

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, DECEMBER 13, 2022

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

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

Absent: Elaine Yerdon - Councilwoman

In addition, Russell Montieth -Highway Superintendent, Nick Smith – Assessor and Angie Kimball - Tug Hill Commission
Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 22-

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer that the General Fund Bills - Abstract #12 Vouchers 324- 335, 338-340, 350-354,359-360

	Totaling \$ 31,518.86 and
Light District #1 - Abstract #12 Voucher 327	Totaling \$ 925.35

Be paid.

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

Resolution 22-

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander that the Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 12 Vouchers 324,341-349,356,358 Totaling \$ 64,143.69

Be paid.

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

Resolution 22-

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

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

Susan Hough, Town Clerk: Sue was not present for the meeting and the M. Tompkins reported that he did not have a copy of her monthly report.

Resolution 22-

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and second by Terry Harlander to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2022 meeting as presented.

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

Resolution 22-

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and second by Terry Harlander to accept the minutes of the October 25, 2022 meeting as presented.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – MICHAEL YERDON

Mike was not present. He had sent his report of permits for the month for the Board to review.

OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATOR – MICHAEL YERDON

Mike was not present; he had a county meeting to deal with some issues with the budget before it was scheduled to be approved.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

The new Volvo loader was delivered 11/29/22.

The board asked about warranty status on the machine and Russell reported a 3,000 hour/5-year warranty on the emissions system (the Cat loader just traded had 1,300 hours in 3 years). There is a one-year bumper-to-bumper warranty and some components are a life-time warranty. He reported that the machine seems to be working well, he likes the forks they purchased with the machine, and it seems to have good visibility especially for loading the trucks. He also discussed removing the radio and speaker from the old loader and mentioned some issues. United Radio was unable to repair the radio they have had since August. They have been using a loaner radio from the County in the interim. A remanufactured radio to replace this inoperable radio would be \$679. He discussed some repairs to the 2007 truck which are being done to the sander, and some other truck/equipment repairs. Regarding the 2014 truck repair, the new body came, but it was incorrect. They have the correct components finally and are working on it now. The Board approved the estimate from Henderson's last month. He hopes to have the truck back soon. After the new budget year starts, he feels they need to look at their finances and begin the process to order a new truck. The wait time for a new heavy truck is at least 2 years before delivery and that would keep them on their replacement schedule (due for a new truck in 2025). There is a price increase expected in January and another by probably April, with reports of a new emissions charge coming soon (the manufacturers don't expect to be able to meet the new federal emission standards, but the fees aren't set yet).

ASSESSOR - NICK SMITH

He reported that the RPS (real property system?) is frozen currently for generation of the county taxes, so he has been limited in what he can do currently. He had entered some building permits and has one correction that needs to be completed as soon as the system is able to be accessed. He also mentioned a change of his personal schedule and that he would be changes his office hours to the 2nd and last Tuesday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. as a result. He is available by appointment as well.

TUG HILL COMMISSION – ANGELA KIMBALL

REMINDER: The Tug Hill Commission is looking to hire a Senior Planner or an Entry-level planner to assist local governments in the rural Tug Hill region in land use planning, local law development and revision, and general technical support to planning boards and other municipal boards. For a complete job description visit the Commission's website at www.tughill.org/job-openings/. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to Matt Johnson at the Commission office. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. The NYS Department of State has filed a Notice of Adoption of a rule repealing and replacing Part 1203 of Title 19 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations. Executive Law § 381(2) provides that local governments (cities, towns, and villages and, under some circumstances, counties) are required to administer and enforce the Uniform Code. Based on the new versions of the Uniform Code and Energy Code effective since May of 2020, corresponding changes were necessary to 19 NYCRR Part 1203 to coordinate these rules and regulations for administration and enforcement of the Uniform Code and Energy Code. This means that local governments will have until December 30, 2022 to update their code enforcement programs

by local law, ordinance, or other appropriate regulation. An updated model local law is available on the [Department of State's website](#) as well as full text of the [amended rule](#). The NYS Dept. of State's Division of Local Government Services has announced their Winter Webinar series of training for planning and zoning board members. The classes include "County Referrals" on Dec. 14th; State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) on Dec. 21st; Planning Board Overview on January 11th and Zoning Board of Appeals Overview on January 18th. For more information on the sessions and to register visit <https://dos.ny.gov/local-government-training-schedule> and find the Winter Webinar Sessions you are interested in. The classes are good for a portion (hours of training credited are listed in the session description) of the four hours of annual training required for Planning and Zoning Board members. The Tug Hill Commission will be hosting a hybrid webinar event on Saturday January 29, 2023 at Snow Ridge Ski Resort in Turin. The Snow Ridge Ski Resort will host a panelist presentation on-site, which will also be broadcast online via Zoom. Webinar attendance is free of charge, but pre-registration is required. The event will feature several speakers who will talk about the history of the 70-plus years of operation at Snow Ridge. Stay tuned for more details as they become available. The Environmental Finance Center Network is sponsoring a free, small water systems webinar on Wednesday, December 14 at Noon. Moderated by Dr. Jack Kartez, Emeritus Director of the New England Environmental Finance Center, this webinar will cover numerous topics and will be a peer discussion, led by questions and comments from attendees. It is geared towards utility managers and operators of water systems serving less than 10,000 people, decision-makers for water utilities, including mayors, finance officers, utility managers, public works directors, city councilors, board members and clerks and is an interactive discussion of lessons and questions about resilience broadly defined. For more information contact Averil Davis at adavis02@syr.edu and register [HERE](#). NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) recently announced the High Hazard Dam Rehabilitation) grant program. DEC will accept applications to provide assistance (up to \$100,000) for technical, planning, design, and other pre-construction activities related to the repair, replacement, reconstruction, or removal activities associated with rehabilitation of an eligible high hazard potential dam. Applications are due February 10, 2023. More information is available from New York's Grants Gateway. Data on dams across the state can be viewed on DEC's [DECinfo Locator](#), an interactive map that provides geospatial access to DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites in NYS, as well as outdoor recreation information. Electric utilities in New York are offering an opportunity for income-eligible residential customers to have all utility debt prior to May 1, 2022 erased. Please help spread the word to National Grid or NYSEG customers who could benefit from the Electric and Gas Bill Relief Program. The deadline to enroll is Dec. 31, 2022. National Grid customers can visit bit.ly/3tAmeN7 for information. Folks in Jefferson and Lewis Counties can contact ANCA's Annie Arnold at aarnold@adirondack.org for more information. The CTHC is pleased to announce that we have hired a new Associate Circuit Rider to fill the vacancy left by outgoing Associate Kelley Martin. Our new Associate's name is Christine Healt and she is from Boonville. We will be introducing Christine at the December meetings of the Boards she will be covering. The Circuit Rider who covers your meeting may have shifted with due to the logistics of where we are located on the Hill but rest assured that someone will be covering your meeting. You can always contact any of us and we will make sure any questions you have are answered to the best of our ability. -The December Tug Hill Commission meeting date is Monday December 12th. The meeting will be held at the Town of Watertown Municipal Building (22867 Co. Rd. 67, Watertown) from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The public is welcome to attend the meeting. -The Commission's 2023 Local Government Conference has been scheduled for April 5th and 6th and will be held at the Turning Stone Event Center in Verona. There will be an optional special presentation the afternoon of April 5th on Unmanned Aerial Systems (drones) followed by the reception. The main day- long conference will be held April 6th with sessions for town and village

boards, planning and zoning boards, clerks, highway departments and assessors, as in the past. The registration materials should be out soon, stay tuned for more information. There were no questions for her.

-Clayton Conover, the Dog Control Officer was not present it had been brought to the attention of the Supervisor that an updated contract for his services and the use of his kennel, is being required by the NYS Ag and Markets representative.

Resolution 22-

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and second by Terry Harlander to approve the Supervisor to sign the contract for the services of Clayton Conover as Dog Control Officer and the contract for the use of his kennel, after a review of the contacts by the Board (to be conducted via email) and no objection to the written language.

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

The contract with Northern Oswego County Ambulance (NOCA) was reviewed.

Resolution 22-

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and second by Corey Yerdon to approve the 2023 Northern Oswego County Ambulance (NOCA) Ambulance contract.

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

NOCA REPRESENTATIVE – TERRY HARLANDER

T. Harlander gave a report as the new NOCA rep. He had to send an application to become a member of their Board, which was approved. He reported that much of the information from their meeting was confidential, but he would report on what he was able. He will continue to attend and be a liaison between the Town Board and the NOCA Board. NOCA currently has 5 ambulances in service, with 4 of those currently outfitted to be used as Advanced Life Support (ALS) rigs. They have been awarded some funding from the County’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding which will allow them to transition the final ambulance to provide ALS service. They have a new ambulance coming in the spring and he also reported they have a new billing company called Multi-Med. They are currently fully staffed.

Resolution 22-

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and second by Carla Bauer to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person at 7:37pm.

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

Resolution 22-

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and second by Corey Yerdon to exit executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person at 7:51pm.

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

SUPERVISOR - MATTHEW TOMPKINS

M. Tompkins reported that minimum wage will be increasing, per state mandate, by \$1.00/hour on January 1st, 2023. The Board discussed increasing the salaries of their seasonal employees and also discussed separating the seasonal employees into classifications.

Resolution 22-

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and second by Terry Harlander to set the salaries for part-time/seasonal Laborer's (non- CDL holding employees) to \$15.25/hour and the salary for part-time/seasonal MEO's (CDL holding employees) to \$16.25/hour starting January 1st, 2023.

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

A motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Corey Yerdon adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

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

The next Town of Redfield Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00pm.

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Minutes taken by Angie Kimball for TClerk Susan Hough