

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, April 12, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on April 12, 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 - Supervisor
- Carla Bauer - Councilwoman
- Elaine Yerdon - Councilwoman
- Corey Yerdon - Councilman
- Terry Harlander - Councilman

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

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 22-35

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer that the General Fund Bills - Abstract #04 Vouchers 98-106,108-114, 122-125,127-129 Totaling \$ 26,056.07 and Light District #1 - Abstract #04 Voucher 121 Totaling \$ 735.33 Be paid.

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

Resolution 22-36

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Corey Yerdon that the Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 04 Vouchers 113-120 Totaling \$ 49,263.59 Be paid.

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

Resolution 22-37

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

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

TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH

Town Clerk would like to put an ad in the paper that all dogs need to be licensed.

Resolution 22-38

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to put an ad in the paper regarding dog licenses.

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

Town Clerk received a notice that Bliss Environmental was charging a surcharge for fuel, thought the contract stated no fuel surcharges but not sure will look at the agreement. Supervisor Matthew

Tompkins will call Bliss Environmental. CW C. Bauer received a notice from the NYS Retirement system regarding her service. Town Clerk Susan Hough will look into this.

Resolution 22-39

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to approve the February 08, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike - had training last week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, which was 24 hours of training, he has all of his hours for the year done. CW S. Yerdon - what were the courses. Mike - six hours on energy, you have to have so many hours for each category. Mike has six permits to d - three RV and three Building. Mike reviewed Joe Cesta tax map - the property he wants to sell to the guy in the little trailer - touches the northeast line, twenty foot wide - no easement.

LEGISLATOR - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike - the County has been dealing with situations with DSS / CPS a 17 year old disabled child passed away in 2021. He attended Mexico School in 2019 he was receiving physical therapy and other services at school, the child would receive a bath at school due to the urine odor and the wheel chair cushion was cleaned at school, the Mexico School called CPS concerned for the child's condition, the call goes to Albany, if Albany feels there is a need they call Oswego County to further investigate, the parents would be made aware of an upcoming visit from CPS. There was discussion. The County has hired a company to investigate the CPS department and the situations. The DA is investigating and arrested the parents. The whole process is flawed. The county has passed a resolution for tax exemption Senior Citizens 65 yrs. and older income less than \$ 29,000 a 50% reduction on their County Tax, a sliding scale up to \$39,000 - they want to try and get with the Towns to get the Towns the same, it affects around 2,600 people. The have a appointed a new Oswego County Highway Superintendent - Chris Baldwin - he's been employed with the County for many years, Kurt Oshelt retired and there's been a delay replacing Jim Kelley.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

Russell - got the 2007 back to a dump truck, Osceola is using it we are using their 1 ton. Partially have the 2017 back to a dump truck. Sign repairs, the flags he couldn't find out information so they are getting back to him. The roads open to snowmobiles - Harvester Mill road the Redfield Snowmobile Club is trying to re-route the trail, they have one more landowner to change the trail. Daile Myslivecek is out at least until the 25th, he can hardly get around, can't do a MRI, he's been using crutches with a knee brace. The old Gradall was voted to dispose of, he would like to put it on Auctions International - the Town of Henderson sold theirs a year newer for \$ 5,200, it's already classified as surplus.

Resolution 22-40

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to authorize Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth to advertise the old Gradall that is surplus equipment on Auctions International.

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

Have you come to any conclusions regarding hiring? Supervisor Matthew Tompkins - from the information that Sue got from the Union he thinks we should hire, we're going to need to fill the vacancy, don't want to wait too long so that he goes back to Midland. CM C. Yerdon - it's your decision. Russell - would like to hire him to start the 18th. Have you decided if you are putting the mowing out for bid? CW E. Yerdon - the cemeteries, do we want to do the Ballfield & playground? Russell - we mowed every two weeks unless a holiday, takes two people two eight hour days. There was discussion. Russell to hire/ask Brad and Wendy if they want to do the mowing. Auctions International - the Town of Augusta has a 2008 John Deere 5603 Tractor with Boom, looks pretty decent, has 4800 hours, looks like the rubber is good, still in use, money was put in the equipment fund for a road mower.

Resolution 22-41

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth to go look at the Town of Augusta has a 2008 John Deere 5603 Tractor with Boom.

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

Russell - the bidding ends on Friday for the tractor. There was discussion. Russell was asked how much they are going for. Russell - one went for \$ 55,000. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins - Case went for \$ 48,000. Russell -You could only get parts in Buffalo or PA. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins - you can get these parts anywhere.

Resolution 22-42

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth to bid up to \$ 30,000 on the 2008 John Deere 5603 Tractor with Boom.

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

ACTING ASSESSOR - BRITTANY WILLSON

Brittany could not attend the meeting and sent in the following update:
Assessor Update – April 12, 2022

- Level of Assessment was approved for 85%
- Attending training next week at the Tug Hill Commission Local Government Conference
- State-owned land lists have been reviewed and sent to the county
- Working on making sure there are no missing values in the assessment before turning in the tentative roll to Oswego for approval
- Will need to purchase some window envelopes and stamps if we don't already have enough. These are to mail out change of assessment notices (will know how many in the next week or two)
- Will be setting hours for "sitting" with the tentative roll prior to grievance day (waiting for kids ball schedules to set these hours). This will consist of 4 days, one being a Saturday each day will be for 4 hours.
- Also, grievance day will be May 24th from 5pm-9pm waiting to hear back from Donna and Ralph. Wendy has gotten back to me and will be on the BAR. 04/12/2022 pg. 3 of 7

- These hours, both sitting hours and grievance information will need to be published in the Queen for May 1st

TUG HILL COMMISSION – ANGELA KIMBALL

Angie -

Remote meetings and the relaxations of the Open Meetings Law continue to be extended along with the NYS state of emergency and Executive order 11.2. The current extension lasts through April 15, 2022. **REMINDER:** 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. The Tug Hill Commission's annual report "Headwaters" has been issued. The report highlights the Commission's first Tug Hill Community Recognition award winner, the snowmobile economic impact study, historical webinars, COG reports and much more. If you did not receive a copy either by mail or email and would like one, you can download it from the Commission's website at

<https://tughill.org/headwaters-annual-report/> or contact your circuit rider and we will get you a copy. Nominations for this year's second round of Tug Hill Community Recognition Awards open on April 1st. The overall award is looking for local governments or groups that have gone above and beyond to implement a project which has made a real impact in their area. A full program description and a detailed list of criteria can be found at <https://tughill.org/about/tug-hill-community-recognition-award/>. A committee made up of COG representatives and Commission members will review the applications and decide on the winners. Nominations are due by June 1st and should be emailed to Katie Malinowski at katie@tughill.org. The Climate Action Council (CAC) is holding public hearings on the Draft Scoping Plan which was released on December 30, 2021. The CAC is accepting comments on the Draft Scoping Plan through June 10, 2022 and you can comment at one of the public hearings or via an online comment form, email (scopingplan@nysesda.ny.gov) or U.S. Mail (Attention: Draft Scoping plan Comments, NYSERDA, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203-6399). Locations near the Tug Hill region include April 26th at 4 p.m. at SUNY College of Science and Forestry in Syracuse and May 10th at 4 p.m. at the Wild Center in Tupper Lake. There are also virtual hearings scheduled for May 7th at 10 a.m. and May 11 at 4 p.m. For more information on the hearing schedule, virtual meeting links and to pre-register for an event visit: <https://climate.ny.gov/CAC-Meetings-and-Materials>. This is your chance to comment on wood burning, minimum maintenance roads, 480a and other items mentioned in the Draft Scoping Plan – make your voice heard! Join the Tug Hill Commission and the Oneida County Historical Center as we explore the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) throughout the Tug Hill Region. The CCC, fondly known as Roosevelt's Tree Army, was a public works program developed under President Roosevelt's New Deal. This program offered paid opportunities for young men during the Great Depression to sow the seeds of environmental conservation and civil development projects throughout the United States. Join us on May 21st at 1 p.m. to hear about the history of CCC camps in our area, projects undertaken by the Corps, and

first-hand experiences from a former CCC member about life at the camps. For program information and to register visit: www.oneidacountyhistory.org/programs.html. The Northern Border Regional Commission's (NBRC) 2022 Economic and Infrastructure Development Investment Program is now open. Letters of intent are due by April 22, 2022. For full program details see www.nbrc.gov/content/EID, a slide deck reviewing this year's program is available on the page. The maximum grant award for 2022 is \$1 million for construction in support of infrastructure (basic public infrastructure, telecommunications, and renewable and alternative energy) and the maximum for non-infrastructure projects (business and workforce development, basic health care, resource conservation, tourism, and recreation) is \$350,000. Staff from the NYS Dept. of State will be available at the Local Government Conference to discuss potential projects. All four of our Tug Hill counties are in the NBRC area and are considered "distressed" counties which qualifies them for an 80%/20% grant match. The William G. Pomeroy Foundation is accepting applications for its "Legends and Lore" marker grant program, which help communities commemorate their local folklore and legends and promote cultural tourism with roadside markers. The grant deadline is May 2nd and grant funding includes the full cost of a marker, pole, and shipping. Applications should come through a 501c3 organization, such as a historical society or through a municipality. For more information and details on how to apply online, visit the foundations website at www.wgpfoundation.org/history/legends-lore/. The 2022 round of Preserve NY grants is now open. Preserve NY is a partnership of New York State Council of the Arts and the Preservation League with additional support from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation. Preserve NY makes grants for historic structure reports, building condition reports, cultural landscape reports and cultural resource surveys. The program supports 80% of the cost of the project with a local match of 20% of the project cost. Grants are likely to range between \$5,000 and \$14,000. Grants are due by April 15th. More information is available at www.preservenys.org/preserve-new-york. Just a reminder that the NYS Burn Ban is in effect from March 16th to May 14th. While things are still presently snow covered over most of the North Country, once spring arrives conditions quickly arise which are conducive to wildfires. The burning of outdoor brush and debris is historically the single largest cause of wildfires in the state according to the DEC. The DEC posts a daily fire danger rating map on their website at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/68329.html> as soon as there is a moderate risk anywhere in NY State. Violators of the state's open burning regulations are subject to both criminal and civil enforcement actions, with a minimum fine of \$500 for the first offense. For more information about NY State's burn ban and information about the open burning regulations in general check out the Commission's white paper at <http://www.tughill.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Open-Burning-Regulations-2018-Update.pdf> or check out the DEC's "FIREWISE New York" page. The NYS Archives and the Archives Partnership Trust have some webinars coming up in the next couple months that may be of interest. On April 13th from 10-11 a.m. there is a session titled "Ask Us Anything About the Local Governments Retention Schedule"; on April 22nd from 11 a.m. to noon, a session on "Making Your Website Accessible" with several other sessions running through June. Visit the Archives Workshops page at <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/register> for more information and to register. The New York State Town Clerk's Association's will hold their 40th annual conference in person from April 24-27. The conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza/Desmond Hotel in Albany and cost of the conference is for members is \$125 (\$225 for non-members) with one day options available as well. Deadline to register for the conference is April 15th and additional information on the conference and registration is available at https://www.nystca.com/sites/g/files/vyh1f1016/f/pages/2022_conference_registration_packet_final.pdf. The New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) will be holding their annual conference in person as well from May 4-6th at the Sagamore Hotel in Bolton's Landing. Cost for the conference is \$310 for municipal members, \$195 for first time municipal member attendees and \$515 for non-

members. For more information including the agenda and registration information visit **NYCOM 2022 Annual Meeting SAVE THE DATES:** -The Tug Hill Commission will meet Monday April 18th at 4 p.m. at the Sylvan Beach Village Hall (808 Marina Dr., Sylvan Beach). The meeting is also available via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84107437842>, or by calling (929) 205-6099, participant code 84107437842. The public is welcome to attend. -The CTHC Executive Committee met in March to interview a candidate for the Associate Circuit Rider position, and I am happy to report that they have contracted with Kelley Martin to fill the position. Kelley will begin attending meetings in April and we'll be around to introduce her to the towns and villages she will be covering. Welcome Kelley! Also at the meeting, the Executive Committee set a tentative date for the spring meeting for May 19th. Details on the location and verification of the date to follow soon.

SUPERVISOR - MATTHEW TOMPKINS

Matthew- the Snowmobile Law are you ready to go through it. Article 2 - needs to be reworded, Article 4.1, Section 4.1 - J - Fire needs to be added, Article 5, Section 5.1 - D- change village to Town, Article 7 - Age of Operator - Angie - Town Law can only be more strict than NYS Law. Otto Mills Drive, West Bank Drive, School Road, Yerdon Drive & Spur, Hayes Drive, Clark Drive, Teachout Road, Waterbury Road, - Close all no trails, Little John Drive from County Route 17 to End of Town Road 1.44 miles, Barber Drive from County Route 17 to End of Road, Old State Road from County Route 17 to County Route 17, Jess Drive from Old State Road to End of Road, Harvester Mill Road from County Route 17 to County Route 47, Martin Drive from County Route 47 to End of Road, Fox Road from Minimum Maintenance Section to the Turnaround, Ryan Road from Ryan Bridge to Waterbury Road, O'Hara Road from County Route 17 to Williamstown Town Line. County Roads that are open per Oswego County Highway Department Kurt Osphelt: County Route 17 from County Route 2 to O'Hara Road, County Route 17 from Harvester Mill Road to Old State Road South End, County Route 17 from Old State Road North End to Little John Drive, County Route 39 from McCaw Road to County Line, County Route 47 from County Route 17 to County Line. There was discussion.

CW E. Yerdon - maybe we should consider, establishing capital reserve funds, Equipment/Building? Angie Kimball - you would have to have a Public Hearing every time you wanted to put money in the reserve fund and when you wanted to take it out of the fund. You are only suggested to have 15% of your Annual Budget - to keep the Town operating in January, February and March before the tax money comes in. Money can't got from the Highway Fund to the General fund but can go from the General fund to the Highway fund. She can setup a meeting with Laird Petrie he knows the ins and outs of the reserve funds.

Supervisor Matthew Tompkins - ARPA (COVID)- COVID Response Cost, Report for March 3, 2021 thru March 31, 2022 current lost revenue - Standard Allowance. Angie Kimball - all the money you received was for lost revenue - General Government Service - now they are giving a Standard Allowance so you don't have to prove your lost revenue, the first report is due by the end of the month, you would report \$0.00 on report, not due again until April 2023, the money has to be assigned by 2024.

Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth, Code Enforcement Officer - Michael Yerdon and Tug Hill Commission - Angie Kimball left the meeting at 8:57pm.

Resolution 22-43

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Union Labor Contract negotiations at 8:58pm.

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

Resolution 22-44

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to exit Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting at 9:13pm.

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

Resolution 22-45

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to retain Roy Kotary to negotiate the Union Labor Contract at a rate of \$ 115.00 an hour.

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

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon seconded by Matthew Tompkins to adjourn the meeting at 9:16pm.

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

The next Town of Redfield Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:00pm.

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Susan Hough, Town Clerk