

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, MARCH 14, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on March 14, 2023 at the Redfield Municipal Building at 7:00pm. Roll call was taken and the following board members were present:

Matthew Tompkins - Supervisor
Terry Harlander - Councilman
Carla Bauer – Councilwoman

Absent: Elaine Yerdon – Councilwoman
Corey Yerdon - Councilman

In addition, Russell Montieth -Highway Superintendent, Nick Smith - Assessor, Michael Yerdon – Code Enforcement Officer, Angie Kimball - CTHC Circuit Rider, Mitch Yerdon, Terry Bennett, Ed Montieth, and Jared Lusk- Nixon Peabody.

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Carla Bauer that the
General Fund Bills - Abstract #03 Vouchers 63-73, 79,80,83-90,93 Totaling \$ 13,647.48,
Light District #1 - Abstract #03 Voucher 91 Totaling \$ 960.39
and Fire District - Abstract #03 Voucher 92 Totaling \$ 47,000.00

Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 M. Tompkins, T. Harlander, C. Bauer
 Nays 0

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander that the
Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 03 Vouchers 74-78, 81,82,88 Totaling \$ 21,388.64

Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 M. Tompkins, T. Harlander, C. Bauer
 Nays 0

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander that the January Supervisors Report and February Payroll Sheets be accepted as presented.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 M. Tompkins, T. Harlander, C. Bauer
 Nays 0

Susan Hough, Town Clerk: Sue was not present for the meeting.

NIXON PEABODY – JARED LUSK

Jared Lusk from Nixon Peabody was at the meeting to discuss the Verizon Wireless Tarpon Tower project. He reviewed the application package with the Board. The project will provide new wireless coverage in southern Redfield and northern Williamstown, filling a gap in coverage. The proposed tower would be 195 feet tall, keeping it under the height where it must be lit (200 feet). The site would be a 75 foot by 75-foot area enclosed by a fence, although they have leased a larger area from the Montieth family. The base of the area will be screened somewhat by trees to help with aesthetics. The Board asked questions about the availability of Fios following this tower (no, this is a wireless only project right now) and if the height of the tower affected coverage area (yes, to some extent). The project has been sent to the county planning board for review and they have received some minor comments. The board set a public hearing for April 11, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise for a Public Hearing on April 11, 2023 at 7pm to discuss the Verizon Wireless Tarpon Tower project with the regular meeting to follow.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 M. Tompkins, T. Harlander, C. Bauer
Nays 0

OSWEGO COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – TERRY BENNETT

Terry Bennett was at the meeting to discuss the County’s Hazard Mitigation plan, and Redfield’s portion of it. The plan was last updated with work done in 2017 to 2020, however the final resolution of approval of the update was never adopted and/or filed due to issues with covid-19 and gathering restrictions mainly. She gave the Board copies of their section of the plan and a draft resolution to approve. Starting in April of this year, new regulations will go into effect which require a lot more work if you have to start fresh with a new plan rather than just being able to update your plan, so Terry would like to see the resolution approved accepting the last update. The goals within the plan can be used to access FEMA mitigation grant funds as well as some other economic development federal grant funds.

Resolution 23-

The Resolution was approved upon a motion C. Bauer and seconded by T. Harlander
Name of Jurisdiction: Town of Redfield, NY

RESOLUTION # 23 -

TO AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE AND ADOPTION OF THE
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE FOR
OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the Oswego County Emergency Management Office, with the assistance from Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C., has gathered information and prepared the Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for Oswego County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for Oswego County, New York has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 201; and

WHEREAS, Title 44 CFR, Chapter 1, Part 201.6(c)(5) requires each local government participating in the preparation of a Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan or Plan Update to accept and adopt such plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Redfield has reviewed the 2019 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, has found the document to be acceptable, and as a local unit of government, has afforded its citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input regarding the Plan Update and the actions included in the Plan;

WHEREAS, the Town of Redfield will consider the Oswego County HMP Update during the implementation and updating of local planning mechanisms, and will incorporate the hazard assessment data, hazard vulnerabilities, and mitigation actions in these mechanisms, where applicable;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Redfield, as a participating jurisdiction, adopts the Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for Oswego County, New York, dated November 2019.

This resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted on March 14, 2023. Supervisor Tompkins signed the resolution.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 M. Tompkins, T. Harlander, C. Bauer
Nays 0

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – MICHAEL YERDON

Mike gave the board a copy of his year-end report to the Board to review. The report has been filed with the state as required. He has three projects he is working on right now, and there is one septic system design which has been denied by the county, which he will not be approving.

OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATOR – MICHAEL YERDON

Legislator: Mike reported that things have been quiet at the county level. They did approve a resolution in opposition to a proposal which is in the Governor's budget proposal which would allow the state to keep the Medicaid/Medicare funding which is received from the federal government and supposed to be passed to the counties who provide the administration of these programs.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

He has been approached by another highway superintendent about the possible purchase of the 2014, so he reached out to International to get an idea of the value of the truck. They estimated it was worth \$35,000 and they just spent \$60,000 to have the truck fixed. They could also place the truck on Auctions International with a reserve bid and see how it does. They will wait to make a decision until the full board can weigh in. They have stripped the 2007 down so that they can fix the box corners and the tailgate. The clutch also needs to be replaced and he had an estimate of \$4,000 from DeLong's for the work. It has been seven years since the clutch has been replaced. The tractors with road mowers which he spoke about a couple meetings ago went for considerably more money than he was approved to bid. He spoke to Stephenson's Equipment and they have a couple units available for rent for the summer. If they rent a machine and like it Stephenson's will apply the rental paid toward the purchase price. He presented the board with quotes for a new plow truck, which are good through 4/1/2023. He has set the truck up the same as what they have. This is for a 2025 Western Star with Viking plow equipment estimated at \$246,727.90. With options he'd like included a stainless-steel light bar with the lights (\$774) and work lights (\$83) he estimated to be \$247, 747. He looked at an underbody scraper, which has an estimated cost of ~ \$13,000, but he has concerns about the impact the scraper would have on town roads. The cost for the same truck with Henderson plow equipment would be \$277, 823, but the underbody scraper quote was only \$9,500. Delivery of the truck would be in 2025. Supervisor Tompkins again said he'd prefer to have the whole board present to discuss a purchase of this magnitude, so the matter was tabled until the April meeting.

ASSESSOR - NICK SMITH

Nick reported that he had one unhappy person whose STAR rebate check didn't arrive and he had to tell them to talk to the state. The address changes are complete for the tax collector. He had one person ask for re-assessment (Otter Limits) and one enhanced STAR rejected. He has an Ethics class on April 14 and there is another week-long conference he wants to attend. He has talked to Annsville about sharing costs with Redfield. He will have more information next month.

CTHC CIRCUIT RIDER – ANGIE KIMBALL

She gave her report:

REMINDER: The NY Planning Federation's annual conference has been scheduled and is an in-person event this year. The conference will be held April 16th to the 18th at the Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga Springs. The conference offers a day and a half of training for planning and zoning board of appeals members, as well as a reception on Sunday afternoon and an awards luncheon on Monday. The cost for the full conference is \$240 for members and \$290 for non-members. Visit <https://nypf.org/annual-conference-registration/> for more information or to register. REMINDER: The Great Lot Sportsman Club still has guided some

Snowshoe expeditions scheduled for February 4th, February 18th, March 4th and March 18th, all starting at 10 a.m. For more information or to sign up contact Guy Case at (315) 378-7592. There are also several events scheduled by the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust throughout February. You can check their events schedule at <https://tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org/events/>. Just a reminder that the next annual report for Non-Entitlement Units (NEUs) on their spending of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) (also known as ARPA funds or COVID funds) is due on April 30th of this year (all the towns and villages in the Tug Hill region are defined as NEUs, which are local governments serving less than 50,000 people). To assist with the filing of these reports there is information available on the U.S. Treasury's website. There is a large "Self Service Resources" page available at [Treasury.gov](https://www.treasury.gov). The page includes a large question and answer section, written user guides and many webinars to walk you through the reporting process. Additional support is also available from the Treasury Department's Office of Recovery Programs Contact Center, which reopened February 21st. Although for faster service they encourage starting with the Self-Service Resources page, the Contact Center is available to answer questions by email or phone for questions related to these recovery programs. For the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) contact them at SLFRF@treasury.gov or (844) 529-9527. You can also contact Angie if you need help getting through the reporting process and she will be glad to help. The Tug Hill Commission is partnering with the SU Environmental Finance Center and EA Engineering, Science and Technology to present a webinar on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA is one of the most far-reaching environmental laws in the nation. The webinar will discuss NEPA background and processes, knowing when NEPA applies and what NEPA means for local projects. The webinar will be held March 6th from 11 a.m. to noon. Register for the Zoom webinar [HERE](#). The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Urban and Community Forestry Program will host an informational webinar on March 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in advance of the release of the Round 16 Urban and Community Forestry Program Grant Request for Applications. The information session will include changes since the last round of the grant, disadvantaged community criteria, local partnership requirements, application requirements, and time dedicated for questions for prospective grant applicants. The UCF Round 16 RFA will be available in late Spring 2023. Project categories include planting, maintenance, tree inventories, and community forest management plans. Register for the Webex webinar [HERE](#). DEC's Trees for Tribes Buffer in a Bag program provides free tree and shrub seedlings for organizations and private landowners to create or improve stream buffers on their property. Anyone who owns or manages land in New York State with at least 50 feet along a stream or waterbody is eligible to receive a free bag of seedlings. Applicants are limited to one bag per property, but previous participants are encouraged to apply each year to continue to grow their stream buffer. Applications will be accepted until Friday, April 7 at 3 p.m. or until seedling stock runs out, whichever comes first. For more information on project requirements and instructions on how to apply for your seedlings visit: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/77710.html#Bag>. NYS Archives will be hosting a webinar on "Electronic Records Disaster Planning and Recovery" on March 8th from 10 to 11 a.m. This webinar focuses on electronic records disasters. Electronic records are susceptible to damage from water from floods and fires, heat from fires, power surges, computer viruses, and accidental or intentional destruction of data. Participants will learn how to mitigate these risks and respond to these disasters. Visit <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/description/electronic-records-disaster-planning-and-recovery-webinar> to register for the webinar. Preserve New York (PNY) grants provide support to eligible municipalities and 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations for projects that identify, document, and preserve New York's cultural and historic buildings, structures, and landscapes. PNY helps fund preservation planning projects: historic structure reports, condition reports, cultural landscape reports, and cultural resource surveys. Grants are likely to range between \$5,000 and \$14,000 and the program requires that each applicant contribute at least 20% of the project cost as a cash match. You must submit a pre-application by March 24th at 5 p.m. to receive

the full application form. Final applications are due March 31st. Visit the Preserve NY website [HERE](#) for updated guidelines, the pre-application form and recordings of the preparatory webinars for the grant. The NYS Town Clerk's Association will be holding their annual conference in Syracuse at the Downtown Syracuse Marriott on April 23rd to the 26th. Registration is \$125 for members and \$225 for non-members and the deadline to register is April 15th. The main class sessions will be held on the 24th and 25th, but events span all four days. For more information on the conference and to register visit <https://www.nystca.com/193/NYSTCA-Annual-Conference>. SAVE THE DATES: -The March Tug Hill Commission meeting will be held at the Rodman Municipal Building (12509 School St., Rodman) on Monday March 20th starting at 10 to 11:30 a.m. The public is welcome to attend the meeting. -You can still register for the Commission's 2023 Local Government Conference scheduled for April 5th and 6th at the Turning Stone Event Center in Verona. The afternoon of April 5th is the Unmanned Aerial Systems (drones) session followed by the reception. The daylong traditional classes are on April 6th with sessions for town and village boards, planning and zoning boards, clerks, highway departments and assessors. You can access the registration materials, expanded session descriptions and a flyer about the drone session on the Tug Hill website at <https://tughill.org/lgc2023/> or from your circuit rider. Remember to get the early fee for registration on either day, you must register by March 3rd. Registration costs increase if received from March 4th to the 10th and then increase with the addition of a late fee for registrations received after March 11th. -The date has been finalized for the CTHC spring meeting for April 27th. The meeting and dinner will be held at the Steak and Brew Restaurant (4497 State Rt. 26, Turin), with cocktail/social hour starting at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and the meeting to follow. Dinner for CTHC reps will be covered by the Council and the cost for guests will be \$35. The meeting is open to the public at no cost, but if you would like to have dinner, you would need to pay the guest rate. Invitations with additional details about the meeting will be emailed to reps soon (or mailed if no email is available) and a hard copy will be sent to each municipality by mail as well. Please RSVP to Angie or your circuit rider by April 20th. -CTHC dues vouchers have been mailed out, with dues remaining at \$600 for the year. If you don't receive your dues voucher, please let Angie know so she can get you a copy. As always, thanks for your support! There were no questions for her.

SUPERVISOR - MATTHEW TOMPKINS

Supervisor Tompkins reported that he had spoken to Judge Dumas and due to several issues, the JCAP grant money didn't get spent. The state has asked for the funds to be returned and he will send the funds back to them. The Board will review a new fee schedule for Special Use Permits and Site Plan Review next month. Supervisor Tompkins also received a call from the Oswego County Planning Department about a meeting at Tailwater to talk about planning for future expansion due to the proposed Micron development. It is a dinner meeting and he gave the details to Councilwoman Bauer, as she said she would attend.

C. Bauer spoke about her conversations with Matt Kilgore about playground equipment for the playground. She had pictures of the equipment from the former Annsville Elementary School. She provided some additional information she had gathered and the Board discussed what some next steps should be.

A motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. with all present voting in favor.

The next Town of Redfield Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00pm.