

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, March 8, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on March 8, 2022 at the Redfield Municipal Building and via Zoom starting at 7:00pm. Roll call was taken and the following board members were present:

- Matthew Tompkins - Councilman/Deputy Supervisor
- Carla Bauer - Councilwoman -Zoom
- Elaine Yerdon - Councilwoman
- Corey Yerdon - Councilman

In addition, Susan Hough -Town Clerk, Russell Montieth -Highway Superintendent, Terry Harlander, Michael Yerdon - Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Genant - Town Attorney and Tug Hill Commission - Angela Kimball - Zoom

Moment of silence for our beloved Supervisor Tanya Yerdon.

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 22-23

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Corey Yerdon that the
General Fund Bills - Abstract #03 Vouchers 066-079,091-094,096,097 Totaling \$ 19,165.36,
Light District #1 - Abstract #03 Voucher 090 Totaling \$ 720.47 and
Fire Contract #1 Abstract #03 Voucher 095 Totaling \$ 45,500.00

Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 M. Tompkins, E. Yerdon, C. Yerdon, C. Bauer
 Nays 0

Resolution 22-24

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Elaine Yerdon that the
Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 03 Vouchers 078-088 Totaling \$ 49,263.59

Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 M. Tompkins, E. Yerdon, C. Yerdon, C. Bauer
 Nays 0

Resolution 22-25

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Corey Yerdon that the Supervisors Report and Payroll Sheets be accepted as presented.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 M. Tompkins, E. Yerdon, C. Yerdon, C. Bauer
 Nays 0

TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH

Susan - has spoken with the Comptroller's office - they have agreed to allow her to train the Supervisor and help with the Supervisor books and payroll. We are not clear as to how I would be compensated, it can't be a salary increase, would be out of the contractual account at a set rate.
Robert Genant - will consult with the Association of Towns. Angie Kimball - you probably should have someone else reconcile the checkbooks. The Supervisor position and a possible Councilman position will be on the ballot in November petitions are March 1 - April 7, Primary is June 28th.
Angie Kimball - Independent is due the end of May so you can always file then.

Resolution 22-26

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to approve the January 11, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 M. Tompkins, E. Yerdon, C. Yerdon, C. Bauer
Nays 0

LEGISLATOR - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike- ARDA Funds - has a 20 page summary from Dave Turner who is the Department Head for Oswego County - you can talk to Dave Turner at any time with any questions. CW E. Yerdon - How much is Oswego County receiving? Mike - \$ 22 million, they have received \$ 11 million which a separate account was set up for, and a computer program was purchased to track the money. The new districting maps 2022 - Congressional - Redfield, Boylston, Sandy Creek, and Jefferson County. Assembly - all of Oswego County # 120th, Will Barclay.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike - handed out a copy of the Year End report which has been filed. The Federal Census has been filed and sent in. He's been working on the Flood Administrator - Flood Ways/Zoning along the river, FEMA accepted in 2015, he will be setting up a permit/petition system to follow the law.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

Russell - the 2019 pickup is back and working so far. They picked up the sander from Osceola, the price on the original invoice doesn't include the top grate, this was a good deal. The 2017 had engine codes - derated on them, problem getting the codes out, sent to DeLongs - Bob told them to change the fuel filter. Probably need to replace the High Pressure Injection Pump, last couple of weeks we haven't had an issue, Bob at DeLongs is still trying to locate one. He's received one job application and had one message that he's tried to call back. Had someone pick up an application but didn't know if he could take the pay cut. Mowing the Cemeteries and buildings and grounds. He would like to know the flag inventory. CW E. Yerdon - has two dozen left. Russell purchased 120 last year. CW E. Yerdon - she needs some Fireman flags and has been pricing them on Amazon. Russell will ask about them. Russell brought up mowing and has a couple different ideas, had three seasonal workers last year but he doesn't think Ty will be back this year, Steven mowed but refused to weed eat and Wendy would do it but that puts a lot on her, all the weed eating. If he doesn't get back to four fulltime guys it will make it difficult to do the mowing. Deputy Supervisor - Matthew Tompkins minimum wage has increased, maybe the seasonal wages should increase. Russell we paid them \$ 14 per hour to mow. CM C. Yerdon - what is the 2015 Pickup's status? Russell well the said it wouldn't make it back to Redfield and it did. CM C. Yerdon if we hire seasonal to mow they would have to use that truck. Russell the transmission is about \$ 5,500 without labor. CW E. Yerdon they need the truck for Greenboro and St. Joes, how many hours/days? Russell we would need two people for two 8 hour days. CW E. Yerdon - is most of the weed eating is the Cemeteries? Russell yes it is. There was discussion regarding the mowing. Russell - snowmobiles around February 22 we got the first batch of rain and had a major flooding problem on County Route 17N/Otto Mills/Old State roads. Water came down through Old State road hung up on Otto Mills road and flooded County Route 17. They tried to get in from about but had to go through from County Route 17, there was so much water backed up it almost went through the woods. We don't know what damage was done yet. The Pulaski Boylston Snowmobile Club had a problem because we pushed the banks out of the way, they said we left a

Dangerous situation and a lawsuit for the Town. Mr. Holliday was told it was blocked off because of flooding, he wanted to meet Russell for a solution, told Russell that he should pick a different fight than with the Snowmobile Club, he has taken others to court and won. Russell told him the Town Roads are his responsibility, he we taking care of the road, he doesn't know how to remedy it. There's damage on the Caster road fixed two years ago, Harvester Mill road, he talked to the Redfield Snowmobile Club the groom caught the road. We've spent \$ 70,000 for 3/10 of a mile with CHIPS - it's 10 years until we can use CHIPS on that again. I don't think the Town gets that much money from the snowmobilers. The County price on stone has jumped \$ 5 per ton. CW E. Yerdon asked why the Pulaski Boylston Snowmobile Club is up there in Redfield. There was discussion regarding how the Snowmobile Clubs groomer routes are. Russell thinks we need to look at our roads that are open for snowmobiles, no connecting Trail System, Otto Mills, Old State and Harvester Mill Roads, New Scriba Drive trail goes to Orwell not Redfield. Fox and Kay roads need repair. CM C. Yerdon - we can't go back and do roads that we just did last year. Snowmobile club's solution was to re-route on Harvester Mill road, now the land has new owners and they're not sure if that can happen. CW C. Bauer we asked them to take Caster Road off the Trail maps, it hasn't been an open road since the Law in 1997, it's not a connecting trail. Robert Genant - do they pay anything, add a stipulation to contribute to a fund for the highways, Snowmobile Clubs add to their insurance policies. Deputy Supervisor Matthew Tompkins we can't afford to continue spending money on roads because of snowmobiles. CM C. Yerdon - we have to protect our assets as best as we can - they aren't part of the trail. Robert Genant - you need to put in writing every year. Angie Kimball - amend the Local Snowmobile Law. Russell - received an email from Michigan purchasing property on the Fox road and wants it plowed 1/2 mile more so they could get to their property, it's going to be their residence, we need to look at the Local Law on Minimum Maintenance roads. There was discussion. Mike Yerdon - any building permit for a camp or building on a minimum maintenance road - he addresses the road is not maintained and the building permit is for a seasonal occupancy only. Caster road wasn't opened before because County Route 17 wasn't open. Town Clerk to make copies of the Snowmobile Law/Minimum Maintenance Law.

ACTING ASSESSOR - BRITTANY WILLSON

Brittany has submitted the roll at 85%. Grievance day is the 4th Tuesday in May, the 24th. She will be meeting with Jane.

TUG HILL COMMISSION – ANGELA KIMBALL

Angie - **REMINDER:** The Tug Hill Commission's 2022 Local Government Conference will be held **Tuesday** April 19th at the Turning Stone Event Center in Vernon. Invitations have gone out in the mail and if you didn't get one, let your circuit rider know and they can get you a copy. The invitation and registration information can be accessed on the Commission's website as well at: <https://tughill.org/lgc2022/>. The cost for the conference is \$75 for registrations before March 18th, \$150 from March 19th-the 25th and \$200 if postmarked after the 25th. You can register online with a credit card at <https://lgc2022.eventbrite.com> or via U.S. Mail with a check or voucher.

REMINDER: The NYS Archives has announced some webinars on various records related topics to be conducted over the next several months. The webinars are on topics including inactive records storage, audiovisual records, the new retention schedule, email preservation and transfer and managing email. Dates for the webinars run from February through June and the registration page can be accessed at: <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/register>. Also, the Archives announced on 2/7 that they are accepting applications for the 2022/23 Local Government Records

Management Improvement Fund grants. You need to set up an account in their “egrants” system by March 7th if you don’t have one. Deadline to apply for the grant is March 21st at 5 p.m. Visit <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/grants/lgrmif-grants> for more information on the grant and how to apply. The Tug Hill Commission has worked closely with several counties, including Oneida and Oswego, and regional partners, including Mohawk Valley Economic Development District and the CNY Regional Planning and Development Board, to identify infrastructure gaps based on addresses without access to broadband infrastructure, or “unserved” addresses. NYS defines unserved addresses as any location which has no fixed wireless service or wired service with speeds of 25 Mbps download or less available. By identifying these gaps and the number of addresses unserved within those gaps, counties and regional organizations can identify high-need areas for broadband expansion. The regional broadband map includes these areas as well as 2010 census data and 2015 American Community Survey data for population, number of children under 18 years old, median household income, and other important indicators for affordability and equity. Please reach out to the commission if you notice any errors in the broadband infrastructure gaps or if you have information on build out that is currently underway in those areas. The Tug Hill Commission is hosting its first historical webinar of 2022 on Thursday, March 10 at 2:00 p.m. Jack Thoden, a charter member of the Brandy Brook Sports Club, Inc., will share 50 plus years of photographs and stories in his webinar, *“50 Years in a Hunting Club on Tug Hill.”* Brandy Brook was established in 1965 when it leased 3,600 acres of land from Lyons Falls Pulp and Paper, in the now defunct hamlet of Page. Jack also served as president of the “Gate Committee” for several years, which helped manage access to the G&W Railroad for the local camps and landowners, and eventually became the Tug Hill Sporting Association. **Register at www.tinyurl.com/TugHillHuntClub.**

Under the SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity, certain contractors and certain qualified inspectors are required to complete four hours of DEC-endorsed training in the principles and practices of erosion and sediment control (E&SC) every three years. To satisfy this training requirement, DEC has partnered with county Soil and Water Conservation Districts across the state to deliver four-hour E&SC training courses, mostly online. Information about the four-hour course and other stormwater training opportunities and conferences is posted on the NYSDEC’s Stormwater Training and Certification webpage. The application period for the Trees for Tribes’ “Buffer in a Bag” Program is now open. Qualifying landowners may apply for a free bag of 25 tree and shrub seedlings for planting near streams, rivers, or lakes to help stabilize banks, protect water quality, and improve wildlife habitat. To qualify, landowners must have property in New York State with at least 50 feet bordering a stream, river, or lake, and provide photos or a map of the planting location. Previous recipients are eligible to reapply to continue to build riparian buffers. DEC chooses recipients on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications are due by 3:00 p.m. on April 11, 2022. Visit DEC's Trees for Tribes webpage to learn more. One million dollars in grant funds is now available to communities through DEC’s new Community Forest Conservation Grant Program. Municipalities may apply for funding to purchase properties directly or through conservation easements to establish community forests and create new opportunities for public access, help protect natural areas from development, and encourage sustainable management of forested lands. Properties to be acquired must be 10 or more contiguous acres in size, have forests on at least 75 percent of the acreage, be accessible to the public, and provide public benefits such as recreation opportunities, flood mitigation, wildlife habitat, clean water, and forest products. DEC will manage and allocate grant funds ranging from \$50,000 up to \$300,000. Applications must be submitted through the NYS Grants Gateway. The deadline to apply is 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13th. **SAVE THE DATES:** -The Tug Hill Commission will meet Monday March 21st at 10 a.m. at the Cleveland Village Hall (2 Clay St., Cleveland). The meeting is also available via Zoom at us02web.zoom.us/j/84600743849, or (929)205-6099, meeting ID 84600743849.

The public is welcome to attend. -The CTHC Executive Committee will be meeting in March to conduct an interview for the Associate Circuit Rider position and to discuss various topics, including the spring meeting. A date for the meeting is not scheduled yet but contact Angie if you are interested in the information as it becomes available.

CW C. Bauer - wants internet/Wi-Fi in her area, she pays \$ 500 for Wi-Fi/cellphone/TV per month, she has talked to them engineering has no plans for installation, from Harvester Mill road to her with the 315-387 numbers. Angie - that's a place to look at on the map to see if your address has other than satellite.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR - MATTHEW TOMPKINS

Matthew - is unable to accept the appointment of Supervisor tonight, he is interested in serving but is not quite ready to resign his Councilman seat. Terry Harlander - would fill the vacancy of Councilman and turn in a petition for the November Election. Bob Genant - you can't turn in a petition until a letter of resignation is accepted. Matthew - as soon as he knows he will let the Board know, he's 3/4 approved and hopefully won't have a problem.

CW E. Yerdon - the Town property behind the school, we got an estimate for a survey, can we reach out to the church to see if they are interested, Tanya had someone willing to do the work to sell it. Matthew - the surveyor would do a new description of the property, 1 1/4 acre in the Hamlet. Mike Yerdon - are the lots large enough to get your well and septic. Angie - that's why they need to be combined.

CW E. Yerdon - do you know if the Garbage contract is up this year. Town clerk to look up the contract. TC S. Hough - would like permission to purchase a new garbage can and a table. The table is Tanya and Mitch's.

CM C. Yerdon - we had discussed adding the old church property to the existing Fire Department lease.

Resolution 22-27

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Elaine Yerdon to approve the addition of the property of the old Wesleyan Church to the existing Fire Department lease.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 M. Tompkins, E. Yerdon, C. Yerdon, C. Bauer
 Nays 0

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon seconded by Matthew Tompkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 M. Tompkins, E. Yerdon, C. Yerdon, C. Bauer
 Nays 0

The next Town of Redfield Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7:00pm.

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Susan Hough, Town Clerk