

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, OCTOBER 11, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on October 11, 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
- Carla Bauer - Councilwoman

In addition, Russell Montieth -Highway Superintendent, Nick Smith - Assessor, Ken Burd, Greta Burghdurf, Thomas Jones, and Angela Kimball - Tug Hill Commission

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 22-91

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander that the General Fund Bills - Abstract #10 Vouchers 276-283,287-291,293-294 Totaling \$ 9,058.40 and Light District #1 - Abstract #10 Voucher 284 Totaling \$ 701.71 Be paid.

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

Resolution 22-92

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Elaine Yerdon that the Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 10 Vouchers 283, 285-286, 292 Totaling 8,329.43 Be paid.

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

Resolution 22-93

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

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

TOWN CLERK - SUSAN HOUGH

Town Clerk handed out the 2023 Tentative Budget. Election Day is November 8th so the regular meeting will need to be changed and a public hearing for the Preliminary Budget and Fire Contract needs to be scheduled.

Resolution 22-94

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Terry Harlander to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise the regular November meeting will be changed to November 9th directly following the public hearings.

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

Resolution 22-95

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Terry Harlander to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise a Public Hearing for the Fire Contract on November 9th 2022 at 6:30pm.

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

Resolution 22-96

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Terry Harlander to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise a Public Hearing for the 2023 Preliminary Budget on November 9th 2022 directly following the Fire Contract public hearing which is at 6:30pm.

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

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

Russell - made a deal with the Town of Williamstown to get gravel, Williamstown is closing one of their pits, we helped move material in exchanged we received fifty loads screened gravel and bank run gravel, we ran Williamstown truck to get everything done and get their bond back, we got a lot of material. Wednesday the loader went down - emission, Thursday afternoon it went down again, everything needs to be replaced, emission warranty will extend, it's been worked on since it was new. CAT won't call back, talked to Matt - weighting options, parts are on back order. He's asked if anyone has a machine to rent and no one has one, contacted the Insurance company. There was discussion regarding the Loader - Russell can't find one to purchase until next year, try to borrow until we can replace or fix our loader, can't find any to rent either. Haul sand tomorrow asked Mr. Walker - Oswego County Highway Department for a loader. Replaced loader back window, received \$ 1,620.17 from insurance company. Thursday working with Boylston - parked on side of the road, driving lane on sharp curve, 2015 pickup hit mirrors, our truck damage was \$ 500 but found one for \$ 200. CW C. Bauer - does insurance have a rider for rental in case something happens to the vehicles? Russell - regular pickup only six years and big truck is ten years. Mr. Mahar - Town of Osceola - as they're doing the Highway Budget - would Town of Redfield be interested in sharing a new road mower, theirs is in bad shape needs lots of repairs. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins will discuss with Supervisor Fran Yerdon of Osceola. CM T. Harlander - how does our road mileage compare with Osceola? Russell - he's not sure, Terry mowed Osceola for two weeks. The 2014 two seals for engine are on back order, coolant fan/Hub fan clutch assembly - as soon as get it back we will decide if we want the box put back on or wait till spring. The Oswego County Snow and Ice contract - \$ 8,000 a lane mile Town's buy all the materials, Phil Church sent the contract \$8,200 a lane mile for Towns, Thursday meeting in Richland - Matt couldn't be there, other Town Supervisors agreed original \$ 10,000 per land mile, will settle for \$ 9,000, Steve Highway Committee - to vote on contract, proposal of \$ 9,000 per lane mile to committee and passed. Will increase by \$ 27,000 to \$ 243,000. Requested payment of 30/70 split instead of the 25/75 payment. Wednesday committee will meet doesn't see a problem with it passing. Account DS5140.4 Brush & Tree has \$ 2,000 for chain saws etc, would like to purchase a pole saw, he's looked at a Husky 599 Pole saw, 11-12ft reach, Stile 261 pro for \$ 669.90, 271 Stile \$ 469.90, Husky 450 \$ 449.90 - all 18 inch bars. CM C. Yerdon - would you take some out of service? Russell - no he would be adding to equipment, Husky is in stock at Tug Edge

Resolution 22-97

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth to purchase a Pole saw and Chainsaw for \$ 1,500.

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

ASSESSOR - NICK SMITH

Nick - visited with Oswego County - Matt needs to sign so he can get into the Real Properties computer system. They have recommended replacing the laptop, Cory Metz also recommends deeds filed with properties, highly recommend two - 3 drawer fire proof file cabinets. Russell - we have a Uline account - they were half of what others wanted. Sue to ask Dory where she got hers.

TUG HILL COMMISSION – ANGELA KIMBALL

Angie - REMINDER: 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. REMINDER: 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 apply. 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. REMINDER: 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. The Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center is hosting a free webinar, State and Federal Funding, Financing, and Resources for Municipal Infrastructure Roundtable Discussions, on Wednesday, October 26 at 1:00 p.m. While the event is free, registration is required or at <https://syracuseuniversity.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUvde6vrjsrE9KvqYhZoRHo43xnbZ4gldB> u. If you are interested in learning more about funding and financing municipal infrastructure in your town or village, please attend to learn about funding opportunities for safe and clean water management, renewable energy, and other community investments from state and federal agency representatives. If you have any questions, please contact Jes Eckerlin at atjeschn01@syr.edu. The Tug Hill Commission will be presenting a webinar on Tuesday October 18th from 6-7 p.m. titled "Regulating Private Speech: Sign Regulations and the First Amendment". According to the First Amendment, speech may be subject to different degrees of protection based upon its content, the speaker, and the context in which the speech is made. How does the First Amendment impact sign regulations in local communities? The webinar will cover the nuances of the First Amendment, sign regulations, and relevant court cases. The speaker for the

webinar will be Mark Cuthbertson of Cuthbertson Law. Register at www.tinyurl.com/tughillsspeech or by calling the Commission office at 315-785-2380. Round two of the Lewis County Façade and Streetscape Improvement grant program is open now. The Façade & Streetscape Improvement Program aims to revitalize the historic character and attractiveness of villages and hamlets in Lewis County through public and private investment. To encourage and advance revitalization efforts, this program will provide 75/25 matching funds for eligible improvements to mixed-use and commercial buildings and streetscape enhancements throughout Lewis County. Applications are due November 4, 2022, and if you have questions, you can contact Megan Krokowski, Community Development Specialist at 315-376-5423 or megankrokowski@lewiscounty.ny.gov. The NYS Archives has a series of live virtual workshops scheduled for this fall. Topics include “Ask Us Anything About Records Appraisals” on Oct. 19th; “Using Historic Records in the Classroom: Consider the Source New York” on Nov. 10th; “More than CDs and Thumb Drives: Real Life Stories in the Adventures of Preserving Digital Records” on Nov. 16th; and “Legal Discovery: The Roles of the Records Manager” on Dec. 7th. For more information and to register for a session visit <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/register>. Laird Petrie formerly of the NYS Office of the State Comptroller’s office, will be conducting an in-person class on “Municipal Accounting for Rural Municipalities” at Tailwater Lodge in Altmar on November 29-30th. Details are being finalized now, so stay tuned for more information. SAVE THE DATES: -The next Tug Hill Commission meeting is Oct. 20th at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building (120 Mechanic St., Carthage) from 4 to 5 p.m. This is immediately prior to the Commission’s Annual Meeting which will be held at Zero Dock Street (130 Canal St., Carthage) and starts with social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by remarks at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Invitations to the Annual Meeting have gone out and reservations with the \$45 dinner meal cost need to be sent to the Commission office by Oct. 7th. Contact Gwen at the Commission office at (315)785-2380 with any questions. The CTHC Executive Committee will be meeting Tuesday October 4th to conduct an interview of a prospective Associate Circuit Rider candidate. This meeting is expected to be conducted in executive session and closed to the public. Stay tuned for information on a new Associate as it becomes available.

SUPERVISOR - MATTHEW TOMPKINS

Supervisor Matthew Tompkins - gives Letter of Understanding to the Clubs and Highway Superintendent for review. Ken Burd - the State of New York has a program that the Highway Superintendent fills out and the State pays the bill for highway repairs. They took a tree down on Harvester Mill road, the town ground the stump - will have signs up soon, Lawyer is going over the Letter of Understanding. He was told Stile chainsaws will be going up \$ 50 next year. They should have the Engineering Drawings soon to get bids out. The roads listed as closed will they have signs at the ends? Supervisor Matthew Tompkins - no it's too expensive. Ken Burd - there's been quite a bit of buzz that the Town of Redfield Town Board is anti- snowmobile. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins - not in anyway - we want to work together - the decision to close the roads - you can't have roads open that do not go from a trailhead to a trailhead - that's NYS law. Ken Burd - Caster Drive - the State is putting a train in - put bridge in next year - all State work. CW E. Yerdon - at the cost of \$ 150,000 to repair a mile of road in 2022 and \$ 100,000 in 2021 the Town cannot afford to spend money on the same road over and over - Harvester Mill. Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth - when there's a problem with the Snowmobile Club he goes to his father - Ed goes to Ken and the problem is solved they communicate, work together, we're going to have to do something on the Ryan Road, piece of property where the driveway was put in - can't use it anymore. Tom Jones - ironically the new trail is closer to the house. Lewis County Legislature established a slush fund for repairs. Tug Hill Commission Angie Kimball - It's a \$ 200,000 event fund, for snowmobiles and ATV's - they do a pre-inspection with clubs and Highway Superintendents, the Towns have to opt into the Event Fund Rec Program- Jackie Mahoney.

Supervisor Matthew Tompkins - 2023 Tentative Budget - he took whatever was requested by the Department heads and put into this budget, we can raise amount to be raised by taxes by \$ 12,000. NOCA went down. Angie Kimball - every town has a representative on the NOCA Board - Redfield hasn't had a representative in years. There was discussion.

Resolution 22-98

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Elaine Yerdon to appoint Terry Harlander as the Town of Redfield NOCA Representative.

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

Supervisor Matthew Tompkins - received an email - study lightening moves during lake effect storms - an observation site, looking at Town property ballfield/municipal building. He thinks it's a good thing for the town.

Resolution 22-99

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Elaine Yerdon to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise a budget workshop and any other business that may come before the Board on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 6:30pm.

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

Angie - the Fire Department applied for a grant they were awarded fifteen (15) sets of gear, and a washer and dryer, they asked for \$ 80,000 and received \$ 70,000. Each set of gear is \$ 4,030 without the hood and gloves. CM C. Yerdon - gear ordered - cost increase on October 1st, the order went in September 30 at 8pm for \$ 51,000. Angie - Air Pac is over \$ 8,000.

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins seconded by Carla Bauer to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm.

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

The next Town of Redfield Town Board meeting will be held Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 7:00pm.

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Susan Hough, Town Clerk

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