

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, February 9, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on February 9, 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, Mitch Yerdon, Michael Yerdon - Code Enforcement Officer, Corey Yerdon, Paul Holliday - Pulaski/Boylston Snowmobile Club and Tug Hill Commission - Angela Kimball

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 21-11

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Carla Bauer that the General Fund Bills - Abstract #02 Vouchers 030-050, 058 Totaling \$ 13,249.76 Be paid.

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

Resolution 21-12

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins that the Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 02 Vouchers 049, 052-057 Totaling \$ 18,603.97 Be paid.

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

Resolution 21-13

Motion was made by Erwin Webb 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 21-14

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to set the Town of Redfield mileage rate at the IRS rate of \$.56.

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

Resolution 21-15

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Erwin Webb for the use of County bid on Stone, Gravel and Asphalt Oil with the exception of 3/4 inch crush stone and run to be purchased at Kings Quarry.

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

Resolution 21-16

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Erwin Webb to authorized Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to sign the Williamson Law Books software contract for Buildings and Codes.

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

Resolution 21-17

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Erwin Webb to approve the December 8, 2020 regular meeting and public hearing as presented.

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

Town Clerk had 2 DECALS, 16 Dogs Licenses and 1 Certified Copy.

PULASKI/BOYLSTON SNOWMOBILE CLUB - PAUL HOLLIDAY

Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - 1972 was the first Snowmobile Law which had all Town of Redfield roads open to snowmobiles, in 1997 it was updated and two roads were left off the list Castor Drive and Abes Drive, so those roads are considered closed to snowmobiles. In 2015 Pulaski/Boylston Snowmobile came to the Town and to consider opening Castor Drive and Abes Drive, June 9, 2015 resolution 15-61 Motion was made by James Cheney and seconded by Erwin Webb to authorize and open Castor Drive and Abes Drive, for the use of Snowmobiles to help improve the trail system for the Snowmobiles. The Town Board is also in favor of Oswego County opening County Route 17 from Otto Mills Road to Abes Drive for the use of Snowmobiles to help improve the trail system for the Snowmobiles. At this time the Pulaski/Boylston Snowmobile Club would have to petition Oswego County to open County Route 17. In 2016 Tanya went to Oswego County's Attorney with the Town Attorney Allison Nelson for clarification on the procedure for opening up the Town and County highways to snowmobiles, was told the procedure does not allow Town to open highways, so on January 12, 2016 resolution 16-18 rescind resolution 15-61 - Resolution 16-18

Motion was made by Tanya Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to Rescind Resolution 15-61 which reads as follows: Motion was made by James Cheney and seconded by Erwin Webb to authorize and open Castor Drive and Abes Drive, for the use of Snowmobiles to help improve the trail system for the Snowmobiles. The Town Board is also in favor of Oswego County opening County Route 17 from Otto Mills Road to Abes Drive for the use of Snowmobiles to help improve the trail system for the Snowmobiles. Procedures at this time do not allow us to open County Route 17, Castor Drive or Abes Drive. Paul Holliday - Castor Drive has two ways to access - Orwell side and Redfield side, both are more road driving than we would like. Their goal is to get snowmobiles off the roads, it's unacceptable the amount of roads snowmobiles are on, we want to get them off the blacktop. Erin Jennings - NYS DEC is working with them to try to get use of DEC land. He thinks that between the two clubs they got tired and just didn't try to get more trails to get the snowmobiles off the roads. People have been snowmobiling for years up here, they just want to get up on the Tug Hill. They are trying to come up with ways to get off the roads -

eliminate Castor Drive and County Route 17 in the future. These machines are liquid cooling - it's not good for the machines to be on blacktop. Millions of dollars are brought in to the County from the snowmobile season. Paul has talked to Russell about re-routing, if a problem comes up we try to work with the towns, the goal is a safe environment for everyone. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - do you think you will be able to really not use Castor Drive? Paul - there's so much support, he's talked to landowners and some are willing to open their land for trails, best trail system around, but then you are on blacktop. CW C. Bauer - Do you have a letter from John? Paul - no - no means that he has green light with a new trail. CW E. Yerdon - we are going to continue to sand our roads no matter what you want. Paul - it's different how it's done from town to town. CW C. Bauer - it doesn't matter where you go, we use just as much sand as St. Lawrence County. There was discussion regarding the reservoir and snowmobiles. CW E. Yerdon - the town has no control over the reservoir that's the DEC. Tanya - Dave Turner and Kurt Oshelt talked to the Oswego County Attorney, Kurt is concerned loose authority over the road, hasn't gotten a legal confirmation, as far as Kurt is concerned no County roads are open. Paul - who worked with you? Tanya - Allison Nelson, Rich Mitchell and Kurt Oshelt. Mr. Mitchell gave her information regarding opening roads to snowmobiles, the County opens their roads first before the Town can open their roads, goes trailhead to trailhead. There was discussion. Paul - no other towns have problems. Tanya - as Supervisor I'm not going against the law, doesn't care what other towns do. Paul - understands. There was discussion. Paul - they will groom Castor Drive to the town line and the groomer will turnaround. Tanya - what about the Letter of Understanding. Paul - was it mailed to the club. Tanya mailed it to the president. Paul will get Insurance certificate and took a copy of the Letter of Understanding. CW C. Bauer - there's quite a bit of traffic. Paul - the traffic will double, trying to get a different route, a big list of people want it done, he's making sure it's done right. Almost all the traffic is trying to get to Little John. The goal is to make the Board and Highway Superintendent happy, open communication, Russell has his phone number, he will come up to meetings anytime. There was discussion regarding the snow at Little John that was left, worry someone will get hurt. Mike Yerdon - what snowmobile trail comes into Abes Drive? Paul - we want it open for the future. Mike - what about the bridge, how would you groom? Paul - log trucks go over it and the groomer is smaller. Mike - there's a weight limit. Paul - it would be checked. Paul left the meeting. Tanya - we will need to look at the Snowmobile Law and clean it up - Hayes Road and Clark Road don't go to the trails.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

Russell - there was a misunderstanding with Minimum Maintenance roads, the problem was resolved regarding Fox Road/McCaw Road, we have to plow to the end of the blacktop, we need to look a minimum maintenance. The Fox Road turnaround - Mr. Roe send an email to Russell asking why we weren't plowing the parking area, he got a copy of the Easement Agreement - the plowed turnaround is 40X50 easement, the Town to make a reasonable effort to push back the snow banks on the perimeter of this easement to allow for Owner winter parking space. The Owner maintains the right to park vehicles within the easement boundary and on the perimeter as long as they avoid blocking the area required for the plow to turnaround. Monday Russell plowed it out for the School Bus it took twenty (20) minutes, more than doubled in size, 100ft X 80 ft, 66ft X 30ft - doesn't feel we should be obligated to plow that out. Angie Kimball - you can't plow more than the easement otherwise it's a gift, she said to mark it, this is what the easement it. CM M. Tompkins - thinks that's reasonable. CW E. Yerdon - is this a bus turnaround also? Russell - yes. Problem on the Cassio Road with Mr. Maneeley at the plow turnaround, Mr. Maneeley told Tanya that they plowed a snowbank 6-7ft high and he couldn't get in his driveway, Terry and Doc had been over there with the pickup truck. On Friday he said there was in excess of three (3) feet of snow and he couldn't get through it.

Russell heard that things didn't go good with Fran, but he was nasty to Tanya and Russell. Saturday morning they had a proposal with Osceola, they have had problems with the State Fishing lot that they use for a turnaround on the Ryan Road, the DEC said it's for the public to use not a turnaround. The Ryan road is shorter, Cassio Road is about a half mile longer, the Town of Redfield would do all of the Ryan Road and the Town of Osceola would do all of the Cassio Road, neither would need to turnaround on either road, Town of Redfield would take care of the ice floods in the Spring on Ryan Road. Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - talked to Fran Yerdon - Osceola Supervisor - this was an idea when Ken Kinch was Highway Superintendent. Tanya contacted Christmas and Associates- they owned the land and sold it to Mr. Maneeley, she hasn't gotten any information from them, we do not want to deal with Mr. Maneeley - he's now off the road and an investigator with the DEC. CW E. Yerdon - thinks it's probably a good idea. CM E. Webb - thinks we should plow all of Ryan Road.

Resolution 21-18

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to authorize Supervisor Tanya Yerdon and Highway Superintendent to sign a Road Maintenance Agreement with the Town of Osceola, the Town of Redfield will plow all of the Ryan Road and the Town of Osceola will plow all of Cassio Road.

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

Russell - they had issues with mailboxes - it's gotten carried away. The majority that have gotten hit - not installed at the proper height. Russell and Dale were shelving on Little John, at 146 Little John - Mr. Pandofi - they hit the mailbox, Dale realized too late that the wing wasn't high enough. Mr. Pandofi parked in front of the plow, yelling wanted us to call the Supervisor, Russell said that he was the Highway Superintendent, Mr. Pandofi - said we smashed his mailbox two weeks ago and then again today in retaliation for him plowing snow across the road, it was a heated conversation. Russell plowed that for Greg and Laurie Pretory - he never pushed the snow across the road. Mr. Pandolfi went to Town Clerk Susan Hough's house and called Tanya. Russell hasn't heard anymore since. Gleason's was pushed over and they set it back up. The last couple of weeks have been trying. The seasonal help on days - one person to fill in when Jimmy was on vacation, went to Tanya can't handle the twelve hour days, they could do one day but couldn't be there all day, Skip has been filling in, another seasonal employee will not stay late if they are called in early, and it was snowing like hell that day. The seasonal night employee is out with serious medical issue. Russell would like to hire a full-time person, and do away with the seasonal day employee, the person he would like to hire would need to give a two week notice and start beginning of March. Russell and Tanya had interviewed this person when the ad was in the paper, the both have talked to them now and are assured this person wants the position. There was discussion.

Resolution 21-19

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Erwin Webb to authorize Highway Superintendent to hire a full-time employee.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 T. Yerdon, E. Yerdon, E. Webb, C. Bauer
Nays 1 M. Tompkins

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike - the Sheriff was suppose to be here tonight but he forgot is was his 35th wedding anniversary, he will be here next month. The Codes are same as last month, no permits issued, been quiet. He's been answering many questions and working on the NYS year-end report

LEGISLATOR - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike - the County was starting in person meetings this month but changed back to the Zoom meetings. The sales tax is sent to the State and then the State send the Counties share back. Now the State is going to keep \$ 282,941 from our sales tax, the County distributes to the Towns, the County has not received the letter that the Town's did regarding this. Whatever money the State sends to the County, the County divides it up by a percentage based on the Town's population. The State budget depends on what they are getting from the Federal Government. The State owes the County \$ 1.5 million they received by the Federal Government for the County. The County Health Department has set up clinics for COVID shots, they will be setting up more clinics on Saturdays. Trying to get a clinic setup in the Pulaski/Sandy Creek area. The OCO bus will pick up and deliver the elderly without transportation to the clinics. One of the Legislatures goals is to re-establish Fireman/EMT training.

You won't need as many signatures on petitions for running for offices this year. After February 14th you can get an up to date list of Registered Voters. Angie - it's on the State website. Mike- We do now have a Congresswoman - Claudia Tenney has won - certified elections.

Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - we need a contract between the Town and the Dog Control Officer - she will be working on it.

TUG HILL COMMISSION – ANGELA KIMBALL

Executive Order 202.92 is the latest order which allows for the relaxation of the Open Meetings Law requirements allowing virtual meetings and that order currently extends through February 26th, 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 202.92 also extended the availability for remote public hearings through February 26th. 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. There have been no updates to this policy unless an area falls into one of the designated zones (red, orange, or yellow). 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 has been recently updated and can be found at: <https://tughill.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/COVID-19-January-2021-FAQ.pdf>. **REMINDER:** 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 second webinar of the series titled “Farmland Conservation” will be on February 10 (https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bahI7Q_vST-L_aziUOzjjw) and the final one titled “Forest Conservation” (https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_68NAWYdDQgmARkRPj1JTCA) will be on March 10, all at 7 p.m. on the scheduled nights. **REMINDER:** Another webinar series from the 02/09/2021 pg. 5 of 7

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. The remaining sessions are February 24th (us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7FQTt7HgTpmUVADeB7gTDg) and March 24th (us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SglXM7TJSSCQccG2uv6eSw) at 7 p.m.

REMINDER: 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. Lisa Atkinson from Zelvin Security will present on the 2021 threat landscape in the cyber security world, including how cyber criminals are attacking public and private organizations. The presentation will explore practical steps you can take to reduce your risk of a cyber-attack, the pillars of a strong cyber security posture, and how to improve your resiliency against hackers-in-wild. The webinar is available on Tuesday February 9 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OaPUQMGGQU60cmjscO2GKQ or from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RFM2Q22sRliryd7IVeyepw.

Electric vehicles have gone mainstream and the growing demand for public charging access will significantly impact municipal planning activities. Whether your jurisdiction is considering providing public charging resources for your residents or adding electric vehicles to your fleet, this webinar will discuss the benefits of developing a robust network of charging resources. On Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., Ron Semp, Director of Commercial Sales for PlugIn Stations Online will present this information, originally slated for the 2020 Local Government Conference. Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Em8FzMtwT-Oo20JIPC_axg.

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is soliciting candidate projects for funding under the BRIDGE NY program, which provides enhanced assistance for local governments to rehabilitate and replace bridges and culverts. Particular emphasis will be provided for projects that address poor structural conditions; mitigate weight restrictions or detours; facilitate economic development or increase competitiveness; improve resiliency and/or reduce the risk of flooding. Applications will be accepted January 25, 2021 through May 19, 2021 for culverts, and June 9, 2021 for bridges. Applications and information available at www.dot.ny.gov/bridgeny. There will be a BridgeNY 2021 Program Application/Program webinar February 16th, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Join this webinar at https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/j.php?MTID=me612e5ae1dc326620d230506ddd2_b542

NYS Homes & Community Renewal (HCR) has announced the opening of the 2020 NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program competitive application for public infrastructure, public facility, and community planning projects. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2021. HCR has also announced the opening of the CDBG open round application for Economic Development and Microenterprise activities. Applications for this program will be accepted throughout 2021 with rolling awards. To learn more about these funding programs, visit: <https://hcr.ny.gov/community-development-block-grant>.

The Cornell Local Roads program offers the Cornell Asset Management Program (CAMP) summer intern project helps you implement a pavement management system for your highway network. A college student, mentored by a municipal employee, collects pavement inventory and condition data, and creates a five-year

maintenance plan for your municipality using our Cornell Asset Management Program-Roads and Streets (CAMP-RS) software. To apply municipalities should send a letter on municipal letterhead to Cornell Local Roads Program-New York State LTAP center by February 28, 2021. The letter assures that you will meet all responsibilities in the CAMP brochure and will have the necessary equipment by the time training begins in late May. For more information visit www.clrp.cornell.edu/trainingevents/interns.html or contact Geoff Scott, P.E., Technical Assistance Engineer at (607) 255-2806 or grs78@cornell.edu. **SAVE THE DATES:** The Tug Hill Commission doesn't meet in February, so look for March meeting information in the March announcements. Additionally, the CTHC Executive Committee hasn't yet made a decision as far as the spring meeting, so stay tuned for details as the time gets closer for that meeting.

SUPERVISOR - TANYA YERDON

Tanya - in the past years we have always paid the invoices when they come in, a lot of them want us to go to ACH, she received an email from USDA they want us to switch to ACH. There was discussion. As of now we will continue as we have. Angie - ask Laird Petrie about the ACH.

REDFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - COREY YERDON

Corey - we talked about a year ago regarding the property the old church was on next to the Fire Department property, they would like to get that combined with the property they already have on the lease, the only benefit would be to the Fire Department as the lot is too small. There was discussion, the Board is in agreement and Tanya will call Attorney Bob Genant.

Supervisor Tanya Yerdon - the other two pieces of property the old town barn and lot next to it. There was discussion regarding selling the two pieces together. CM E. Webb - we should get them back on the tax roll.

Corey - the Fire Department would like to partner with the Town - they know the Town had expenditures to get the church removed.

Resolution 21-20

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise a special meeting on February 25, 2021 at 7pm to audit the 2020 books, discuss Attorney invoices and anything else that may come before the board.

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

Motion was made Carla Bauer seconded by Erwin Webb to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm.

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, March 9, 2021 at 7:30pm.

February 9, 2021
Susan Hough, Town Clerk

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