

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on September 13, 2022 at the Redfield Municipal Building at 7:00pm. Roll call was taken and the following board members were present:

	Matthew Tompkins	- Supervisor
	Elaine Yerdon	- Councilwoman
	Corey Yerdon	- Councilman
	Terry Harlander	- Councilman
Absent:	Carla Bauer	- Councilwoman

In addition, Russell Montieth -Highway Superintendent, Nick Smith - Assessor Candidate, Jerry Arzie & Joel Rarick - Pulaski-Boylston Snowmobile Club, Michael Yerdon - Code Enforcement Officer, Russell Huyck, Ed Montieth - Redfield Snowmobile Club, Thomas Jones, and Angela Kimball - Tug Hill Commission

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 22-83

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Corey Yerdon that the
General Fund Bills - Abstract #09 Vouchers 251-261,265-268,274 Totaling \$13,479.13 and
Light District #1 - Abstract #09 Voucher 263 Totaling \$ 631.13
Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 M. Tompkins, E. Yerdon, C. Yerdon, T. Harlander
 Nays 0

Resolution 22-84

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Corey Yerdon that the
Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 09 Vouchers 261, 264, 269-273,275 Totaling \$ 9,603.82
Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 M. Tompkins, E. Yerdon, C. Yerdon, T. Harlander
 Nays 0

Resolution 22-85

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Elaine Yerdon that the Payroll Sheets be accepted as presented.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 M. Tompkins, E. Yerdon, C. Yerdon, T. Harlander
 Nays 0

Resolution 22-86

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to approve the July 12, 2022 regular meeting and the Public Hearing on the Snowmobile Law Local Law #2 of 2022 as presented.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 M. Tompkins, E. Yerdon, C. Yerdon, T. Harlander
 Nays 0

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

Russell - 2014 repairs due to dump box coming loose and tipping truck over - our insurance company has decided to repair the truck and not replace it. The check from the insurance company will be \$ 65,955.57.

We will cover \$ 1,500 of the repair estimate - the hinges were worn out and we have a \$ 500 deductible. The truck should be back & ready for winter. If it is not back by then the insurance company will cover a rental until our 2014 truck is returned to us. The Fox road repairs are complete, the shoulders are done, ditching for drainage finished and driveway entrances fixed. They have been cutting shoulders with Boylston on Little John drive, Old State road, Kay road, Barber drive, Jess drive, Abes drive and Harvester Mill road. Redfield Snowmobile Club crossing on Harvester Mill road - the problem crossing - on the north east side of the road, we have to cut down a tree, if so, the County will grind the stump. Russell asked when we wanted them to quit mowing cemeteries and Town property. CM C. Yerdon said due to frequent rain fall we should probably mow one or two more times (3 weeks apart). Regarding the Ice and Snow Removal Contract delay, it has come out of committee, yet to be heard by the full legislature. There may be a possible stand-by contract, until they get a handle over the gas / diesel prices, diesel is now over \$ 5.00 per gallon. Russell said only one Legislator, the County Highway Superintendent and Assistant Highway Superintendent attend their Highway Superintendent Association meetings.

Jerry Arzie of the Pulaski/Boylston Snowmobile Club spoke about the new snowmobile local law and the letter of understanding. They were upset that Castor Drive is closed to snowmobiles although it has been on the list for many years. Apparently, Kay Road has been unintentionally left off the open and closed lists, so it will be considered closed for the season. They were upset about the new language that says the Snowmobile Clubs are responsible for damage to our Town roads because the Town cannot continue to do it. We spent \$ 50,000 to fix the Harvester Mill road and cannot use CHIPS money to repair it again for several year. Mr. Arzie said that he did not know how the Club could pay for repairs since their budget is only \$ 50,000. They would definitely want to inspect the roads "pre" and "post" snowmobile season. There will be further discussion on these issues before their Club will sign the letter of understanding.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike - has 34 permits so far this year.

LEGISLATOR - MICHAEL YERDON

Mike - the County has been working on the Tentative Budget for 2023. They are also working on the second phase of the ARPA funds. They have awarded funding for phase one.

TUG HILL COMMISSION – ANGELA KIMBALL

Angie - REMINDER: 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! REMINDER: The Department of State has announced a new program that might be of interest to Tug Hill towns and villages. It is called NY Forward, modeled after the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant that several area cities (Oswego, Watertown, Rome, Utica, etc.) have received. NY Forward is targeted for downtowns in NY's smaller and rural communities and is funded at \$100 million this year, the same as DRI. There are several informational webinars, scheduled through August and September, with the recording of the first session from July 28th also available for

viewing. More information is and will be available at <https://www.ny.gov/programs/ny-forward>. If this is something your community is interested in and you would like to brainstorm, please contact your circuit rider or the Watertown office. A letter of intent is due August 10th and applications are due September 23rd. REMINDER: The Round 6 Restore New York Communities Initiative (“Restore NY”) was launched on July 11, 2022, with \$250 million available for municipal applicants in two offerings. The first installment of applications competing for \$100 million are due October 11, with the required Intent to Apply form due on August 11. The second opportunity to compete for \$150 million will launch October 11. Applications will be accepted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) electronic platform. Restore NY provides municipalities with financial assistance for the revitalization of commercial and residential properties. The program encourages community development and neighborhood growth through the elimination and redevelopment of blighted structures that market forces will not fix. Restore NY funding is available for projects involving the demolition, deconstruction, rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of vacant, abandoned, condemned and surplus properties. Projects must have at least 10% in cash or in-kind matching funds. Applications are initially evaluated at the regional level and are scored against specific guidelines and how strongly they meet the program goals. For more information, please review the Restore NY Round 6 Guidelines and/or contact your regional Empire State Development office. The Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department in partnership with the NYS Dept. of State will again be sponsoring a land use training workshop for local land use officials on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, from 4:00-8:00 P.M. at the JCC Education Center (7395 East Rd., Lowville). This year’s training topics are Planning and Zoning: An Introduction; Joint Boards and Short-Term Rentals. To register call the Lewis County planning Dept. at (315) 376-5422, email suekulzer@lewiscounty.ny.gov or visit <https://www.lewiscounty.org/2022landusetraining>. There is no cost for the class. The Jefferson County in partnership with the NYS Dept. of State will also be hosting a land use training on Tuesday Sept. 20th starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Jules Center Amphitheater at JCC (1220 Coffeen St., Watertown). The training will be on Site Plan Review and Special Use Permits. To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nysdos-site-plan-review-special-use-permit-training-jcc-tickets-404856164687>. There is no cost for the class. The Preservation League of New York State’s Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) are available to eligible NYS nonprofits and municipalities for projects that preserve New York State’s cultural and historic resources. The grants will support professional services of architects, engineers, and other design and preservation professionals working with nonprofit groups and municipalities to preserve their buildings, structures, and other resources that serve an art and/or cultural function. The pre-application deadline is Monday, October 17 and the full grant application deadline is Friday, October 21. Complete information about this opportunity, including grant guidelines, the pre-application form, and registration links for webinars and drop-in sessions, is available at www.preservenys.org/technicalassistance-grants. Grants of up to \$4,000 with a 20% match are available. The Justice Court Assistance Plan (JCAP) grants for 2022/23 are now available. The maximum grant amount per Court at \$30,000 (joint applications may have a maximum amount of \$30,000 multiplied by the number of courts applying on the joint application). All Town and Village Courts can apply for funding in many areas including office equipment and furniture, security equipment and court room and court facility improvements and renovations. The application must be filed by Justice Court personnel, so if Boards are aware of an area needing funding, they should coordinate with their Court personnel to submit an application. The deadline to apply is October 14, 2022. Court personnel will be able to access the page which includes the address or email address for certain documents and the user name and password to access the application by visiting the Town and Village Courts webpage at https://www.nycourts.gov/courts/townandvillage/judges_only/jcap.shtml. For assistance completing the application process, contact the Office of Justice Court Support at 1-800-232-0630 or jcap@nycourts.gov or your circuit rider. The Tug Hill Commission will be hosting a historical webinar on September 17th from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the West Leyden Elementary School (1157 Fish Creek Rd.,

West Leyden). The session titled “A Century Gone By: Revisiting Swancott Mills” will also be available remotely via Zoom. The presentation will be made by Jim Burke, Leigh Portner and Bob Sauer. To register visit www.tinyurl.com/swancott or call the Commission office at (315) 785-2380. The next East Branch of Fish Creek Working Group meeting will be held Thursday Oct. 6th at the Tavern 230 (4173 West Rd., Turin) from 5-7 p.m.- Representatives from the NYS DEC, Blue Source and the Nature Conservancy will be present to provide updates on the property. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Katie at the Commission office at 315-785-2380 or Katie@tughill.org. NYS Archives will be hosting a webinar titled “Establishing Records Management Policies & Procedures” on September 7th from 10-11 a.m. The webinar will explore practical ways to develop and implement basic records management policies and procedures, discuss important components, how to use them as a training tool, and evaluate real-world samples. Register for the webinar at <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/schedule/establishing-records-management-policies-and-procedures-2022-09-07>. National Grid along with other electric utilities in New York and in consultation with NYSERDA and NYS Dept. of Public Service staff has launched a climate vulnerability study to help prepare for the increase in severe weather expected from climate change. The study will provide a new way to evaluate company electric infrastructure, design specifications and procedures to better understand the electric system’s vulnerability to climate driven risks. Based on the study results, National Grid will create a Resilience Plan which will be submitted to the NYS Public Service Commission. An important part of the planning is to understand and incorporate local concerns and priorities, so they would like local leaders to participate in a study available at https://nationalgrid.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cSdomCePY1K9GqW. The Affordable Connectivity Program was created by the FCC to help households struggling to pay for internet service. Eligible households can enroll in the ACP through an approved provider or by visiting AffordableConnectivity.gov. The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a U.S. government program to help low-income households pay for internet service and connected devices like a laptop or tablet. You are likely eligible if your household’s income is below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line, or if you or someone you live with currently receives a government benefit like SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, WIC, Pell Grant, or Free and Reduced-Price Lunch. SAVE THE DATES:
-The next Tug Hill Commission meeting is Sept. 19th at the Trenton Municipal Building (8520 Old Poland Rd., Barneveld) at 10 a.m. Remote access is also available via Zoom at www.us02web.zoom.us/j/87144555136 , or by calling (929) 205-6099, meeting ID 8714455136. The public is welcome to attend. The CTHC Executive Committee has scheduled the fall meeting for Thursday September 22nd at Kevin’s Tug Hill Hideaway (1838 Fish Creek Rd., West Leyden). Cocktail/Social hour will start at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. and the meeting to follow. Invitations will be out in the mail soon. Please RSVP by Wednesday Sept. 14th to Angie or Beth by phone or email.

SUPERVISOR - MATTHEW TOMPKINS

Resolution 22-87

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Elaine Yerdon to go into executive session to discuss the Assessor Position and the Labor Contract at 8:10pm.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 M. Tompkins, E. Yerdon, C. Yerdon, T. Harlander
 Nays 0

Resolution 22-88

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Corey Yerdon to come out of executive session and back to the regular meeting at 8:30pm.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 M. Tompkins, E. Yerdon, C. Yerdon, T. Harlander
 Nays 0

Resolution 22-89

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Corey Yerdon to that the Town Board Appoints Nick Smith to be our Sole Assessor to serve from October 1, 2022 thru September 30, 2025.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 M. Tompkins AYE
E. Yerdon AYE
C. Yerdon AYE
T. Harlander AYE

Nays 0

ADOPTED

Resolution 22-90

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Terry Harlander that the Town Board vote to ratify the most recent Tentative Agreement between the Town of Redfield and Teamster Union Local #687 for our highway employees. The duration of this agreement (permanent) is three (3) years, January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024. This agreement that our (permanent) union employees will receive retroactive pay for January 1, 2022 through September 11, 2022. The Deputy Highway Superintendent will receive an additional \$.25 for that period. The MEO rates will be increase of hourly rate of \$ 1.50 per hour to \$ 19.84, January 1, 2023 increase of hourly rate by \$ 1.00 per hour to a rate of \$ 20.84, and January 1, 2024 increase of hourly rate by \$ 1.00 per hour to \$ 21.84. The Deputy Highway Superintendent stipend to increase by \$.50 an hour. Change: MEO hired after January 1, 2022 will start at \$1.00 per hour below current job rate. After one (1) year of full-time employment will be paid the full current MEO rate. Employees paid by-weekly shall normally receive their paychecks on the Thursday immediately following the end of each pay period. This Tentative agreement was signed on August 30, 2022 by Roy Kotary for the Town of Redfield and Matthew A. Seymour for Teamster Union Local #687.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 M. Tompkins AYE
E. Yerdon AYE
C. Yerdon AYE
T. Harlander AYE

Nays 0

ADOPTED

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon seconded by Matthew Tompkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 M. Tompkins, E. Yerdon, C. Yerdon, T. Harlander
Nays 0

The next Town of Redfield Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 7:00pm.

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Susan Hough, Town Clerk

Minutes taken by Councilwoman Elaine Yerdon