REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, APRIL 11, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on April 11, 2023 at the Redfield Municipal Building at 7:13pm. Roll call was taken and the following board members were

present: Matthew Tompkins - Supervisor

Terry Harlander - Councilman Carla Bauer - Councilwoman 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, Ed Montieth, Doug Morrison and Jared Lusk- Nixon Peabody.

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Supervisor Matthew Tompkins – we need to review the SEQR

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Elaine Yerdon that the Town of Redfield will be the lead agency for the SEQR for the Tarpon Towers wireless telecommunications tower project.

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

Supervisor Matthew Tompkins and the Town Board after a lengthy review of the project found minimal impact, no significant adverse impacts on the environment and therefore an environmental impact statement need not be prepared a Negative Declaration is issued.

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Corey Yerdon to approve the Tarpon towers and Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless to construct and operate a 195' wireless telecommunications tower (plus 4' lightning rod) and associated improvements on land owned by Zackary Montieth located at 3964 County Route 17 in the Town of Redfield, Oswego County, New York with the condition that the Redfield Volunteer Fire Department Inc. agrees and accepts the driveway design.

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

Jared Lusk will need a copy of the above resolution.

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Elaine Yerdon that the

General Fund Bills - Abstract #04 Vouchers 95-104,115-126

Light District #1 - Abstract #04 Voucher 98 Totaling \$ 1,013.26

Be paid.

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

Nays 0

Totaling \$ 26,003.75 and

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Corey Yerdon that the

Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 04 Vouchers 100,105-114,120 Totaling \$ 25,021.02 Be paid.

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

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Terry Harlander that the February and March Supervisors Reports and March Payroll Sheets be accepted as presented.

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

Susan Hough, Town Clerk

We had 1 DECALs, 1 Marriage and 2 Dog Licenses. Tax Collector Sue Harlander would like to purchase a new fax machine, the one she had was an old one Tanya had given her.

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Tax Collector Sue Harlander to purchase a fax machine.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 M. Tompkins, C. Bauer, E. Yerdon, C. Yerdon

Nays 0

Abstain 1 T. Harlander

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike has issued 4 or 5 permits. He attended the March 23rd training in Syracuse, NYS Regional Head Quarters, Residential/Commercial Site Review. Normal Code Training 8am-5pm, 60 miles one way, Wednesday and Thursday, completed 32 hours, there were 250 attending.

OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATOR - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike – working on a Local Law would give Volunteer Fire Department members a tax break. He invited members up to the Redfield Station for open house. They're in favor but have no idea how much training, etc. is involved. CM C. Yerdon – it has to be all levels of government and worth it.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

Russell – has the 2804 forms – to spend \$ 167,000 on 28 miles of highways, Kay Road .75 miles \$ 125,000, Barber Drive \$.2 miles and turnaround \$ 40,000, should be under that, any other roads or culverts, Harvester Mill Road culvert by Fish and Game Club and Clark Road culvert next to Dumas's.

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to approve the 2803 form to spend \$ 167,000 on 28 mile of highways as indicated above.

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

Russell – April 27th is Terry Kimballs last day of employment, he is retiring. We were lucky the quotes on the new truck and Viking were held. Henderson Equipment was almost \$ 70,000 more, still \$ 36,000 more without a sand box. We are on a twelve (12) year rotation on the trucks, the 2021 was discontinued so we went with the 2022 – COVID. CM C. Yerdon – so you buy a new truck every four (4) years? Russell -we've spent \$ 35,000 in repairs on the 2014, \$ 10,000 injection pumps. International gave an estimate worth \$35,000, a bunch on Auctions International most bids rejected. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins - \$ 250,000 in two (2) years, if we wait three (3) years it could be \$300,000. Russell – Boylston is paying \$300,000. All running the same equipment. CM C. Yerdon – totally agrees keeping up with the plan, doesn't like getting pushed on, four (4) year plan we should keep with. CW C. Bauer – years ago Paul was asked to come up with a replacement plan. Russell – thinks it's doable, look at maybe we'll have to get rid of it depending on price of truck. CW E. Yerdon – did you use the 2007 this winter? Russell – yes. CM C. Yerdon – it something breaks would you be interested in getting rid of the 2014 before the new truck came in? Russell – if someone came with a reasonable offer, he would take it. CM C Yerdon – You feel the others would hold up for you? Russell – yes – also could go to County Highway. It would go with the plow and wind, no sander. CM T. Harlander – does it have to go out for bid? Russell – it doesn't have to go out to bid if another Municipality purchases it. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins – what happens if in two (2) years we don't want it?

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Corey Yerdon to authorize Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth to purchase a new Western Truck with Viking plow per the attached quotes for delivery in two (2) years.

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

CW E. Yerdon – do you use the 2014 to draw sand? Russell – yes but not for paving. CM C. Yerdon – good work, a lot of work. Russell – there's a 2004 New Holland long arm in the Town of Volney – he does know their equipment is very clean, does say left front tire needs replacement and joy stick might need to be replaced. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins – do you have any concerns about a 2-wheel drive? Russell – no – it's got a long arm. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins – I think we discussed around \$50,000. Russell – talked to Mike Kastler – he believes Delong's does the service work for Volney's equipment – he will talk to them – doesn't think they would steer him wrong. CM C. Yerdon would make a motion to bid up to \$40,000. CM T. Harlander – would you trailer that for our use? Russell – no. Some Towns are mowing for the County and some aren't, they pay \$400 per mile and want three (3) trips done when they only do two (2). \$400 isn't enough. Terry did an excellent job – he did both Redfield and Osceola during the month of May. I believe we put \$70,000 in the budget for road mower and \$70,000 for a pickup truck.

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth to bid up to \$43,000 on a New Holland Long Arm Mowing Machine that the Town of Volney has up for bid.

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

Russell -we are on four (4) ten (10) hour days starting in April. They will be replacing the Caster Road bridge this year; it will probably be one (1) lane. There's a Highway Superintendent and Supervisor's meeting Thursday night at Half Shire. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins will not be able to attend the meeting, there was discussion if another member of the board could.

CW C. Bauer – are you going to be replacing Terry's position, do you need to advertise? Russell – feels the best course would be to keep Brad working seasonal for now. They've been trimming trees on the Kay Road to get ready for repairs. Would like to hold off on Terry's position until next month.

ASSESSOR - NICK SMITH

Mick – Grievance Day May 22 at 6pm. The Town of Western did a revalue that cost \$ 100,000, going to reject it, did it with aerial view – GAR Company. He will be going to the County on the 21st to sign off on the Tentative Roll. Would like to join the NYS Assessors Association. Cornell class is coming up – he will talk to Annsville about splitting the cost, the Town of Redfield pay for the class and Annsville pay for the room.

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 16 th to the 18 th 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-registeration/ for more information or to register. REMINDER: The Great Lot Sportsman Club still has guided some snowshoe expeditions scheduled for 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/. The Cornell Local Roads Technical Assistance Program is sponsoring a webinar for anyone interested in learning how to tackle grant or funding applications, or for anyone who would like a refresher on the process, on Thursday, March 9 at 9:00 am. Topics will cover reviewing and understanding what your application requires, organization to collect the application's information, readability of your application, and considerations for strengthening your application's chances of being funded. For more information and to register for the webinar click HERE. To see the entire catalogue of webinars visit https://cals.cornell.edu/nysltap-local-roads/trainingevents/webinars-online-training. 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. 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 2st. 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 farreaching 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 Tribs 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 8 th 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-recordsdisaster-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 March24th 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

-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.

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 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! The Commission has sent out a survey to everyone, they are the same questions each time so they can compare easier. Please fill out and send back as soon as you can. There were no questions for Angie.

SUPERVISOR - MATTHEW TOMPKINS

Matt – we need to come up with a Zoning Law Fee Schedule, it's important the Town is compensated for the amount of money that is spent. He has handed out four (4) different Town's schedules so you can look at them. The May and June meetings Matt will not be able to attend. There was discussion, the meetings will not be rescheduled. Paul Kinney – Hayloft has requested the Town of Redfield open the Redfield Roads for ATVs. CW C. Bauer – it's not because we choose for them to be closed it because of the NYS Law. Angie Kimball – Florence trying to get roads open – Steve Cronk ATV club has requested them open. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins – We don't control the County Highways – it's trailhead to trailhead. CW C. Bauer – snowmobilers – Caster Road not just closed been closed since 1972. Pulaski Boylston posted a map and she mad a comment not to put closed roads on the map. She would like signs installed on the road. Matthew – not against signs – would like the cost of the signs. CM C. Yerdon – All roads are closed unless there's a sign. Angie Kimball - Roads are considered closed unless there an open sign. CM C. Yerdon – needs to be more honesty from Pulaski Boylston Club. Matthew – Time to have a conversation with them is now. CW. Bauer – they continue to post that map. Russell – we have a good relationship with the Redfield Snow Club. Matthew – Do we need to put Kay Road as closed, we need to update the closed/open roads. CW E. Yerdon – are the Judge's books ready for review? Matthew – yes, they are in his office, please make time to review them. CW C. Bauer – playground equipment – he's willing to take less for the equipment but we have to take all of it, it's too much for what we have room for so we are kicking that out. We would need to buy new, it's not worth digging it up and transporting it and it's too big. Angie – playgrounds are not cheap, in Adams they are looking at \$500,000, you need a committee of public people to get involved. You can't spend money for others.

A motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Corey Yerdon to adjourn at 9:22pm with all present voting in favor.

The next Town of Redfield Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 7:00pm.

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