

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, May 11, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on May 11, 2021 at the Redfield Municipal Building starting at 7:30pm. Roll call was taken and the following board members were present:

	Carla Bauer	- Councilwoman/Deputy Supervisor
	Erwin Webb	- Councilman
	Matthew Tompkins	- Councilman
Absent:	Tanya Yerdon	- Supervisor
	Elaine Yerdon	- Councilwoman

In addition, Susan Hough -Town Clerk, Russell Montieth -Highway Superintendent, Michael Yerdon - Code Enforcement Officer, Tom Jones, Ed Potter and Tug Hill Commission - Angela Kimball

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

**Resolution 21-36**

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Erwin Webb that the General Fund Bills - Abstract #05 Vouchers 128-145, 156, 157 Totaling \$ 9,367.15 and Light District #1 - Abstract #05 Vouchers 155 Totaling \$ 755.24

Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 E. Webb, C. Bauer, M. Tompkins  
Nays 0

**Resolution 21-37**

Motion was made by Erwin Webb and seconded by Matthew Tompkins that the Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 05 Vouchers 145-153 Totaling \$ 3,516.09

Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 E. Webb, C. Bauer, M. Tompkins  
Nays 0

**Resolution 21-38**

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Erwin Webb that the Payroll Sheets be accepted as presented.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 E. Webb, C. Bauer, M. Tompkins  
Nays 0

**TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH**

Town Clerk had 3 DECALS, 6 Dog Licenses and Russell had 3 Driveway Permits. My office is open on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 to 2, I will start Thursdays in August.

**Resolution 21-39**

Motion was made by Erwin Webb and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to authorize Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to sign the Town Clerk Software Contract with Williamson Law Books.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 E. Webb, C. Bauer, M. Tompkins  
Nays 0

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney's office emailed me asking if they could use our meeting room on May 26 from 11AM and 1PM for a mobile office hour. Board is in agreement to allow the use of the meeting room.

**Resolution 21-40**

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Erwin Webb to approve the March 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 E. Webb, C. Bauer, M. Tompkins  
Nays 0

**LEGISLATOR - MICHAEL YERDON**

The County has 132 positions in DSS and 40 in the Health department that need to be filled, it's a process, 66-70% is funded by the State of New York, they have a hard time getting jobs completed with the State paperwork. The County will be passing a law that will allow 12 years old to hunt with a shotgun, their next meeting will be Thursday, getting back to normal. Oswego County Highway Department installed signs on County Route 2, County Route 17 and County Route 47 for the ATV trail - 25MPH.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON**

Mike's working on 4 new permits right now, they are coming in fast even with the price of material. Russell asked Mike if he looked at the driveway on O'Hara Road - part of Balcom Farm Subdivision - What are the setbacks from the DEC Wetlands? Mike - there's a 100 foot setback.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH**

Russell - we have 4 driveways to install - 3 at the Subdivision and one on Abes Drive. He did some checking on the price for the infield of the ball diamond - they are using crusher dust and ground up red brick. The crusher dust - \$ 375 a load 20 ton on a load. Henry Allen said 2 loads to do the infield, that's having the material delivered by Kings - their trucks bigger. CM M. Tompkins - what about the old stuff - do you take that out. Russell - no we would take the grass out but leave the material. Mike Yerdon - it's special material that you can only get from one place, got it out of Oswego. Russell - the lady at Kings - manufactured sand - they've been trucking a lot to ballfields, crusher dust - red brick - crush it up and mix with clay. DS - C. Bauer - there have been people playing ball a lot more over there this year. Angie Kimball - in the past they held fundraisers, Ball Teams should have to donate money. Mike - volunteers and ball teams did the work - the Town hasn't put money into the field. TC S. Hough - Tanya said the Ball Teams plans on giving the Town a donation. DS C. Bauer - why was the field named Louis Harvey - dedicated to him. Angie - Louis worked for the Town, little league, softball, was very involved with softball/baseball. Had it staked out, graded field with County Equipment, by volunteers. There was discussion.

**Resolution 21-41**

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Erwin Webb to authorize Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth to purchase material from Kings for the infield of the ballfield, Williamstown to help with the work.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 E. Webb, C. Bauer, M. Tompkins  
Nays 0

Angie - you might want to look at the benches also, the price of lumber is high but they might need to be replaced.

Gradall - the front and rear ends are destroyed, he can send to Connecticut for parts \$ 3,800 but the machine is only worth \$ 5,000, \$ 2,500 labor and shipping - put money into the machine and don't know if it will work, they've welded and made their own parts, very selective- they don't make the parts after so many years, no aftermarket parts. He's been looking for a replacement machine, found one for \$ 50,000 - told them they had to do better than that. Russell is looking hopefully will find a replacement. The road mower has been put on hold. They have worked on Osceola's road mower and we can use it this year to do our road mowing. CM M. Tompkins - agrees - use the Gradall year around, more important at this time. Road work - roughly figuring CHIPS, PAVE NY, EWP - old estimate \$ 135,540 - we have \$ 66,146 rollover from last year, \$ 202,686 approximately. He had talked about hot pave on Waterbury road, the price from the County just for that is \$ 208,000, we still have Harvester Mill road, Cassio and Kay roads - moto pave 1 1/2 miles \$ 80,680, double oil and stone \$ 22,844 plus stone. Vestal - 1 1/10 Waterbury road \$ 89,878 without stone, total moto pave all \$ 190,196, \$ 80,000 to seal without stone. Midland \$ 80,000 Waterbury Road, \$ 56,000 for Harvester Mill road total \$ 136,680, \$ 176,924 no stone, machines putting down oil. \$ 33,400 crusher run 1A's and \$ 5,000 for machine rental total of \$ 220,000. He's already purchased the culverts for Waterbury road, to be safe this year do 1 mile of Waterbury. Cassio Road - single think layer, 3/10 on Harvester Mill road - we have to fix that part, the snowmobiles destroyed it, doesn't know what the answer is, he talked to Redfield Snow Club - doesn't think there's an answer. The Town of Redfield cannot keep fixing it - \$ 12,000 1/10 mile now it's \$ 15,000 1/10 mile. The Town of Redfield can't afford to keep fixing it, you can only use CHIPS money on that every 8 years - he doesn't know the answer. Tom Jones - what's the difference between County Route 47 and Harvester Mill road. Russell - County Route 47 is hot pave and Harvester Mill is cold. \$ 208,000 for 1 1/2 mile of road. The state had a meeting regarding salt usage, state has done testing, there are no answers. The Snowmobile Club has liability insurance not property damage. Angie - all the Towns and Counties have the same problem, studs, flat tires, carbine skis. Tom Jones - they have tried out in Michigan to band studs - you can buy a waiver for \$ 50, some locations/urban settings are unenforceable. Angie - it's costing the Towns and Counties lots of money it has to be costing the State too. Russell - there's no easy solution. He's going to stay with Midland - moto pave - depend on price of oil - might have to cut back. They have 10 yards of concrete to pour on Kay road, he wouldn't want to go more than a year on that project, if you cut it down you are then charged for a low load price, Rural Hill is the best option. Gravel/Sand pit - Osceola talked about last year getting a permit for the pit on Ryan Road - met with the DEC Mines about a permit - he was given a lot of misinformation, no fee for Town, no fees for Municipality for permit, fees would be for mining maps - Lewis County - 25 acres/100 year - map needs to be updated, soil for free \$ 800 to \$ 1,500 to update - has a letter from Dale Myslivecek for the Towns, \$ 1.00/\$1.25 sand or gravel - Town expense for screening it. Last year the County told us we need to find our own source for sand, we can't afford to run all sand - mixing 1 -4, Redfield 12 -1. Alternative - hard pack roads - safety issues - the State keeps the Towns in the loop to make better for everyone, a better way, Snow and Ice Control, Mrs. Farmers pit is closed, Coffins has nice gravel, we need to do something, have Bob Genant - Town Attorney advice on this matter. The Cemeteries, Ballfield and Lawn - we need to hire a couple seasonal workers to mow. Steven Babcock will mow but will not weed eat, Wendy Ranieri will do both, Ty Williams is 15 years old with working papers - he can mow but can't weed eat, has to be with someone over 18 years old, Luke Yerdon 16 years old - can mow but can't weed eat. DS C. Bauer - as needed or certain days? Russell - as needed - couple times a month, depends, the money is in the General Fund, I think Tanya would hire them. Angie - Russell would be the one Supervising, the money out of the General Fund but the equipment they are using is Highway. CM M. Tompkins - well only 1 person can do both jobs. Angie - Osceola and Florence hire the mowing done - they bring their own equipment and insurance. Russell - hire

1 person - 16 hours to mow everything, 32 man hours. CM M. Tompkins - thinks should hire. Russell - can't do anything with the boys until school is out, 8 hours a day after that. Wendy/Steven do a good job, Russell to hire them to mow Town property.

Town Clerk - Susan Hough - received notification from NYS Retirement that we needed to complete paperwork for Russell - he filled out the appropriate 3 months of each work day, we have to pass a resolution setting his standard work day.

**Resolution 21-42**

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Erwin Webb that Russell Montieth-Highway Superintendent's standard work day is 8 hours for NYS Retirement. This will be posted on the Town website for 30 days and on the information board.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 E. Webb, C. Bauer, M. Tompkins  
Nays 0

**TUG HILL COMMISSION – ANGELA KIMBALL**

Executive Order 202.102 is the latest order which allows for the relaxation of the Open Meetings Law requirements allowing virtual meetings and that order currently extends through May 19th, 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 May meetings, please contact Angie so she can get your meeting set up. Executive Order 202.102 also extended the availability for remote public hearings through May 19th.

As things start to go back to normal, the Commission will be transitioning away from hosting Zoom meetings and carrying the necessary business subscription to Zoom which allows for transcription of meetings. If you intend to continue offering a virtual component to your meetings once the Commission discontinues hosting, some things to think about were discussed in a Tug Hill Times article in the March 26th issue (<https://tughill.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/March-26-2021-.pdf>) **REMINDER:** The NYS Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has over \$17 million to help communities implement actions to reduce carbon emissions and combat climate change in a new Clean Energy Communities Leadership Round. Local governments in New York State interested in participating in the program can apply for grants through NYSEDA's online portal on a rolling basis, until December 31, 2025 or until funds are exhausted. For more information about the program visit NYSEDA's website at: Clean Energy Communities - NYSEDA. We will be looking at setting up some informational webinars on the subject if municipalities are interested, stay tuned... **REMINDER:** The Tug Hill Commission is starting a new recognition program to honor a Tug Hill community, council of government, or community group at the commission's 2021 annual dinner, scheduled for October 14, 2021 at the Tailwater Lodge in Altmar. A full program description and detailed list of criteria are available on the Commission's website ([www.tughill.org](http://www.tughill.org)), but overall, the award is looking for local governments or groups that have gone above and beyond to implement a project that has made a real impact in their area. A selection committee made up of council of government and commission representatives will review applications and decide on award winners. Nominations are due by June 1st and should be sent to Katie Malinowski at [katie@tughill.org](mailto:katie@tughill.org). **REMINDER:** Registration is now open for Cornell Local Roads spring training. The full list of available courses is on their website at CLRP workshops ([cornell.edu](http://cornell.edu)). Locally, workshops will be held in Jefferson County the second week of May: May 11 – Local Roads and Streets Done Right May 12 – Surveying May 13 – Dollars and Sense of Municipal Operations. The in-person Jefferson County classes carry a \$10 fee and are

scheduled to be held at the Cape Vincent Rec Park (602 S. James St., Cape Vincent) from 9 a.m. to noon each of the listed days. **REMINDER:** NYS Homes & Community Renewal (HCR) has announced the opening of the NYS Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)-CV CARES Act application for eligible projects. CDBG CARES Act Application materials are available now <https://hcr.ny.gov/community-development-block-grant#cdbg-cares-funding>. CDBG Eligible Applicants include non-entitlement villages, towns, cities or counties throughout New York State, and all metropolitan cities and urban counties that are HUD designated Entitlement communities. HCR will make \$60 million available with no less than \$30 million to be awarded to non-entitlement communities. Additional funds may be made available in a subsequent funding round. Applications will be accepted on an open round basis with rolling awards until Friday, August 27, 2021 or until funding has been exhausted. The Black River Watershed Conference will be held virtually again this year with a series called “Webinar Wednesdays”. The webinars will begin on May 12th and run on Wednesdays through June 30th most starting at 3 p.m. Webinars which have been scheduled so far include sessions on the Black River trail, the hemlock woolly adelgid, snow and ice control best practices, weather resiliency and municipal assistance from and updates by the Soil and Water Conservation districts. For more information on the sessions and registration information visit the Commission’s upcoming workshops web page at:

<https://tughill.org/upcoming-workshops/> The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has released a draft proposal for public comment to update regulations governing public use of state Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). DEC is proposing these amendments to protect natural resources, promote public safety, and help ensure the multiple uses of WMAs remain compatible with natural resource protection and visitor interest. The proposed changes would help bring consistency with existing rules for state forests, campgrounds, and other DEC lands, and codify rules and guidance already in place at many WMAs to make these rules enforceable. DEC is accepting public comments until May 24th on their website at:

[https://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/34113.html#Part\\_51](https://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/34113.html#Part_51). **MAY WEBINARS SPONSORED BY THE COMMISSION:** The Commission is hosting a webinar series on Broadband in May and June. The first session will be on May 12th tentatively starting at 1 p.m. This session is titled “Broadband: Statewide Perspective” and will be presented by Scott Rasmussen from Empire State Development. The second session will be held May 19th starting at 1 p.m. and titled “How Broadband Can Be Delivered: The Southern Tier Network” with Andy Lukaszewicz and Joe Starks from ECC Technologies sharing case studies from the Southern Tier Network and their nine-county collaborative. The final session in the series will be held on June 16th at 1 p.m. and will be presented by David Wolf from DANC. This session titled “Technical Solutions and Things to Consider for Broadband Expansion” will discuss technological options and solutions in broadband expansions. For more information on the sessions and registration links visit the Commission’s upcoming workshops webpage at: <https://tughill.org/upcoming-workshops/>

The Commission is also scheduling a webinar series on Abolition and the Underground Railroad in May and June. Two of the three sessions have been scheduled with “The Rise and Fall of the Florence Settlement” scheduled for May 20th at 7 p.m. and “The Underground Railroad: Routes Through the North Country” scheduled for June 10th at 7 p.m. The final session titled “The Underground Railroad in Oneida County” has yet to be scheduled. For more information on the sessions and registration links visit the Commission’s upcoming workshops webpage at:

<https://tughill.org/upcoming-workshops/>. On the planning and zoning front, Matt Johnson from the Commission staff will be doing a session on “Comprehensive Planning” on May 27th at 7 p.m. Additionally, Charles Malcomb and Alicia Legland, both of Hodgson Russ, LLP will be doing a session on “Regulating Short-Term Rentals” on June 23rd at 7 p.m. For more information on the sessions and the registration links visit the Commission’s upcoming workshops webpage at:

<https://tughill.org/upcoming-workshops/> **SAVE THE DATES:** The Tug Hill Commission’s next

meeting will be Monday May 17th starting at 10 a.m. The public is welcome to attend either in person at the Port Leyden Fire Hall's Community Room (3387 Douglas St., Port Leyden). Please register in advance with Gwen at the Commission Office at [gwen@tughill.org](mailto:gwen@tughill.org) or 315-785-2380 to attend in person or the public is also welcome to join remotely at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81398521958#success> or by calling 929-205-6099, meeting ID 813-9852-1958. The CTHC Executive Committee recently met and decided to cancel the spring meeting in the interest of everyone's health and safety and due to difficulties in finding a facility large enough to hold everyone with the proper social distancing to eat. Emails have gone out with the slate of officers and proposed goals for the municipalities to vote on. Please respond to Angie by May 15th with either your vote for the slate of officers presented or other nominations for officers so that we can conclude this process by May 30th, per the rules within the CTHC bylaws. In the Tug Hill Times - Oswego and Lewis Counties are launching a Broadband Survey - many areas still have bad or no internet, please complete the survey. Cannabis Legislation - The Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA) - you can pass a Local Law - Local Opting out of Adult Use Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Sites for the Town, you can't opt out after December 31, 2021, it should be interesting with taxation and drug policies. Russell - CDL's are still under Federal - so that stays the same.

### **ED POTTER - SUBDIVISION**

DS Carla Bauer - Ed do you have the paperwork for the subdivision. Ed - I fit the criteria for the waiver. CM M. Tompkins - we may - the Board - the Board Review - agrees with 4 out of the 5 findings for waiver. Number 3 - The proposed subdivision has no negative environmental significance pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 - SEQR - we need the evidence that backs that up - wetlands- 100ft of water course- questions about how much of the property is being disturbed. DS Carla Bauer - everyone has to do a SEQR. CM M. Tompkins - We don't have enough evidence without the SEQR, need the SEQR, it's up to the discretion of the Board, if that's met he would be ok with issuing a waiver. Angie - you can go on the DEC website and it pretty much fills it out for you.

Tom Jones - Glad to see the County put the ATC speed limit signs up. Russell - parking lot is available for ATV's.

Mike Yerdon - Mike Lasell will be at the next meeting for the Cheese Factory's RV park project. Mike handed out maps and information on the project. Needs to be put on next months agenda.

Motion was made by Erwin Webb seconded by Matthew Tompkins to adjourn the meeting at 9:26pm.

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, June 8, 2021 at 7:30pm.

May 11, 2021  
Susan Hough, Town Clerk

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