

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, June 14, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on June 14, 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 22-61

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander that the General Fund Bills - Abstract #06 Vouchers 163-183,192,194 Totaling \$ 10,242.43 and Light District #1 - Abstract #06 Voucher 193 Totaling \$ 617.92

Be paid.

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

Resolution 22-62

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer that the Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 06 Vouchers 183-191 Totaling \$ 34,951.36

Be paid.

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

Resolution 22-63

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 thanked Corey Yerdon for fixing the lights, furnace and light switch in the office building. Looking back at minutes for something I noticed when Sheriff Hilton was here Tanya had asked about putting ATV signs on town highways just a reminder. Britany - won't be here tonight - her update is Grievance was quiet, final roll is ready to go, she's working on mapping out field work plans for the upcoming weeks. Primary day is June 28th and August 23 the town offices are closed those days.

Resolution 22-64

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Corey Yerdon to approve the April 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike - 11 new permits, working on 3 more, not coming in as fast as last year. Has a neighbor dispute between Alvin Yerdon and Joe at the Cheese Factory - Alvin installed barbed wire fencing on the property line, Joe's storing stuff on the property line, it's an issue that could be resolved if they would sit down and discuss it. The Town Board is in agreement this is not a Town issue.

LEGISLATOR - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike- Thursday meeting - County will receive \$ 22 million, designated \$ 10 million to communities, tourism, and pandemic losses. Last fall, County met with Mayors and Supervisors and were willing to team up with the Towns, the money was restricted on uses, now it's not. The County purchased a compute with program just for this money. Have an ADHOC committee reviewing various projects, there are 31 proposals and 7 committees. Each Legislator serves on two of the committees, each committee votes on the projects and a total of 17 proposals are approved to be funded. There are two projects in Sandy Creek - Sand Pond Dredging - Cathy Goodnough - filled out the application for dredging the channel that goes out into the North pond, last year the protected birds was a problem for the dredging. The pond dredging was awarded \$ 100,000 per year for possibly three years with them coming up with 43% of the money. Sandy Creek project to test/analyze the north pond water pollution total of \$ 19,218.00. Funds to be distributed this time is \$2 million, funds will be audited to make sure the money is spent correctly - if it's not the money will have to be repaid.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

Russell - all the stone has been hauled, our reprofile project has been pushed back to Wednesday the 22nd. Will be working with Osceola on Tuesday to reprofile the Commins Road. He has cancelled the second sealing of the Waterbury road - the weather was a factor and the price is up \$ 8,000 to do it, wants to see where we are after the Fox road is done, can do within 2 years to use CHIPS \$. As you saw the last fuel invoice was \$ 13,300, money that could be put against road repair. Purchased gravel from the Town of Williamstown for around \$ 4.50, doesn't have the exact amount. Old State road used 60 loads, graded, raked and rolled, Otto Mills road used 25 loads, Caster Road use 15 to 20 loads. Might get more loads to stock pile depends on how much is left - might wind up with more than we actually paid for. When we were working on Old State road the Loader had emission system problems, ordered DEF system, components which are on back order. Salesman came up and it's been 3 years' time to replace it, parts still on back order but then he got an email that they would be in on Friday. The 2014 dump box tore off the hinges of the truck when we were working on Otto Mills road. Can't tell why, mounting bolts are questionable, couldn't handle the weight. Mitch came up and was looking at it, looks like hardly anything left there, waiting on Insurance appraisal. The frame is twisted, send to where ever we want too, haven't said if they are replacing the box or not, cylinder, broke fan shroud and seal broke too, no idea how much to repair. To replace \$ 250,000 and two years away, the price is only good for 30 days. Milton CAT sent a letter there would be a 15% parts price increase. The Appraiser didn't have an issue with him getting the truck frame straightened - should get back for winter. Osceola 200 ton of salt - should be getting a check invoice was approved at last Wednesdays meeting. Received a gas delivery last week, it was a new driver so he left the ticket, price on the pump in Redfield was one cent more than what we paid. There was discussion regarding bidding out the propane, gas and diesel. Angie - you want to ask for a fixed rate. Russell- went to Lorraine to look at their mowing machine. They rebid their fuels, Christmas was almost half price and will lock in the price. The Snow & Ice contract- they want mowing included. Proposed at \$ 400 per

mile for mowing. Snow and Ice - Towns need increase - County wants to push back hard, stating easy winters - banking money for these hard times. The Town of Redfield spent almost \$ 7,800 per mile Town and County, we're buying the sand, salt and fuel. Costs are all going up, vendor supplies. Possibly a one year contract with possible extension. Without an increase it will cost the Town to plow the County highways. CM C. Yerdon - regarding the truck, how did it happen. Russell- started to move forward with a load, spreading the gravel. CM C. Yerdon - nothing rocked the truck or hit a bump. Russell - investigation looks as the deterioration of material. CM C. Yerdon - any signs or see any wear before the accident. Russell - a bad weld, cracked for quite a while, I beam not structural, flange still welded on flange, loaded with gravel, smashed the Otto Mills Posted sign. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins - to Legislator Michael Yerdon - we are not in favor of no increase in the Snow/Ice Contract. Mike - meeting Tuesday the 21st - last highway committee meeting Chairman: Stephen Walpole, was the only one that showed up. Everyone has been willing to listen and throw ideas out there.

TUG HILL COMMISSION – ANGELA KIMBALL

Angie - **REMINDER:** 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 NYS Archives has some new records management recordings available. Ten short (30 minutes or less) focused sessions to help local governments and state agencies manage their records. The lineup includes: the Records Lifecycle and Records Retention Modules 1-9. You can access these “bite-sized” session on the Archives webpage at

http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/webinars?field_workshop_category_tid=699&field_intended_audience_tid=All

or on their YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NB5v9f5ei8>. The NYS Archives also has some full length, live webinars available this June including one on June 22nd at 10 a.m. on “Developing a Policy for Managing Email” and one on June 30th at 11 a.m. on “Disaster Response for the Records Manager”. Visit the Archives Workshops page at

<http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/register> for more information and to register for the webinars.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is accepting applications for round six of its Climate Smart Communities grant program, available through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process due July 29th. The Climate Smart Communities program provides funding for municipalities to address greenhouse gas mitigation and climate change adaptation at the local level. There is a total of \$14 million in funding available for this grant round. Twelve million dollars of the grant funding is earmarked for specific projects with a grant range of \$50,000 to \$2,000,000 that help communities with greenhouse gas mitigation and climate

/change adaptation. The additional \$2 million in funding is available for grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$200,000 for projects to help municipalities become certified as a Climate Smart Community, with at least half of the funds designated for communities with under 100,000 in population. In Jefferson and Lewis County, the Adirondack North Country Association's (A pg. NCA) newest Energy Circuit Rider, Erin Griffin (egriffin@adirondack.org) can help with these programs, or you can reach out to the Tug Hill Commission staff for help as well. The Climate Action Council has extended the deadline for public comment on the Draft Scoping Plan to **July 1st**. The Draft Scoping Plan will serve as an initial framework for how New York will meet the requirements of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act) which was signed into law in 2019. The Climate Action Council has asked for feedback from the public to release a final scoping plan by the end of the year. For more information, click here for links to the Draft Scoping Plan, the online public comment form, and an email and physical address for the comment submissions. All tree enthusiasts are invited to the 29th Annual NYS ReLeaf Conference to be held **July 21-23**, at Jefferson Community College in Watertown, New York. New York ReLeaf is a state program promoting management and care of our state's community trees. It is a cooperative effort coordinated by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the NYS Urban Forestry Council (NYSUFC) with major funding supplied through the USDA Forest Service. The goal of New York ReLeaf is to create partnerships among tree professionals, citizen volunteers, educators, government, and the private sector. The annual state conference brings together these interested parties from across the state's nine regions to share experiences, ideas, and new information. To learn more and register, visit: nysufc.org/releaf-annual-conference/ The 2022 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) is now open with applications due Friday, July 29, at 4:00 p.m. Please contact the commission if you need assistance linking your projects to possible available resources in the CFA. Additionally, the 2022 CFA Application Manual is available here: <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/cfa/process-guide>. Some grant opportunities that may be of interest to the Tug Hill community include: Community Development Block Grants, Environmental Protection Fund Parks grants, Local Government Efficiency Grants, NY Main Street grants, Climate Smart Communities grants, Water Quality Improvement Fund grants and Green Innovation grants. **SAVE THE DATES:** -The Tug Hill Commission will meet Tuesday June 21st at 10:00 a.m. at the Adams Town and Village Hall (3 South Main St., Adams). Remote access will also be offered, by Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85692979650>, or by calling (929) 205-6099, participant code 856 9297 9650. The public is welcome to attend.

SUPERVISOR - MATTHEW TOMPKINS

Supervisor Matthew Tompkins - did everyone get a chance to look over the current Snowmobile Law? There was discussion - Jess Drive is under Open should be closed, Martin Drive is on both should be closed. Ryan road needs to match what the Town of Osceola's law has as each Town owns a lane of the road.

Resolution 22-64

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to authorize the Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise for a special meeting on Monday, June 27 at 6:00pm to review the Snowmobile Law and any other business that may come before the board. Also, to advertise a Public Hearing on July 12, 2022 at 7pm the purpose of the Public Hearing is Local Law #2 of 2022 a Local Law regulating the use and operation of snowmobiles on public highways and public lands in the Town of Redfield, before the next regular board meeting

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

