs. Farmer has her place for sale. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> he has a guy coming trying to sell him a diagnostic tool, they have a lot of different options, they can go off your phone or laptop, he doesn't know what's out there but wanted to look into it. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon, Councilman Erwin Webb and Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth interviewed applicants for the fulltime position, they had two very good candidates both declined the position, he has two other applicants but doesn't feel they are what we are looking for to fill the position, we have options - he can put three fulltime seasonal workers on for the winter, maybe someone will come along, one declined because of the starting salary, Russell thinks that will be a stickler, but we are bound by that for the next year by contract. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - we've had part-timers come forward - five CDL part-time seasonal workers, she personally doesn't see any other way to do it, we can always hire a fulltime worker, with COVID - it's working in our favor, the other applicants are not what we are looking for, right now Seasonal w/CDL get \$ 13.00, we might have to up that. Fulltime

would start at \$15.98, after first year \$ 18.34, then after two years up to rate. Angie - other Towns are having the same problem. Russell - would like to thank Mary - she did an excellent job cleaning at the Town Barn, Richland, Williamstown, Boylston, Midland - all commented on how nice the building looked, place is looking great - thank you Mary. TC S. Hough - her Dad said the grounds at the Town Barn site looked really good too.

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

Executive Order 202.60 is the latest order which allows for the relaxation of the Open Meetings Law requirements allowing virtual meetings and that order currently extends through October 4th, 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 September meetings, please contact Angie so she can get your meeting set up. Executive Order 202.60 also extended the availability (and necessity for a virtual component) for remote public hearings through October 4th.

Executive Order 202.45 amended Executive Order 202.10 (and as afterward amended) and allowed non-essential gatherings to allow 50 or fewer people for any lawful purpose for regions who had reached Phase 4 of reopening, up from the previous limit of 25.

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.

**REMINDER:** The Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) has announced the 2020 Regional Forest Economy Partnership (RFEP) grant application opportunity. Eligible organizations include nonprofit and governmental entities (state, local & Indian tribes), and total funding available for the program is \$4 million, with a maximum award of \$1 million. Grant application details are available at [www.nbrc.gov](http://www.nbrc.gov). Potential applicants should express interest through Letters of Interest, which must be submitted by Friday, August 28 at 5:00 p.m. These will be evaluated by an Advisory Board and the Board will determine which applicants will be invited to submit a full application which would be due by October 30th. The purpose of the program is to assist rural communities in transitioning from a historic dependence on the forest-based economy to new opportunities for economic diversity and innovation.

**REMINDER:** The Justice Court Assistance Plan (JCAP) grants for 2020/21 are now available. The Unified Court System's budget includes \$4 million in JCAP funding for this fiscal year, with the maximum grant amount per court at \$30,000 (joint applications may have a maximum amount of \$60,000). All town and village courts can apply for funding in many areas including office equipment and furniture, security equipment and court room and court facility improvements and renovations. The application must be filed by justice court personnel, so if boards are aware of an area needing funding, they should coordinate with their court personnel to apply. The deadline to apply is October 8, 2020. Court personnel will be able to access the page which includes the fax number, email address and the user name and password to access the application by visiting [www.nycourts.gov/courts/townandvillage](http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/townandvillage). If you need assistance completing the application process, you can contact the Office of Justice Court Support at 1-800-232-0630 or contact your circuit rider.

Commission planning director Matt Johnson will deliver a training session entitled "Evaluating and Amending Your Zoning Law" on Tuesday, September 29 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Lowville Town Hall, 553 Bostwick Street, Lowville 13367. This presentation will explore

reasons you may want or need to update your zoning law and cover the statutory process for doing so. In-person attendance will be limited to the first 23 registrants, and all attendees will be required to socially distance, wear a mask, and answer questions about health and travel. The training session will also be viewable live via Zoom. Both in-person and remote participants should use this link to register:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_iZnAZ4fQSsaWyzLnP2bE4A](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iZnAZ4fQSsaWyzLnP2bE4A).

Attorneys Jim Burrows and Dave Geurtsen from the Conboy Law Firm will be presenting “ZBA Basics” on Tuesday, October 1 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the West Carthage Community Room, 61 High Street, West Carthage, NY 13619. The course will increase understanding of the powers and duties of the zoning board of appeals, basic zoning concepts and functions, and statutory requirements that zoning boards of appeals must consider before granting use and area variances. In-person attendance will be limited to the first 23 registrants, and all attendees will be required to socially distance, wear a mask, and answer questions about health and travel. Hand sanitizer will be available, and no walk-ins will be allowed. The training session will also be viewable live via Zoom. Both in-person and remote participants should use this link to register:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_E-w57N3JTCe5olrMcQDmBA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_E-w57N3JTCe5olrMcQDmBA).

Join the Tug Hill Commission, the Lewis, Jefferson, Hamilton and Herkimer County Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the NYS DEC for a free series of webinars in conjunction with the annual Black River Watershed conference which the in-person aspect of was cancelled in June. There are webinars covering the majority of the scheduled sessions starting September 29th and running through October 29th (see attached). The links to register for each session is listed on the attached schedule.

Applications are now available to eligible municipalities and nonprofits for 2020 Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and Preservation League of New York State. Interested applicants should visit the Preservation League website at <https://www.preservenys.org/technical-assistance-grants?bblinkid=237626855&bbemailid=23592659&bbejrid=1600772687> for grant guidelines and pre-application forms. If interested, you must complete a pre-application to receive the full application form. TAG applications are due Monday, October 19, 2020.

Join Syracuse University’s Environmental Finance Center (SUEFC) on Tuesday, September 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to learn about FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program’s Community Rating System (CRS) program. FEMA’s voluntary CRS program credits community efforts beyond minimum floodplain management standards by reducing flood insurance premiums for the community’s property owners. This free 75-minute webinar will provide an introduction to FEMA’s CRS program, followed by a panel discussion where speakers will share their diverse experiences with the CRS program. Please join to find out if your community is a good fit for CRS. To learn more and register, visit: <https://efc.syr.edu/webinar-community-rating-system/>.

The Office of the State Comptroller’s fall training schedule is now available. The schedule includes the Annual Town Finance School on September 9th; the New Annual Financial Report-Financial Funds Overview on September 15th; Fiscal Stress Monitoring System Briefing for Local Governments on September 17th; the 65th Annual NYCOM Fall Training School on September 22-24th; Accounting Principles and Procedures (Advanced) on September 29-30th and Introduction to Governmental Accounting (Basic) on October 14-16th. These events are all to be held virtually and you can check out the class descriptions and access the links to register at [www.osc.state.ny.us/local-government/academy](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/local-government/academy).

The NY State Archives has some training webinars available this fall. There is one titled “What does the Genealogist Want from You and How to Provide it” on September 15th; one on “Managing Oversized Maps and Drawings” on October 20th; one on “Creating File Plans” on

November 17th and one titled "What About That Room? Maintaining an Inactive Records Storage Area" on December 15th. The classes all run from 10 to 11 am and the registration for the webinars can be accessed at <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/schedule>.

**SAVE THE DATES:** The next Tug Hill Commission meeting is scheduled for September 21st at 10 am. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Central Square Village Offices, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic it may be held virtually. Stay tuned for more details.

The CTHC Executive Committee should be meeting within the next couple weeks to make a determination about a fall meeting. Stay tuned for a decision on that as well.

### **SUPERVISOR - TANYA YERDON**

Tanya - Pathfinder has finally stopped charging the \$ .10 for every direct deposit done. Tanya, Mitch and Russell looked at the Kennel - DCO John Yerdon had told the Board that it needed some work - there is nowhere that you can paint, corner posts, extent the roof line, etc. They estimate around \$ 3,000 for repairs, she did put it in the Tentative Budget, it will take 4 to 5 days to complete the work, it might need to get done before winter. CW E. Yerdon - the Ag & Mkt's Lady called but hasn't called back. There was discussion regarding enacting Local Law #2 of 2020, regulate the installation of driveways. Section 2 needs to be edited.

#### **Resolution 20-74**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to adopt Local Law #2 of 2020 Regulate the Installation of Driveways, with section 2 correction.

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

There was some more discussion regarding the kennel repairs.

#### **Resolution 20-75**

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Erwin Webb to authorize the Dog Kennel to be updated before winter, not to exceed \$ 4,000.00.

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

CW E. Yerdon - was a letter written to Chris Ouderkirk in regarding to the Greenboro Cemetery? Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - no she wasn't sure about the letter, she will contact him.

Mike Yerdon - Russell & Crew - Castor Road - excellent job - it's the best he's seen the road.

Russell - thank you - Ryan Road will have a subdivision - the woman buying the property keeps calling to have a driveway installed, she's talked to Russell, Mike and Sue - Russell told her she can't put a driveway in on property she doesn't own, she wants it in so they can start clearing, etc., Rich Stansfield owns the property - if he wants a driveway put in the Town will do it.

Tanya - Peabody & Nixon Attorney contacted her requesting our Zoning and Subdivision Laws.

#### **Resolution 20-76**

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise a budget workshop on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 6:30pm.

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

Motion was made by Erwin Webb seconded by Carla Bauer 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, October 13, 2020 at 7:30pm.

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Susan Hough, Town Clerk