

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, August 10, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on August 10, 2021 at the Redfield Municipal Building starting at 7:30pm. Roll call was taken and the following board members were present:

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

In addition, Susan Hough -Town Clerk, Russell Montieth -Highway Superintendent, Michael Yerdon - Code Enforcement Officer, Greta Burthdurf, Ken Burd, Russell Huyck, Sue Scott, Terry Dopp, Teri Dopp and Tug Hill Commission - Angela Kimball

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

**Resolution 21-68**

Motion was made by and seconded by Matthew Tompkins that the General Fund Bills - Abstract #08 Vouchers 225-234,247,250-252 Totaling \$ 7,603.15 and Light District #1 - Abstract #08 Vouchers 248 Totaling \$ 591.78

Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 E. Webb, E. Yerdon, M. Tompkins  
Nays 0

**Resolution 21-69**

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Erwin Webb that the Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 08 Vouchers 234-246, 253 Totaling \$115,446.97

Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 E. Webb, E. Yerdon, M. Tompkins  
Nays 0

**Resolution 21-70**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins that the Supervisor's Report and Payroll Sheets be accepted as presented.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 E. Webb, E. Yerdon, M. Tompkins  
Nays 0

**TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH**

Clerk had 13 Dog Licenses, 3 DECALS, 5 Certified Copies and Russell had 1 driveway permit. As you know Yvonne's Dad passed away so I didn't take vacation in July, I will be taking the last week of August off, do you want Yvonne to work that week, we are usually closed that week? CW E. Yerdon - are the Hunting Licenses on sale now? Clerk - yes, after discussion the board would like Yvonne to work that week. Clerk- the Municipal Building's roof needs repair, as you know our Supervisor is ill, so I'm asking for a volunteer to get a Contractor to repair the roof. CM M. Tompkins will look for a Contractor for the roof repair.

## **Resolution 21-71**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Erwin Webb to approve the June 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 E. Webb, E. Yerdon, M. Tompkins  
Nays 0

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON**

Mike - working on permits. County Route 47 property complaints - Owner of the property Mr. Phelps was in a Nursing Home and has now passed away. Mike talked with the family, there's no will, and everything is in probate. Mike - vehicles are on a County highway, he will talk to the County Attorney, they are stored not work vehicles, it's not the person handling the junk's property - he is living there. Terry Dopp - this has been on going, it's been continually since May - early in the morning and late night. They have dug into the pavement, there's gas and oil in the road. Mike - he doesn't have arresting powers, he talked to Roy, now it's worse than it's ever been, he can write a violation but not an appearance ticket. Sue Scott - has called the Sheriff's - they say it goes back to the Town. Mike thought it was going in the right direction, but it's not. Sue Scott - there are 11 vehicles, 2 motorhomes and a trailer. There was discussion. CM M. Tompkins - property owner - notify the 3 children of Mr. Phelps. Sue Scott - all 3 need to be served. Mike - the unlicensed vehicles - procedure would be notify them and they will have 2 weeks to respond, if they don't respond then send a violation which invites them to go to court. CM M. Tompkins - the vehicles are stored on side of the road. CW E. Yerdon - a County Road. Sue Scott - they have trespassed on her property, how can this go on this long, Tim Davis is foul, she has cameras, has called the authorities and they don't do anything. There was discussion. CW S. Yerdon - Mike will send the violation letter to Arlene, Albert and Yvonne - Mr. Phelps children. It's not easy - we've had this problem on Co Rt 17 and Co Rt 2, it took months and months to get the problems resolved. A person that refused to identify himself commented that it was a hazard, he has a 10 year old going up and down the road and the minutes need to be updated on the computer. Mike - operating a junk yard, violation of NYS Code is how we will proceed, he will contract Kurt Osphelt - County Highway Superintendent and Rich Mitchell County Attorney

## **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH**

Russell - moto paving is done, you signed the invoices for \$ 98,000 oil and machine, right now we have spent \$ 131,370 without labor and trucking. Chip seal 1 1/2 mile Waterbury Road, 2/10's mile on Harvester Mill Road, and Cassio Road. Chip seal Sandy Creek then Mexico and Parish with the machine we purchased. The repair for Harvester Mill road without trucking, labor and stone was a little over \$ 30,000, we repaired and widened the road, County Engineer suggested we go wider for stability - no guarantee, this road was repaired in 2019, it's was all tore up again, the Town cannot afford this. Ken Burd - Whiskey Brook - we are trying to change the trail. Russell there are many sleds a day on that trail. While working on the Waterbury Road on the blind curve - one of our trucks backed into an Osceola truck, the Osceola employee cut his head and was taken to the hospital, he's ok, it's been turned over to the Insurance Company. The Town of Osceola received a letter - not insuring the accident. The Redfield employee was taken for Drug and Alcohol test per our procedure. The Troopers reconstructed and they were right on top of the truck - there was no way of seeing the truck - no tickets issued. Nothing on Auctions International - for Cayuga County Gradall. Monday they paved Prince Brook road with Osceola. Russell had copy of Auctions International for the 1995 Truck the bid came in at \$ 11,600, do you want to accept or counter offer? CM E. Webb - it's a good back up truck. CW E. Yerdon - we don't want to sell

the 2014 correct? Russell - we won't get anything for the 2014, newer International trucks are going very low. There was discussion. Russell - the new truck will be in Syracuse this month, to Viking in September to get plow equipment installed. CM M. Tompkins - doesn't think we could get any better on a truck that doesn't dump. CW E. Yerdon - we can't keep all the trucks. CM E. Webb - there both junk, it's like putting gas in a wrecked car.

### **Resolution 21-72**

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to accept the Auctions International bid of \$ 11,600 minus the \$ 30 fee for the 1995 Truck.

Erwin Webb - Aye, Elaine Yerdon - Aye, Matthew Tompkins - Aye

Adopted Ayes - 3 Nays - 0

Russell Huyck - he just came down to see what struggles the Town was dealing with.

Ken Burd - Subdivision - he had bought from Mosch about 7+/- acres. He will be adding to Greta's parcel, giving a parcel to Grandson. They will bring a letter of procedure waiver, and the SEQR. CM M. Tompkins - just show these are going to be combined on the map. Ken - they are trying to put up lights at the Fish and Game Club for trap shooting through the NRA. Ken - Snowmobile Club - they have a 40ft driveway, planner at National Grid for power, take some knolls out and bring up to the road level, install the well and install the septic next year. CW E. Yerdon asked if the board had any questions, when they would build. Ken - \$ 250,000 - hopefully next year they will build, depends on prices - prices are going down.

### **Resolution 21-73**

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Erwin Webb to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to sign for Supervisor Tanya Yerdon for the Redfield Snowmobile Association Other Landowner or Administrator Permissions, Snowmobile Trails Grant-in-Aid Application 2021-22

ADOPTED Ayes 3 E. Webb, E. Yerdon, M. Tompkins

Nays 0

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

Angie -

REMINDER: The Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department will be sponsoring a land use training workshop for local land use officials on Tuesday, September 28 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Lewis County Court House in the Legislator Chambers. This year's training topics will include "Rural Planning" (4:00-6:00 p.m.) and "Revising Zoning" (6:30-8:00 p.m.). More details we be available in August, but please pencil the date into your calendars ahead of time! A flyer is also available at the Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department's website (<https://www.lewiscounty.org/planning>) and you can register on the page by clicking on the flyer REMINDER: Cornell Local Roads Program is presenting Topical Tuesdays webinars this summer. Sessions run through July and August on Tuesdays and topics include Intersection Signs and Markings, It's Never Too Late to Start a Budget, Inter-Municipal Agreements and Shared Services, Safety Along the Roadside, Federal Aid Projects, Erosion: Soils, Slopes, Mitigation and Maintenance and Snow and Ice Chemicals. For more information on the sessions and to register visit: <https://www.clrp.cornell.edu/trainingevents/Webinars-Online-Training.htm>. The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is making funding available to support bicycle, pedestrian, multi-use path, and non-motorized transportation-related projects and programs. The funding source provides reimbursement of up to 80 percent of project-related costs, with the remaining 20 percent provided by project sponsors. 2021 TAP-CMAQ

(Transportation Alternative Program-Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) applications are completed and submitted through the NYS Grants Gateway. Applications for funding may be developed by any municipality or non-profit incorporated group, but projects must be sponsored either by a municipality, a state agency, or public authority eligible to administer federal TAP and CMAQ transportation funds. The program guidebook is at:

<https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/opdm/local-programs-bureau/tap-cmaq/repository/TAP-CMAQ-Guidebook-2021.pdf>. Deadline to apply is September 29th. The Justice Court Assistance Plan (JCAP) grants for 2021/22 are now available. The Unified Court Systems budget includes \$3 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 7, 2021**. Court personnel will be able to access the page which includes the address or email address for these documents and the user name and password to access the application by visiting the Town and Village Courts webpage at [https://www.nycourts.gov/courts/townandvillage/judges\\_only/jcap.shtml](https://www.nycourts.gov/courts/townandvillage/judges_only/jcap.shtml). State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli has announced the tax levy limit for local government units whose fiscal years end December 31. These local governments, which include towns and counties, will have a tax levy limit of 2.00% for the 2022 fiscal year, an increase over the 2021 limit of 1.56%. The comptroller's web page concerning the tax levy limit for local governments can be found at:

[www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/realprop/index.htm](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/realprop/index.htm). A four-county partnership led by Lewis County Economic Development and including the Tug Hill Commission, Jefferson County Economic Development, Lewis County Chamber of Commerce, Oswego County Tourism, Oneida County Tourism, and Operation Oswego County, Inc. commissioned an economic impact and fiscal benefit analysis of the snowmobile industry on the Tug Hill region. Working with Camoin 310 and the Center for Community Studies at Jefferson Community College (JCC), the study was designed to consider the economic impacts, in terms of jobs, wages, and sales, that would not occur but for the snowmobile activity. Throughout early 2021, a survey developed by JCC was conducted to gather data from snowmobilers about user spending, including number of visits, spending habits, location of origin, and feedback on the trail network using three formats: (1) via social media; (2) e-mailed to the members of snowmobile clubs in the region; and (3) on the snowmobile trail in person as an intercept survey. Camoin 310 then analyzed the data and ran computer models to generate the final numbers. The full survey can be accessed on the commission's website at

<https://tughill.org/about/press-room/>. It's time to start planning for the 2021 Black River Trash Bash! The event will use the Alliance for the Great Lakes for our data collection, and events can be set up, organized, and advertised at <https://adopt.greatlakes.org/s/host-a-cleanup>. The commission is happy to assist groups with data cards, gloves, bags, and trash grabbers for events! Please contact Jennifer Harvill ([jennifer@tughill.org](mailto:jennifer@tughill.org) or 315-785-2392) for more information. This event is organized annually by the Lewis and Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Tug Hill Commission. Ernest Leigh Portner, owner of Portner's Sawmill, will narrate a slideshow of images taken during logging on Gould Paper Company lands in the 1930s and 1940s., Leigh, born in the Lee Center area in 1933, was a logger all his life and came from a family of loggers. This will be the first time Leigh provides his presentation online, sharing his unique knowledge of the history of logging on Tug Hill and in the Adirondacks. Register in advance for the presentation at <https://tinyurl.com/portnerlogging>. Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust has some upcoming events in the area: **Tug Hill Trail Sessions**, August 14, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., reservations required. Join THTLT and Sustain Music and Nature, a non-profit organization that creates partnerships be-tween the music industry and environmental organizations, at the North

American Fiddlers' Hall of Fame in Osceola Tickets are \$5 per person or \$10 per family. **St. Mary's Pond Paddle Trip**, August 22, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., reservations required. Easy paddle on St. Mary's Pond in the Happy Valley Wildlife Management Area. Paddlers will meet at the parking area on the corner of Churchill and St. Mary's Pond Rd. in the Happy Valley Wildlife Management Area. DO NOT USE GPS/Google to navigate from the east, as roads that go through the WMA are very rough and sometimes impassable. For more information and to register visit [www.tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org/events/](http://www.tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org/events/). Mark your calendar for the Constable Hall Association's Veteran's Appreciation Day Sunday, August 8, from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at 5909 John Street, Constableville. Activities will include a keynote speaker, historical military displays and military vehicles, historical military discussions, participation by local veterans' organizations, Constable Hall tours, a 150-plate chicken barbecue, a Cruise In, patriotic music by the Adirondack Chorus, raffles, and a bake sale. The event and parking are free and open to everyone. Military are encouraged to attend in uniform. For more information, please visit the Constable Hall Facebook page or call the Hall at 315-397-2323. **SAVE THE DATES:** There is no Tug Hill Commission meeting scheduled for August. The Commission's annual meeting has been scheduled, however, so please pencil in on your schedule October 14th for the Commission annual meeting. Details to follow as they become available. Stay tuned for information on the CTHC fall meeting. The Executive Committee is expected to meet next week to discuss plans and the information will be posted here and on the CTHC website as soon as it is available.

Angie - the tax levy cap is 2.00% for the 2022 fiscal year, up from last year's 1.56%. They are planning the Local Government Conference - looking at where to have it - JCC requires masks, provide proof of vaccination, can cancel at any time, even the day of the event - Turning Stone might be an option.

### **LEGISLATOR - MICHAEL YERDON**

Mike - Legislator Meeting is Thursday at 2pm in Pulaski at the Court House - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor court room. A week ago last Thursday at the Sandy Creek Fire Station held a COVID Vaccination Clinic, an earlier one in Richland had failure, Jiancheng Huang, Director of Public Health said the Lacona zip code was one of the lowest vaccination percentages, we got the information out, the Clinic started at 4pm, vaccinated 66 people, 27 Johnson & Johnson, 39 Pfizer, they went directly to one person's home, it was a great success.

Angie - Oneida County is trying to have a Clinic in Florence.

CM M. Tompkins - Tanya received a message from Bobby Bush - they would like the Rusty Roof to provide food and beer, no underage drinking and they have all the paperwork in order. CW E. Yerdon - they can sell under their permit, when is the tournament. Angie - weekend after Labor Day usually, not sure exactly. CW E. Yerdon - they will just sell beer? CM M. Tompkins - only says beer.

### **Resolution 21-74**

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Erwin Webb to authorize Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to sign or approve Rusty Roof to provide food and beer for sale at the Softball Tournament contingent upon the Town of Redfield receiving a copy of the Event Permit and Liability Certificate.

ADOPTED    Ayes 3                    E. Webb, E. Yerdon, M. Tompkins  
                  Nays 0

Motion was made by Erwin Webb seconded by Elaine Yerdon to adjourn the meeting at 9:07pm.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 E. Yerdon, E. Webb, M. Tompkins

Nays 0

The next Town of Redfield Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:30pm.

August 10, 2021  
Susan Hough, Town Clerk

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