

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, January 12, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on January 12, 2021 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, Michael Yerdon - Code Enforcement Officer and Tug Hill Commission - Angela Kimball

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 21-01

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins that the
General Fund Bills - Abstract #01 Vouchers 001-019, 027 Totaling \$ 11,276.59 and
Light District #1 - Abstract #01 Vouchers 028 Totaling \$ 923.64

Be paid.

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

Resolution 21-02

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Erwin Webb that the
Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 01 Vouchers 019-026 Totaling \$ 8,862.57

Be paid.

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

Resolution 21-03

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Elaine Yerdon that the 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

Resolution 21-04

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorized Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to sign the Williamson Law Books software contracts for Accounting and Payroll.

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

TClerk - the Navistar Class Suit denied our claim. We had to resubmit the paperwork with more proof, after looking further into it - you couldn't get paid for a secondary component unless a primary component had a prior issue. I talked to Russell and we both agreed to change our claim to Option 1 – Cash Option: If you select the Cash Option, you will receive a payment based on months of ownership or lease up to \$2,500 per Class Vehicle. Each demonstrated month of

a Ownership/lease is eligible for the listed amounts, subject to certain limitations, because all of the components were secondary components, we felt it would be better to get something rather than chance not getting anything. Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth - when he talked to the Salesman at International he was told that no one on this side of the Country would get any money from the lawsuit, the money was paid to the claims out West. Salesman asked why the Town wasn't purchasing a new International, Russell told him we were buying a Western mainly because of it. The Town of Parish had two (2) Trucks affected by the lawsuit and both claims were denied. The Teamster's Health Insurance will be here tomorrow to do an audit of our payroll records. TClerk received information on the Verizon FIOS - there was discussion at this time it's more expensive than what we are paying.

Resolution 21-05

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Erwin Webb to approve the November 17, 2020 regular meeting as presented.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike's year end final report - fifty-nine (59) building permits, has several pending, three or four (3 or 4) on the O'Hara road that couldn't get done. People are buying property and wanting culverts put in, no idea what the weather is up here to get things done. The State Codes doesn't have any definition for a camp or seasonal dwelling, which they all keep saying it's just a camp. Fairly quiet now, he had some computer issues, changed his password and got it figured out, he will be doing a lot of Code work on the computer.

LEGISLATOR - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike - They finished the budget in December, they did appointments this month, been pretty quiet, they haven't been doing in-person meetings, they have been using Zoom for the meetings, it's not very efficient way to do business. CW E. Yerdon - What's the County's budget deadline? Mike - it's the second Thursday of December, so December 10th. CW C. Bauer - Can you find out who is purchasing Frontier? Andie Kimball - the Tug Hill Commission is doing a real Broadband Survey - State's data is based on if one person has broadband in a district then the whole district has it, which isn't the case in some districts.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

Russell - as he said he was talking to Phil at International about the Class Action Suit - Orwell's brand new truck is having electrical problems. The 2017 started having electrical problems, after a week they needed help, Delong was in Pulaski so they came up, it was the main cable that feeds the computer for the lights, the master switch turns that off luckily - could have been a fire, showed them how to check the 2014. Jay Barnwell - Tracy new truck being built, should be in Syracuse in late March, go to Allied Spring and then to Viking, pushing it to get delivered by November, everything is rolling good on that. Purchased toll box and ladders from Home Depot, Tanya setup an account with Uline so we could order the cabinets, they've been delivered, jacks, chainsaws, practically no expensive tools are out, flammable cabinet on the north side wall, smaller cabinet nest to it with paint brushes, sand paper, etc., in it. The new plasma cutter is working great. The guys appreciate the new equipment. It's nice we can roll the tool box right to the equipment. We have Osceola's John Deere road mower in the barn, we've been working on it for them, put \$ 1,100 parts into it, Osceola paid for the parts, hopefully we can use it to mow. 01/12/2021 pg. 2 of 7

December 28th, he had a run-in with Pulaski/Boylston, Otto Mills/Co Rt 17, was not good, tore Otto Mills sign down and filled the ditch. Russell called the County - Jim Kelley came up, all weekend had flooding, we have water problems there, Jim ran over laterals so water can't get back up. Russell called Tanya, Tanya was on the phone with Paul Holliday. Russell - Castor Drive and Abes Drive are not open to snowmobiles and County Route 17 is no open from Castor Drive to Abes Drive. Russell apologized to Mr. Oshelt and explained to him what was going on, Mr. Oshelt agreed he thought they understood not to fill the ditches in, after finding out the roads are closed he is not authorizing opening County Route 17. The new trail is suppose to go across Stave Mill Club to Orwell not into Redfield, He doesn't feel we should open roads if they are not working with us. Angie Kimball - This is a problem every year. CM M. Tompkins - they told us they would not fill in ditches. Russell - talked to Ed Montieth - Ed has talked to them and asked them to work with the Town. Also, Mr. Holliday tried to get Mr. Oshelt to talk to us about not sanding Little John Road. CW C. Bauer - suggests Mr. Holliday pull all this signage and mark Castor Road as Not Open to Snowmobiles - Not part of the Trail.

Resolution 21-06

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Erwin Webb to authorize Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to send the Pulaski/Boylston Snowmobile Club a letter requesting the snowmobile trail signs be taken down and posted not open to snowmobiles - not part of the trail.

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

Russell - would like to purchase four (4) signs for the Redfield Myrtle and Greenboro Cemeteries - No ATV's - No Snowmobiles - the Redfield Snowmobile Club loaned him some signs - No Trail - they have been riding through the Greenboro Cemetery.

Resolution 21-07

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Elaine Yerdon to authorize Highway Superintendent to purchase four (4) signs for the Cemeteries - NO ATV's, SNOWMOBILES OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.

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

Russell was contacted by one of the people that interviewed for the position at the Highway Department that was put on hold for the winter, He would like to meet if we are going to offer it right now. There was discussion, as long as it's working out with three (3) workers, probably should hold off with the uncertainties with money, as long as it's ok right now, it's better to save as much money as we can. All board members are in agreement to hold on hiring. Russell heard that State Employees were not getting raises. CM M. Tompkins - they have deferred all raises until April. Mike Yerdon - the County has a purchasing and hiring freeze also. State budget comes out in April, Governor owes the County almost \$ 2 million in Federal money. CW E. Yerdon asked Russell what a plasma cutter does. Russell explained it can cut Stainless Steel, it's a lot easier for fabricating/welding.

TUG HILL COMMISSION – ANGELA KIMBALL

Executive Order 202.87 is the latest order which allows for the relaxation of the Open Meetings Law requirements allowing virtual meetings and that order currently extends through January 29th, 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 January meetings, please contact Angie so she can get your meeting set up. Executive Order 202.87 also extended the availability for remote public hearings through January 29th. 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. However, Executive Order 202.74 modified EO 202.45 by stating it was *“modified only insofar as to further limit non-essential private residential gatherings to 10 or fewer individuals for any lawful purpose or reason, provided that social distancing, face covering, and cleaning and disinfection protocols required by the Department of Health are adhered to.”* There have been no changes to the gathering limits in non-designated areas since then. The Commission has pulled together the latest information on COVID-19 matters and combined information from the various papers that were available for the last several months into one handy FAQ sheet. The information can be found at <https://tughill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/COVID-19-October-2020-FAQ.pdf>. **REMINDER:** The NYS Department of State will be conducting their Winter Webinar series for planning and zoning board of appeals members to complete their annual training requirements. The remaining classes are on Planning Board Overview on January 5th and Zoning Board of Appeals Overview on January 12th – all classes running from 5-7 p.m. For more information and to register visit <http://www.dos.ny.gov/lut/inex.html>. **REMINDER:** A webinar entitled “Planning for Emerald Ash Borer – Best Practices for Managing Adirondack Ash Woodlands” and presented by the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program will be held Tuesday, January 26 from 10 -11:30 a.m. Join APIPP to learn how you can prepare mixed Adirondack woodlands for the impacts of emerald ash borer (EAB). Geared toward land and estate managers, woodlot owners, entities or municipalities, and homeowners with multiple acres, this workshop will review best practices in preparing for, limiting the spread of, identifying, and living with EAB. For more information visit <http://www.adkinvasives.com/Events/Detail/69>. **REMINDER:** New York Planning Federation also has some upcoming training for planning and zoning board members who are members of the Federation. There is session titled “Working with Elected Officials and Understanding Everyone’s Role in Planning” on January 20th from Noon to 1 p.m. This session will discuss understanding sources of influence and suggest ways to manage meetings and development reviews to foster a healthy, community-driven planning process. Visit <https://nypf.org/planning/> for more information. Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust and the Tug Hill Commission are presenting a three-part webinar series about types of land conservation for landowners and municipalities. The first titled “Conservation Easements 101: Fact vs. Fiction” will be Wednesday January 13th; the second titled “Farmland Conservation” will be on February 10 and the final one titled “Forest Conservation” will be on March 10, all at 7 p.m. on the scheduled nights. Links to register for any of the webinars were in the January 1st issue of Tug Hill Times, or you can contact Angie and she will get the information to you. These are part of the classes being offered in place of the Tug Hill Commission’s local government conference, normally held in March at JCC and cancelled for 2021 due to imitations and restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Stay tuned for more information on virtual classes to be offered throughout the winter and spring. Another webinar series from the Commission running this winter is the “Letters from a Tug Hill Logger” series. We hope you’ll join us for this three-part series narrated by Leona and Peter Cheresnoski, the granddaughter and great-grandson of John Clemens and keepers of his treasured scrapbooks of memories. They will read letters, share stories, show off artifacts and photos and “spin yarns” of Tug Hill logging in its hey-day, all through the eyes of two remarkable personalities, one who wrote the stories and the other that broadcast them over the radio for the masses to hear. A cache of letters exchanged between John “Old Lard” Clemens and Robert “Deacon” Doubleday, a popular early morning Syracuse radio

announcer in the middle 1900s, provide the backdrop for this series. Links to register for these webinars, running January 27th, February 24th, and March 24th at 7 p.m. were also in the January 1st issue of Tug Hill Times, or you can contact Angie and she will get the information to you. The Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) application period opens on Monday, January 4 and will close on Friday, February 12. The AFG Program provides financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, and nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations for critical training and equipment. The program is one of three grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) focus on enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. Guidelines can be viewed on the AFG Program website at: <https://www.fema.gov/media-collection/fy-2020-assistance-firefighters-grant-afg-application-guidance-materials>. FEMA will host a series of live webinars beginning on January 12 to provide an overview of the FY 2020 AFG grant program. See the FEMA website under workshops for more information. Funding through two state agencies is available for green infrastructure to improve water quality and initial planning of projects. Applications for the Green Innovation Grant Program (\$17 million) and the Engineering Planning Grant (\$2 million) are now being accepted through the Consolidated Funding Application. The deadline for all applications is Friday, February 12, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. The Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will evaluate and score all projects for which applications are received based on several factors, including level of water quality protection or enhancement, financial need, and readiness of the community to proceed expeditiously with the project. EFC will host a webinar to present the GIGP and EPG programs on January 13, 2021, at 11 a.m. A recording of the webinar will be available on EFC's website. The webinar will provide an overview of the GIGP and EPG, as well as guidance on how to apply for grant funds. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. You may register for the webinar on EFC's website www.efc.ny.gov. The New York State Association of Towns (NYS AOT) will also be holding their annual meeting and training school virtually this year, due to COVID-19 restrictions. You can register at the AOT website at www.nytowns.org. Registration for the event is \$100 for member municipalities and \$125 for non-members. For CLE credits, registration costs are \$300 for members and \$325 for non-members. The event will be held February 14- 17, 2021 and registration is open now. The New York Main Street (NYMS) program is a reimbursement, matching grant program that provides financial resources and technical assistance to communities to strengthen the economic vitality of the state's traditional Main Streets and neighborhoods. NYMS grants are available for targeted improvements such as façade renovations, interior commercial fit-out, residential unit rehab or creation, and streetscape enhancement projects. There will be approximately \$6.2 million available in the upcoming round, with an application deadline of Friday, January 15, 2021. If interested, review the NYMS Request for Applications (RFA) at [TABLE OF CONTENTS \(ny.gov\)](#) and find more information in the NYMS Program Guide and NYMS FAQs available at [New York Main Street | Homes and Community Renewal \(ny.gov\)](#). **SAVE THE DATES:** The next Tug Hill Commission meeting is scheduled for January 25th at 10 a.m. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom and you can contact Angie for information on accessing the meeting if you would like to attend. Some of the webinar training in March is postponed, Association of Towns Annual Meeting is virtual. She's talking to Town's interested in doing Aggregate LED Street Light, is there any interest? Just a reminder that the time is getting short to get your Public Employer Mandatory Emergency Plan, required by legislation signed by the Governor on Labor Day of 2020. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - doesn't want to own them, she thinks National Grid should have to maintain them. New York Power Authority can give better deals? Angie - saving a sufficient amount of money on the Street Lights, you can make them brighter or dimmer, NIPA - they know if something need to be replaced or fixed without anyone calling.

SUPERVISOR - TANYA YERDON

Tanya - Pennock Brook LLC - Mike did get the report from Mike Lasell, all of the points were met and he brought the other check. The Family Leave Act - an employee wanted to take two (2) weeks off, the Town did not get in it, at the time we didn't have any employee's that were having families. This would be done through our Disability Insurance - each Employee has to pay into it and it would cost the Town about \$ 1,100, the Employee would receive sixty percent (60%) of their wage, the Union Contract has to be negotiated. The President in Potsdam - the Town's that carry the Unions' Disability have it. CM M. Tompkins - doesn't think it's a bad idea to have it on the table at the next negotiations. Tanya- the Town and Guys have to pay, a certain amount has to be paid in to use any of the benefit. The 2021 Appointments - Ralph Fox would like to be considered for the Dog Control Officer. We would have to update our kennel if we appoint Ralph Fox which we can't do at this time. Clayton Conover has an approved kennel that is inspected by NYS Ags & Mkt, he would charge the Town \$ 300.00 per year to house dogs from Redfield. This is a lot cheaper than updating our kennels they have new codes you have to follow.

The following appointments were made for 2021:

Budget Officer	Tanya Yerdon
Deputy Supervisor	Carla Bauer
Deputy Highway Superintendent	James Montieth
Dog Control Officer	Clayton Conover
Historian	Liz Grant
Cemetery Superintendent	Elaine (Suz) Yerdon
Registrar of Vital Statistics	Susan Hough
Deputy Registrar and Clerk	Yvonne Phelps
Tug Hill Representatives	Tanya Yerdon & Carla Bauer
Bonding Agency	Hill Agency/NGM Insurance Co.
Town Attorney	Robert Genant
Code Enforcement Officer/Building And Fire Code Inspector	Michael Yerdon
Town Bank	Pathfinder
Town Newspaper	Salmon River News and Queen Central
Town Meeting Date	2 nd Tuesday of the Month, Bills at 7pm, Meeting at 7:30pm
Board of Assessment Review	Donna Turner, Wendy Ranieri & Ralph Fox (Appointed at various times)
Board of Appeals	Vacant, Tom Jones (2015), Bill Falcheck (2015)

Resolution 21-08

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Erwin Webb to approve the 2021 Appointments. and approve mileage at the IRS rate which is \$.575 at this time.

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

Resolution 21-09

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Erwin Webb to pay Clayton Conover - Dog Control \$ 300.00 for the year 2021 for use of his approved kennel to house Redfield dogs.

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

Tanya - Melody Westfall - Scalfone Law - after Avangrid revoked their application the Intervenor Funds were given out, you can go on their website but there's nothing on there. The bill/invoice that she sent us, she is willing to cut it drastically, Tanya is getting information before the board sits down to review the bill for Scalfone Law. Trying to get paperwork she hasn't received anything from the PSC or Melody - no updates or conversations so we know exactly what is owed and gone on. Angie - some money was allotted out, started getting notices again. Tanya - as soon as she gets information together we should have a meeting just on that. The Tax Cap Audit went good, 2019 Audit is going ok, trying to show small Towns are only 60% don't include the communities. The Judge's books will be ready to audit after this weekend. The Procurement, Code of Ethics policies were reviewed with no changes. Tanya - someone has been sending emails using her name - it's a scam, it's not her or her actual email address that they are coming from, if she is going to send an email she will message you first so you know it's real.

Mike - Meeting at 1pm in Oswego with the Sheriff, Steve Cronk and a couple other Legislators to address problems with ATVs, Road's not posted, specific items to abide by, trail head to trail head distance exceeds, if Law's not going to be enforced take off the books, Side By Sides illegal in New York State, the Sheriff said he would come to a Board meeting.

Resolution 21-10

Motion was made by Erwin Webb and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to put an ad in the paper with the Town's contact number by appointment only.

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

Mike - thanked the Board for the tremendous job and effort that went into Avangrid - Windmill project. Carla - commended Russell on a great job - the guys, roads, garage and leadership.

Motion was made by Erwin Webb seconded by Matthew Tompkins to adjourn the meeting at 9:43pm.

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, February 9, 2021 at 7:30pm.

January 12, 2021
Susan Hough, Town Clerk

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