

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, September 14, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on September 14, 2021 at the Redfield Municipal Building starting at 7:30pm. Roll call was taken and the following board members were present:

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

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

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 21-75

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Erwin Webb that the General Fund Bills - Abstract #09 Vouchers 254-266 Totaling \$ 8,110.40

Be paid.

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

Resolution 21-76

Motion was made by Erwin Webb and seconded by Matthew Tompkins that the Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 09 Vouchers 266-280 Totaling \$ 53,918.97

Be paid.

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

Resolution 21-77

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

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

TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH

Town Clerk - Justice Dory Dumas - needs approval to apply for the JCAP grant.

Resolution 21-78

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to approve that the Board of the Town of Redfield authorizes the Town of Redfield Town Court to apply for a JCAP Grant in the 2021-22 grant cycle up to \$ 5,000.00.

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

Town Clerk needs to have keys made and the locksmith in Camden doesn't respond to any of her emails and the phone is disconnected. CM M. Tompkins - you can get keys made at Glad Security in North Syracuse. Town Clerk asked how finding someone to fix the roof was going. CM M. Tompkins - he's not having very good luck finding someone, he's working on it.

Resolution 21-79

Motion was made by Erwin Webb and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to approve the July 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike - sent letters to violation on County Route 47, two daughters and one son. Mike has asked Town Attorney Bob Genant on the proceedings for the deadline of the violation letters sent out. Bob informed Mike that there is no will, no executive officer - they decide who gets the land, at this time you can enforce anything - no one owns the land. Mike was hoping they would work with the Town but he hasn't heard from them. Mike talked to Rich Mitchell the Oswego County Attorney - the County is looking at different angles, County could possibly take legal action as the cars/trucks/junk is on their right of way, possibly the DEC could get involved. Town Attorney said not to send a second letter, it won't do any good. Mike said the process usually would be a letter of violation is sent, if ignored a second letter is sent, then a court appearance. Normally at this point a second letter would be sent, even if you sent them to court at this point there is no clear owner of the property. Terry Dopp - there are four trucks, enclosed motor home, camper, numerous other vehicles. When the DEC/Sheriffs have been called they said it was the Town's problem. Mike - it's a process, he had done the paperwork, at this time we don't have a property owner to send the violations - we have to wait until probate court is completed. Tom Jones- once the County's right of way is cleaned up the County's problem is solved but not the Towns. There was discussion. Mike has 39 permits completed and working on four to five more, we will be close to 45, he's surprised with the price of materials.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

Russell - CHIPS sealing last Wednesday, signal seal on Waterbury Road and Cassio Road, Double on Harvester Mill Road. Total CHIPS \$ 171,600 right now, we have \$ 207,000 total available. Signal seal - we had one day for truck for two Towns Redfield and Boylston, did let them double seal Harvester Mill road. To do 2/10 mile on Harvester Mill road, the Town has spent Oil \$ 9,075, 75 ton stone, total \$ 40,668.75 that doesn't include labor or trucks. This was fixed three years ago, we made the road wider and crusher run on the shoulders. We cannot afford to fix this road every three years, if it keeps going we will have to shut off snowmobiles on that section of road. Under CHIPS, Extreme Winter Recovery, and the PAVE-NY programs you can only use those funds every ten years on the same road. Russell talked to NYS regarding the problem with the road condition because of the snowmobile traffic, NYS, the Counties and Towns are all having the same problem, they've tried concrete, rubber, special mix and nothing works. CM M. Tompkins - seems we should get a reimbursement from the State's Snowmobile fund. Angie - this problem is all over the hill - need to get all the Towns together. Russell talked to his father (Ed Montieth) of the Snowmobile Club - they are trying to make changes. Ken Burd -trying to move trail on Harvester Mill but it's a lot of work and there's a blind curve. Snowmobiling has a huge impact, new camps, spend money, you individually don't see the money, over 1,000 sleds in a weekend, out membership

is close to 1,000 members. Angie - now to purchase a groomer it has to be made in America unless you get a waiver. Russell - shoulders are done on all our roads, got the gravel from Coffins, we trucked it ourselves - item #4 at \$ 15/yard. At \$ 15 a yard the Town can't afford to put driveways in at \$ 250. CM E. Webb - need to stock pile. Russell - have a stock pile, not just the gravel, the Gradall, trucking and wages, the money has to come from somewhere. Angie - it has to cover the Town's costs. Ken Burd - the County put the driveway in for Snowmobile Club. Russell - the new truck was in Syracuse the Wednesday after the board meeting, he did the pre build inspection, he's going to Viking in Harrisville to go over the build and setup of how we want it, November delivery should be good. We got the bid on the 2000 Cayuga County Gradall for \$ 6,500 plus 10% buyers fee total of \$ 7,150, he knew it would need some parts, new windshields and tires, he needed eight new tires, he purchased six new drivers tires and received two , he ordered eight snow tires they only had nine available at \$ 600 apiece. We received the first installment on the County Contract in the amount of \$ 54,340, twenty-five percent. The old Gradall - how do you want to look at selling it? Auctions International had one a little older than ours at \$ 2,000, 1987 Gradall - worth whatever price of scrap - should be around \$ 5,000. There was discussion.

Resolution 21-80

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Erwin Webb that the 1987 Gradall is declared surplus equipment.

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

Resolution 21-81

Motion was made by Erwin Webb and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise The Town of Redfield is accepting bids for a **AS IS** 1987 GRADALL G660C - Detroit 8.2L Lower Carrier. Bidders should contact the Town of Redfield Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth at 1 Balcom Drive, Redfield, NY 13437, 315-599-7798 for additional information. Bids shall be provided to the Town Clerk by **2 pm** on October 12, 2021. Town Clerk, Susan Hough is located at PO Box 178, 4830 Co Rt 17, Redfield, NY, (315) 599-7125, Tuesday & Wednesday 9am to 2pm, and Thursday 6:30pm to 8pm. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the Redfield Town Board Meeting, beginning at 7:30PM on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. The Town of Redfield reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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

Russell - the County was looking for a motor - Detroit engine for one of their machines.

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.) A flyer is 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: 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.

REMINDER: 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.

REMINDER: 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 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.

REMINDER: 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. The webinar will be held Tuesday September 21st from 7 to 8 p.m. Register in advance for the presentation at

<https://tinyurl.com/portnerlogging>. The history of the Tug Hill region and its economic success are closely tied to its natural resources and agriculture has been a key part of that history. On Tuesday October 26th starting at 7 p.m., Joe Lawrence will be providing a webinar entitled "Agriculture and the Lewis County Experience" which will share some of the unique history, current happenings and future opportunities for agriculture in the region. To register for the presentation, visit

<https://tinyurl.com/LCFarming>. Pre-applications are now open for the 2021 Technical Assistance grants from the Preservation League of NYS. The Technical Assistance Grant program provides support for consulting projects that preserve New York State's cultural and historic resources.

Grants of up to \$4,000, with a required 20% project cost match from each applicant, are available to nonprofits and municipalities that own or have a long-term lease on buildings that house historic sites, museums, arts facilities, and other important institutions that serve an arts or cultural purpose and are open to the public. Pre-applications are due by October 11th and applications are due October 15th. For information about webinars on the grant, grant guidelines and to submit a pre-application visit <https://www.preservenys.org/technical-assistance-grants>.

There have been several new additions of reference materials to the Tug Hill website, which may be of interest. There is a new technical paper on the Town Budget Process, as well as a new resource page concerning information about the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The new Budget paper is available on the "News and Publications" page under "Technical and Issue Papers"

and the ARPA information is found on the “Resources” page under the “ARPA Resources” heading. Visit the Tug Hill webpage at www.tughill.org to check out these items.

The Jefferson County Planning Department in partnership with the Tug Hill Commission will also be doing some planning board training in September. The training will be held in person at JCC (Coffeen St., Watertown) on Monday September 27th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Chris Eastman from the Dept. of State’s Local Government Training Program will be presenting the session on Planning Board Basics which addresses the various powers and duties of town, village and city planning boards. You are strongly encouraged to RSVP by calling the Jefferson County Planning Dept. at (315)785-3144 or via email at planning@co.jefferson.ny.us or by following the link on the Tug Hill website at <https://tughill.org/2021/08/23/planning-board-overview-training-september-27-at-jcc/>. **SAVE THE DATES:** The next Tug Hill Commission meeting scheduled will be held September 20 starting at 10 am. It will be held at the Village of Carthage offices (120 S. Mechanic St., Carthage). The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person or virtually by using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82338298144> or calling (929)205-6099 and using meeting ID 823 3829 8144. -The Commission’s annual meeting has been scheduled, and invitations have gone out. The meeting will be held October 14th with social hour starting at 5:30 and the dinner and meeting to follow. The event will be held at the Tailwater Lodge in Altmar, and RSVPs are due by October 4th along with payment of the \$45 for the event. -The CTHC Executive Committee has decided to have the fall meeting and dinner this year. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 30th and will be held at Kevin’s Tug Hill Hideaway (1838 Fish Creek Rd., West Leyden). Cocktail hour will start at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. and the meeting to follow. Please RSVP by September 21st to Angie (angie@tughill.org; (315)599-8825 or (315)480-6857) or to your Circuit Rider at your meeting. Invitations have gone out via email with these announcements and via US Mail.

There will be a Town Budget Workshop with Laird Petrie on September 28th in Albion and on October 5th in Port Leyden.

Ken Burd - Subdivision - Ken has requested a procedural waiver. CM M. Tompkins - the following have been met: 1. The proposed subdivision does not involve the creation of more than four lots. 2. The applicant has provided evidence acceptable to the town board that all proposed lots conform to the requirements of the zoning law. Such evidence may consist of proposed deeds, plot plans, or surveys of the lands included in the proposed subdivision, or of part of the lands included in the proposed subdivision where such part provides the town board with evidence sufficient to make a determination. 3. The proposed subdivision has no negative environmental significance pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617. 4. The tract has not been part of a subdivision within the past three years. 5. The proposed subdivision does not contain a new public road or new public facilities. CM M. Tompkins feels comfortable with the waiver. Ken Burd will bring the required paperwork and check to the next meeting.

LEGISLATOR - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike - They have been busy with the County Budget. It's been challenging as they have lost a lot of personnel during COVID - rates aren't competitive. They have passed a resolution in support of Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary - National Park - this will protect the ship wrecks on the lake there are 43 known ship wrecks, potentially another twenty ships and one known aircraft and potentially one more, the known aircraft is off the Port of Oswego - protect the bottom of the Lake, a tourist attraction- there aren't very many of these sanctuaries. Shared Services \$ 3.1 million coming into the County - he couldn't get a breakdown of what they Towns would be receiving.

MICHAEL YERDON - The Town of Redfield old Dump - he just got a package of paperwork - around 1976 the County of Oswego started the Solid Waste stations - all Towns had to close their dumps. The dump was closed in conjunction with the DEC. It's been closed for 45 years, the bridge was taken out and a gate installed. In 2017/2018 Supervisor Tanya Yerdon requested the report from Parsons that had been done in that time frame, they never provided the report to her. A couple months ago NYS DEC wanted to come up and do work, last Friday he got a text from Parsons - George Moro that they would be starting work on Monday at the Town dump. Mike talked to Tanya - Tanya hadn't received any paperwork. Mike told them not to go down there and not to start work, that the documentation had not been submitted to the Supervisor. Parsons thought all the documentation had been sent, they have been doing work with Municipalities for a long time and should have had paperwork in order. The bridge at the site is gone, you can't drive across the stream, trees and brush have grown up, so there is preliminary work that needs to be completed on site before equipment is brought in. When the dump was closed the Town paid \$ 3,500 per year for four years to have test wells for water samples. There was discussion. CM M. Tompkins - thinks it would be a disservice not to do it, we have the paperwork now, DEC would have the expense.

Resolution 21-82

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Supervisor Tanya Yerdon to sign the DEC agreement for the Town of Redfield dump.

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

CM M. Tompkins - we've talked about the properties of the old town barn, and the old Davis property, he got a quote from JD Plumley WES Survey for \$ 1,250 for a survey of the properties and it would be done a couple weeks after hiring them. Also, talked about the Annsville School playground - Matt spoke with the owner he's been approached by other Municipalities about the playground equipment, the equipment is worth over \$ 100,000 wasn't used, North Bay sold theirs to Sylvan Beach and it was older and less equipment. He would sell all together for \$ 40,000 to \$ 50,000 - the Town would have to disassemble, and move the equipment, then re-assemble. We can make an appointment to look at the equipment, it's a lot of money but many people ask about the playground. We can discuss the costs, the room and what we can do to make this happen with Supervisor Tanya Yerdon, the board members are interested. CM M. Tompkins - we've had citizen requests to send a letter to the property owner of 800 Co Rt 47 regarding the lights, booming and loud music, as a neighborly letter. A noise ordinance is very difficult to enforce. There was discussion.

Motion was made by Erwin Webb seconded by Matthew Tompkins to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm.

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

The next Town of Redfield Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:30pm.

September 14, 2021
Susan Hough, Town Clerk

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