

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, July 12, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on July 12, 2022 at the Redfield Municipal Building at 7:05pm. 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, Brittany Willson - Acting Assessor, Michael Yerdon - Code Enforcement Officer, Angela Kimball - Tug Hill Commission, Ed Montieth, Francis Adams, Shirley Mahaffey and Tom Jones

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 22-66

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander that the
General Fund Bills - Abstract #07 Vouchers 196 - 210 Totaling \$ 10,721.03 and
Light District #1 - Abstract #07 Voucher 217 Totaling \$ 612.51

Be paid.

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

Resolution 22-67

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Corey Yerdon that the
Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 07 Vouchers 209- 215 Totaling \$ 98,379.46

Be paid.

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

Resolution 22-68

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

Resolution 22-69

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander to approve the May 10, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

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

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

Russell - Monday the 2014 International went to Stadium for prices for the Insurance Company.

Reprofiling on the Fox Road - thinks it turned out good, used the dust oil. The paving crew was impressed - went well - finished at 7:30 Wednesday night. Someone tore up dirt at the end by the turnaround on an ATV, was 1.1 miles a little further than estimate. Cheap seal will be on the 20th. CM C. Yerdon - what's the status of the second seal on the Waterbury road? Russell - he doesn't have the numbers right now, figures about \$ 116,000, we do have another year to use CHIPS money on it. Tuesday paving on Commins Road with Osceola, Chip Seal with Boylston. Rich Mahar - is going away - moving the chipper and 1 ton dump truck to Redfield.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike had three or four permits last week and working on number five now, picking up in the last week and a half.

LEGISLATOR - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike - it's been quiet. Phil Church and Dave Turner will have a meeting with the Towns asking them to put 20% of the American Rescue Plan Act money they received towards County wide Broadband, they would like all the towns to participate, if they all put money in the pot everyone would be able to get broad band in the county. CW E. Yerdon - is north Redfield the only area that doesn't have it? CW C. Bauer - DSL ends at Jason Yerdon's and starts back at Harvester Mill road. She's received certified letters that they are candidates for a cell tower, because of dead area, it would enable that mile area to have service. Mike - multi county survey was done and quite a few don't have service. Joint effort, its \$ 50,000 per mile, County has committed \$ 4 million.

ACTING ASSESSOR - BRITTANY WILLSON

Brittany - it's been quiet since the Final roll has been filed. Sandy Creek School has increased her duties to include collecting school taxes, Angie and Corey Metz have been working to see there's a conflict of interest. Brittany's appointment is up August 31, 2022, she feels the Town needs to look for a new Assessor, she doesn't have the time to put into the job at this time, she will continue to do the duties until that date.

Resolution 22-70

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Corey Yerdon to authorize the Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise for the Assessor position in the Queen and Weekend addition of the Watertown Times.

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

TUG HILL COMMISSION – ANGELA KIMBALL

REMINDER: 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 (ANCA) 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. REMINDER: 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/ REMINDER: 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. The Friends of the Black River and the Lowville Academy and Central School (LACS) History Department in association with several other partners are hosting a presentation and discussion with Dr. John Gallucci, the translator and editor of the "Castorland Journal: An Account of the Exploration and Settlement of Northern New York State by French Emigres in the Years 1793-1797". The presentation will be held in person at LACS high school auditorium (7668 North State St., Lowville) and virtually on Thursday July 28th from 7-8:30 p.m. with doors opening at LACS at 6:30 p.m. To register for either the in-person or virtual presentation, visit <https://tinyurl.com/castorland>. There is no cost for the presentation. The Penn State Extension is offering a webinar series on leasing to solar developers. The first webinar will be held July 12th and will give participants an overview that prepares them to more beneficially discuss leasing issues with developers and with attorneys who would preferably advise landowners on specific leasing language before a lease is negotiated or signed (To register: www.bit.ly/solarJuly12). The second webinar will be held July 26th and will focus on how to structure and manage the financial, and most importantly, the tax implications of windfall of solar lease income, should it become available to the landowner. The webinar will cover a number of key estate planning, trust structuring, LLC formation, and other multigenerational wealth preservation options. (To register: www.bit.ly/solarJuly26). There are two additional webinars to come in the series and the announcements for those will be on next month's announcements. Join Cornell Local Roads for a new, ongoing series of free foundational webinars focused on the important principles key to local highway agency operations and management. Focusing on why we do what we do, each webinar offers a convenient way to learn the basics of a particular topic. Taken together, they cover the foundation of local highway issues. Many webinars will be repeated yearly or every other year to give attendees the opportunity to attend the full series. Find them at <https://cals.cornell.edu/nysltp-local-roads/training-events/webinars-online-training>. Foundational webinars are held most Tuesdays in the late fall, winter, and summer from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. EST. Registration for fall training with Association of Towns opens on July 1. Three planning and zoning schools in September, each day offering four hours of land use training. Registration cost is \$110 and includes materials, breakfast, and lunch. Onsite registration opens at 8:30 a.m. classes begin at 9:10 a.m. and end at 1:40 p.m. More information at

https://members.nytowns.org/Towns/Common/2022_Fall_Planning__Zoning_School_s.aspx. The New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) is holding its fall training school at the Saratoga Hilton in Saratoga Springs September 12-16, 2022. Complete information available at www.nycom.org/2-uncategorised/1053-fall-school-agenda There are both full program and one-day registration rates available. Early bird rates are good until August 18. Topics to be covered include accounting and finance; terms of office/vacancies/resignations/removals; first amendment hot topics; various employee and employment topics; emergency services; and more! The Lewis County Planning Department is looking for residents to answer a short, five question survey regarding interest in Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). CCA enables municipalities to pool local energy demand together at a large enough scale to dictate and negotiate more favorable terms, decrease electricity costs, choose clean energy, increase consumer protection, and reap the benefits of solar or other renewables to the entire County. Survey link: https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0NESaBL5H54qbNc?fbclid=IwAR3gMh5XY7naS8A23Sy_a5Tqcex1cBOSgZX6QfNFaS5fk4CMvLhV11rXak SAVE THE DATES: -There is no Tug Hill Commission meeting in July, and nothing has been scheduled for the CTHC Executive Committee at this point. Stay tuned...

SUPERVISOR - MATTHEW TOMPKINS

Does the board want to pass Local Law #2 of 2022?

Resolution 22-71

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to pass and submit 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

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

Supervisor Matthew Tompkins - the surveyor will begin working on combining the two parcels behind the school.

Resolution 22-72

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer accept and approve the Town of Redfield highways open to snowmobiles dated July 12, 2022.

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

Resolution 22-73

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Elaine Yerdon to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise in a display ad the Town of Redfield highways open to snowmobiles dated July 12, 2022.

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

CM C. Yerdon - when will this go out to the snowmobile clubs? Supervisor Matthew Tompkins - it will be identified as an attachment to the Letter of Understanding he is sending out. CM C. Yerdon - there is a tree in disrepair - really bad shape - would like to take the tree down which is on the property line, take the dead part, the Redfield Vol. Fire Department, Inc. will be responsible for

the Insurance. The Town Board is in agreement. CW E. Yerdon - if the Fire Contract is changing it would need to be presented in August to the Town Board.

Motion was made by Carla Bauer seconded by Terry Harlander to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm.

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, August 9, 2022 at 7:00pm.

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Susan Hough, Town Clerk