

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, May 10, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on May 10, 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, Tug Hill Commission - Angela Kimball and Roy Kotary

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 22-46

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer that the General Fund Bills - Abstract #05 Vouchers 130-147, 156,159-162 Totaling \$ 12,971.45 and Light District #1 - Abstract #05 Voucher 157 Totaling \$ 692.96 Be paid.

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

Resolution 22-47

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander that the Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 05 Vouchers 147-156 Totaling \$ 10,870.49 Be paid.

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

Resolution 22-48

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer 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

Resolution 22-49

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Corey Yerdon to authorize Supervisor Matthew Tompkins to sign the Town Clerk Software contract with Williamson Law Books.

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

Resolution 22-50

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to put an ad in the paper with the Town Officials.

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

Town Clerk received notice that the Gathering Place owners have applied for a liquor license. 2021 Audit is almost complete - still working on the schedule of inventory.

Resolution 22-51

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to hire Charlie Trust to do the landscaping.

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

Resolution 22-52

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Elaine Yerdon to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise Memorial Day if the VFW is coming to Redfield.

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

There are two Primary days this summer, June 28 and August 23.

There was discussion regarding mowing the Town properties, they should start next week or the week after. Russell - Luke Yerdon is going to do an Internship, Monday thru Thursday 7am - noon, he can do everything except drive a vehicle requiring a CDL, all insurance is paid through BOCES, he'll be here until June 10th. Internship usually doesn't get paid. Would have Wendy, Steven and Luke and then Ty when school is done to mow. Minimum wage has increased to \$ 13.20 our seasonal part-time employees are at \$ 14.00 right now. There was discussion.

Resolution 22-53

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Corey Yerdon to authorize the season part-time employee's hourly rate to be raised to \$ 15.00.

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

Resolution 22-54

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to approve the March 8, 2022 regular meeting and March 31, 2022 special meeting as presented.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike - permits are picking up, had six today and three tomorrow, busy waiting for Engineers.

LEGISLATOR - MICHAEL YERDON

The County hired an Independent Agency to go through the CPS Procedures, etc. Highway Superintendent Kurt Ospelt has retired. Chris Baldwin a County Engineer is in the position at this time. Jim Kelley's position hasn't been filled yet. Negotiating with the Towns on the contract.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

Russell measured the Ryan road to the snowmobile trail it's just shy of a half mile.

The road mower bid - he quit at \$ 21,000 it went over \$ 31,000. He found some used farm equipment, email from Tractor Supply Company - look for equipment for Towns, has been a 9.5% increase in used equipment. Maybe we are going to have to go a different path, lease a mower, we can use Osceola's this year. Screening gravel at the old pit in Kasoag Lake, because of the gravel beds on Lakewood they are closing that pit, Last year we paid Coffin \$ 7.50 and we trucked it, Russell offered them \$ 4.00, Henry was thinking \$ 4.00 - \$5.00, it really nice gravel, also getting the waste stone. They are fixing the washout by Frank Hilliker's property, help slow water down, gravel bad in spots on Otto Mills, Caster and Old State Roads, Fox road spots with gravel, dirt road is in good shape. Finished hauling stone for Osceola and will be hauling our stone. Reprofile/mix pave/service seal. Doing the second seal on the Waterbury Road in a couple weeks - that will be done by Midland, the other will be done by Suit-Kote. The 2017 International derated itself out - there's no warranty, needs a High Pressure Pump - DeLong has found one but Russell hasn't seen the invoice yet, not sure if they're doing the work in our garage or taking it to theirs. The Snow & Ice contract expires at the end of this month. Oswego County #1 -Chris Baldwin and Oswego County #2- Shawn Walker - had informal meeting - wants to know where the Towns want to be - Highway Association wants \$ 2,000 raise. Not sure what will happen, everything is going up, diesel, fuel, wages and employee packages, doesn't seem a lot but 500+ miles of highway at \$ 2,000 is over a million dollars. Russell started a program to cost it out, cost was \$ 4,800 per mile, salt & sand was provided. 2017 State rate was just under \$ 8,000 per mile didn't supply salt/sand. If continues as it is it will cost the Town to do the County highways. Receiving \$ 182,133.15, CHIPS \$ 121,432.48, PAVE NY \$ 24,053.37, EWR \$ 20611.72, POP \$ 16,035.58. We can use some money on the dirt roads but wants to put the money towards blacktop. CM C. Yerdon - do we track our hours for shard services? Russell - yes he tracks it on a daily basis. CM C. Yerdon - is what gets done here smaller than what we give. Russell - thinks Williamstown with machinery might not all be man hours but thinks we are getting our fair share. Orwell doesn't work too much with Redfield, they haul sand for us same as Parish - we made out. CM C. Yerdon - wanted to know if we were covered with it. CM T. Harlander - what roads are County working on this summer? Russell - not official - County Route 39 and County Route 47 on Redman hill.

SUPERVISOR - MATTHEW TOMPKINS

Matt has been informed by Brittany that she will not be able to continue as the Assessor after her appointment is up at the end of August, it would be a conflict of interest with her job. We will need to advertise and interview for the position. Angie Kimball- Denise does Boylston, Osceola and Lewis towns. Angie will get information for Matt.

Resolution 22-55

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise for the Assessor Position in the Queen, Sunday Watertown Times newspapers and on indeed.

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

CM T. Harlander - what happens if we don't/can't get the Assessor position filled? Angie - there's nothing in place to help Assessor replacement.

TUG HILL COMMISSION – ANGELA KIMBALL

Angie - REMINDER: Nominations for this year's second round of Tug Hill Community Recognition Awards opened 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. REMINDER: 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@nyserda.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 a hearing 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! REMINDER: 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. Amendments were made to Open Meetings Law in the final 2022-23 NYS budget. Section 103-a was added to Public Officers Law, which allows members of public bodies to participate in meetings via videoconference from a location that is not accessible to the public, so long as certain conditions are met, including that the majority of the board meets in a publicly accessible location(s). The Association of Towns has a very informative guide with a sample local law available on their website at: www.nytowns.org/images/Documents/Announcement/Sample%20Local%20Law%200%20Videoconferencing%20Amendments%20Guide.pdf. Their guide reviews the local law and local policy requirements, allowable reasons to videoconference, quorum requirements, town website and posting requirements, minutes requirements and transcriptions, and public participation. This law became effective on April 9, 2022 and will expire in 2024. Towns have 60 days from April 9, 2022 to continue using videoconference under the current authority granted during the pandemic. The Committee on Open Government also has materials available at <https://opengovernment.ny.gov/chapter-56-laws-2022-guidance-document>. The NYS DEC and DOH have a new initiative to assist municipalities with assessing and supporting drinking water source protection programs. The Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) is a state-run program created to assist municipalities with proactively protecting their drinking water sources with a goal of helping municipalities develop and implement their own unique drinking water source protection plan for the source(s) of their drinking water. NYS is looking for communities to work with a technical assistance provider (TA provider), free of charge, to develop a DWSP2 plan. TA providers will work with the community every step of the way to develop a community specific DWSP2 plan allowing participating municipalities to then use their newly developed DWSP2 plan to start implementing protection measures. For more information, reach out to the DWSP2 Team at source.water@dec.ny.gov. In 2021 in association with the New York Day of Service, National Grid launched a new initiative called Project C. Along with volunteerism, Project C focuses on four key priorities: clean energy and sustainability; workforce development; neighborhood investment and community engagement; and environmental justice and social equity. The initiative is funded by

National Grid shareholders. The Adopt a Park grant program is one portion of this initiative which will preserve green spaces and restore local parks to their natural beauty. National Grid will partner with municipalities and nonprofit organizations to provide funding that supports the revitalization of community parks and pocket parks across the company's New York footprint. For more information on this opportunity and a link to apply for funding visit National Grid's Adopt a Park webpage. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) recently announced \$750,000 in funding now available for the second round of the State's 'Regenerate NY' Forestry Cost Share Grant Program. The grant program is designed to assist private landowners in growing the next generation of forests. A third of the total available funds (\$250,000) is specifically earmarked for tree planting projects that will establish new forests or supplement the regeneration of existing ones. Private landowners who own between 10 and 1,000 acres of forest land in New York State may apply for grant awards ranging from a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$50,000, with a required 25 percent match. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, planting trees, soil scarification, removing competing vegetation that would interfere with seedling establishment and growth, and installation of deer fencing. Applicants must work with a private forester to develop their project. Applications may be submitted through the New York State Grants Gateway and will be accepted until 3 p.m. on Oct. 7, 2022, or until funds are depleted, whichever comes first. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis. For details about the grant opportunity including application criteria, visit DEC's website. The Black River Watershed Conference has been scheduled for Wednesday June 8th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's conference will be held at the Three Willows Event Center (3950 NYS Rt. 12, Lyons Falls). Registration for the event is \$30 payment can be made via credit card or check this year. The registration fee includes a continental breakfast, lunch, presentations and conference handouts and refreshments and is due by May 16th. For more information including registration links and the agenda visit <https://tughill.org/2022-black-river-watershed-conference/> or contact Jennifer Harvill at the Tug Hill office at jennifer@tughill.org. SAVE THE DATES: -The Tug Hill Commission will meet Monday May 16th at 10:30 a.m. at the Turin Town and Village Hall (6312 East Main St., Turin). Remote access will also be offered, by Zoom at us02web.zoom.us/j/86573052992, or by calling (929) 205-6099, participant code 86573052992. The public is welcome to attend. -The CTHC spring meeting has been scheduled for Thursday May 19th at the Steak and Brew Restaurant (4497 State Rt. 26, Turin). Social/Cocktail hour starts at 6 pm, with dinner at 7 pm and the meeting to follow. The speaker for the evening will be representatives from Lewis County to discuss road planning. The CTHC will pay for dinner for the two reps from each municipality and other guests are welcome to the meeting at no charge and with a \$35 charge if they'd like to join us for dinner. Invitations are out now. Please RSVP by May 12th to Angie at (315)599-8825 or angie@tughill.org or to one of the Circuit Riders at a meeting. Hope to see you all there!

SUPERVISOR - MATTHEW TOMPKINS

Matt - Snowmobile Law - Insurance Policy to protect our assets and some consequences - needs to be more specific. Russell - can the law include problems with the snowplow/bus turnarounds? Snowmobile Club uses them to go in and out of the trails. Matt - dragging snow and leaving it in the turnarounds. Caster Drive & Spur, Abes Drive and Martin Drive were not on the new list Town Clerk made, she will update for next meeting. Russell - it was so soft didn't think we would get bus out of there. Angie - check with your Insurance Company for the language they want in there. Russell - the Redfield Club uses them also but we have no problem with them. CM C. Yerdon - need to set rules, if they won't abide then don't do business with us. CW C. Bauer - their Certificates of Liability are never given to us unless we ask for them. CM T. Harlander - get them here to a meeting. Supervisor Matt Tompkins - we need to get everything in a row, the paperwork. Matt and Corey will look at and get the verbage together. Supervisor Matt Tompkins - ARAA

Report was completed - Angie and Sue helped out, we will have to identify some project for the money, \$ 58,000, would like to use the money to do something we wouldn't have been able to do, any ideas. CW C. Bauer - playground. Supervisor Matt Tompkins - its use is for General Government Service - is there anything else you would want to do? Supervisor Matt Tompkins - would like to get the Welcome to Redfield signs. Angie - Osceola has signs on the Library. Supervisor Matt Tompkins - last fall he talked to the owner of the Annsville School which has brand new playground equipment, he quoted a price of \$ 45,000 to \$ 55,000 and you would have to take it all, take it apart and transport it. CM C. Yerdon - did we get the paperwork completed for the old church property to be included in the Fire Departments lease. Town Clerk will look into that, we did get the paperwork from Bob Genant's office - not sure if it's been signed. Supervisor Matt Tompkins - he has a quote for the land survey and combination of parcels of \$ 1,200 to \$ 1,400.

Resolution 22-56

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Supervisor Matthew Tompkins to hire Plumley Surveyor to survey and combine the Old Town Barn and Old Davis House properties for a price of \$ 1,200 to \$ 1,400.

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

CW E. Yerdon - we need to setup a meeting to audit the 2021 books.

Resolution 22-57

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to notify and post - (not publish) a notice for a Special Meeting on Tuesday May 17th at 6:30pm to audit the 2021 books.

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

CM T. Harlander - does the Town of Redfield want to match the County's exemption as Mike reported? Town Clerk to get the last local law on the exemption.

Resolution 22-58

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to go into Executive Session to discuss the Labor Contract with Mr. Leroy Kotary at 8:18pm.

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

Resolution 22-59

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to go out of Executive Session back to the regular meeting at 9:32pm.

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

Motion was made by Carla Bauer seconded by Corey Yerdon to adjourn the meeting at 9:32pm.

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, June 14, 2022 at 7:00pm.
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Susan Hough, Town Clerk