

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, JUNE 13, 2023

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

- Elaine Yerdon – Councilwoman/Deputy Supervisor
- Terry Harlander - Councilman
- Carla Bauer – Councilwoman
- Corey Yerdon - Councilman

Absent: Matthew Tompkins – Supervisor

In addition, Russell Montieth -Highway Superintendent, Nick Smith - Assessor, Michael Yerdon – Code Enforcement Officer, Angie Kimball - CTHC Circuit Rider, Marty Mattison, Barb Bird, Bob Bird, Dustin Wyman – Nixon Peabody, Jeff Twitty – Nixon Peabody, Ambrose Yerdon Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander that the General Fund Bills - Abstract #06 Vouchers 162-175,186-190,192,

194,195 Totaling \$ 11,214.12

and Light District #1 - Abstract #06 Voucher 178 Totaling \$ 823.07

Be paid.

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

Resolution 23-

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

Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 06 Vouchers 175,179-185,191,193,196 Totaling \$ 103,203.23

Be paid.

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

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer that the Supervisors Report and the payroll sheets be accepted as presented.

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

TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH

We had 5 DECALS, 4 Certified Copies and 12 Dog Licenses. Received notice from Oswego County we will not be holding a Primary in our building on June 27th. We will need to bid the garbage out at the next meeting. Account DA5130.4 is overdrawn – the reason is we received the Insurance check to pay for the repairs on the truck in 2022 but didn't spend the money until 2023.

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander to authorize Supervisor Matthew Tompkins to amend the budget in the amount of \$ 46,518 from the unexpended fund balance to the DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual.

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

We received one (1) bid for the advertisement for Propane, Gas and Diesel
Town Clerk opened the sealed bid – Bid is from Superior Plus Propane. CM C. Yerdon – with one (1) bid we have nothing to compare and it was only for one (1) of the products advertised.

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander to reject the bid received from Superior Plus Propane.

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

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough advertise: **LEGAL NOTICE** The Town of Redfield will be accepting sealed bids until 2:00pm on July 11, 2023 for the following items for 2023/2024: **Propane** for the Redfield Municipal Building at 4830 County Route 17, Redfield, NY 13437, the winning bidder must provide, install and maintain the propane tank. Propane for the Redfield Highway Garage at 1 Balcom Drive, Redfield, NY 13437, this location has two (2) 1000-gallon buried tanks. The Town of Redfield uses approximately 4,800 gallons. **Ultra-low sulfur Diesel fuel** (Oct – March, must meet a pour point rating of -44°F) and the remainder of the year the bidder must provide #2 diesel fuel for maximum efficiency use in Highway Department vehicles. The Town will require automatic delivery and the bidder must maintain at least a 50% level in the fuel tanks at all times. The Town owns a 2000-gallon diesel tank with a fuel pump. Bidder will maintain the pump, change out filters, hoses and nozzles as needed and provide a spare filter for emergencies. **Regular gas** (87 Octane) for maximum efficiency for use by the Highway Department. The Town owns a 500-gallon tank with a fuel pump. Bidder will maintain the pump, change out filters, hoses and nozzles as needed and provide a spare filter for emergencies. The Town of Redfield uses approximately 16,500 gallons of diesel fuel and 4,500 gallons of gasoline. Sealed bids will be accepted by Susan Hough, Town Clerk – hours Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am-2pm, 4830 County Route 17, PO Box 178, Redfield, NY 13437 and will be opened and read at the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 2023 at 7:15pm at the Redfield Municipal Building. The Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – MICHAEL YERDON

Mike has issued fourteen (14) permits and has four (4) others he's working on; one is a new house 1500sq ft waiting on the drawings. Everything is going smoothly. CW E. Yerdon – have you done the RV permits? Mike – yes, a lot are RV Permits. CW C. Bauer – how many RV permits compared to last year?

OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATOR – MICHAEL YERDON

Mike –working on Local Law for the Fire Department members exemption. The are paving roads and will replace the Castor Drive bridge this summer. CW C. Bauer – when are they going to replace the bridge, the school bus will need to be able to use it. Mike – they are replacing a culvert by Vern Randall's also.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

Russell – they will not be replacing the Castor Drive bridge until the end of the summer. It's contingent on getting the beams, the County is keeping him up-to-date and realize the school bus needs to use it. Both road mowers he bid on; he was outbid by \$ 100. Another one listed but looks to be in bad shape and is 25 years old, feels it would cost too much for repairs, and doesn't want to go backwards. Road Broom \$ 12,000 – in the process of private sell to the Town of Orwell and Town of Boylston for the old broom so we can put the money back into the equipment account. It will be good to have two (2) brooms in our area. June 1st, we did road grinding and reprofiling on the Kay Road and Barber Drive, bigger base on Barber drive because we had extra stone and it will be beneficial in the long run. We stayed until 7pm and completed the work in a day instead of two (2) days. Monday started paving work, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile on Kay Road, $\frac{2}{10}$ mile on Barber Drive saved rental for a day. Moved to Osceola today – by Potter Road, Jackson Road, Comins Road to Niciu Road should be done by Thursday. Working with other Towns like they did with us. We will be replacing three (3) culverts – Old State Road north of the turnaround, Clark Road and Harvester Mill Road by the Fish and Game Club.

ASSESSOR - NICK SMITH

NYS will be sending letter out on Friday the 16th to anyone that is going to be removed from Basic STAR. Grievance Day have three (3) parcels in question, the Board did no reduce them. He's waiting for the final roll from Oswego County.

CTHC CIRCUIT RIDER – ANGIE KIMBALL

Angie – we are working on Official Road Maps – would like to get started on the Town of Redfield, she will have Gabriel Yerdon come down and meet with you. The Commission's 50th year – Tug Hill Sage Awards – goes to an individual with knowledge of the Tug Hill, lifelong involvement in the region deadline is August 15th, she knows there are people in Town that qualify.

REMINDER: The 2023 Black River Watershed Conference has been scheduled for June 14th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be held at Zero Dock Street (130 Canal St., Carthage). The conference will feature speakers on topics including invasive species, the Black River Adaptive Modeling project, Soil and Water Conservation District updates, emerging contaminants including PFAS, and road salt research. The cost for the conference is \$45 and are due by May 30th. Register at www.tinyurl.com/BRWC2023 or contact Jennifer Harvill at the Commission office for questions or assistance at jennifer@tughill.org or 315-785-2392. REMINDER: The St. Lawrence Eastern Lake Ontario Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (SLELO PRISM) is hosting a day-long Eastern Lake Ontario Invasive Species Symposium at the Tailwater Lodge in Altmar on June 22nd with registrations due by June 14th. The event is free and will have presentations from state and local stakeholders. Visit <https://www.sleloinvasives.org/event/2023-symposium/> for more information and the link to register for the event. The Tug Hill Commission has obtained a MetroCount MC5900 Series Roadside Unit with related software for computer desktop analysis available for the use of any of our Tug Hill municipalities, free of charge. The MetroCount system collects data on vehicle counts, speed, class, direction, flow, spacing, etc. These metrics can be compiled into reports, summaries, and graphs. Commission staff will set-up the equipment for one week and retrieve it from a municipality specified location. If your highway department is interested in commission staff facilitating the collection of road data to produce vehicle and traffic data reports, fill out the form [HERE](#) and contact Gabriel Yerdon at the Commission office at gabriel@tughill.org or 315-785-2387 for help or any questions. The 2023 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) is now open! Some of the funding programs available are the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Environmental Protection Funds for Parks, Preservation and

Heritage, the Recreational Trails program, the Local Government Efficiency program, NY Mainstreet grants, the Local Waterfront Revitalization program, Climate Smart Communities grants, Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) and many more. Visit <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/> for more information and the available resources, CFA manual and the REDC Guidebook. The deadline to apply for a CFA this year is Friday July 28th at 4 p.m. Contact your circuit rider if you have a grant in mind and need help. Competitive grant funding is now available for municipalities, Indian Nations, and not-for-profit organizations for urban and community forestry projects. The goal of this funding is to increase the health of community forests and strengthen local community forestry programs. Applicants in smaller communities of less than 65,000 people may apply for up to \$75,000 and the application is done through the Grants Gateway (<https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/> and search “tree”). For more information about the State’s Urban and Community Forestry Program visit: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5285.html>. Deadline to apply for tree inventory and community forest management plan projects (DEC01-UCF1-2023) is June 21st. The deadline to apply for tree planting and tree maintenance projects (DEC01-UCF2-2023) is August 16th. DEC Bureau of Fisheries Chief, Lake Ontario Unit Leader, and respective regional fisheries managers will be on-hand at two upcoming public meetings hosted by DEC partners with the closest to Tug Hill being held in Mexico. DEC experts will talk about the current state of Lake Ontario sport fisheries and take questions on a wide array of management actions and research taking place on the lake and tributaries. At the meetings, interested anglers will have the opportunity to speak directly with staff after a brief presentation. The event will be held June 21st starting at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 5930 Scenic Ave., Mexico. For more information visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/127725.html>. Round 3 of the Regenerate New York Forestry Cost Share grant program is available now. The purpose of this grant program is to support the regeneration of forests so they may continue to deliver vital services such as mitigating climate change, protecting air and water quality, and supporting the economy. Young forests in New York face many challenges today that did not exist a century ago and active management of the land is essential to ensure the survival of young trees and allow forests to become established or renew themselves. Regenerate NY is a cost share reimbursement program, so applicants would pay the costs upfront and be reimbursed 75% of the costs. Eligible applicants must have at least five acres and complete one of four eligible projects. Minimum grant award is \$10,000 and maximum is \$100,000. Applications must be submitted through the Grants Gateway and will be accepted through October 6th or until they exhaust their funding, whichever comes first. For more information visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/119950.html>. The New York Planning Federation has announced Fall Planning and Zoning School dates. The Federation has scheduled five training dates around the state running from August to October. The closest to the Tug Hill region are the training courses scheduled for Utica on October 5th and Lake Placid on October 12th. Registration information, speakers and agendas will be available in the coming weeks, so stay tuned. The New York Archives Conference will be holding a free virtual conference on June 16th from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The conference agenda and registration link can be found at <https://www.nyarchivists.org/nyac/>. Archivists, students, and other professionals are all welcome to attend the conference. Currently there are no dues to be a member of the organization. SAVE THE DATES: -The June Tug Hill Commission meeting is scheduled for June 26th at the Village of Castorland (5185 State Route 410, Castorland) starting at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to the public.

NIXON AND PEABODY – JEFF TWITTY

Jeff – here to discuss the Maple Hill Tower – Jarad Lusk was at the last meeting regarding the project on the Co Rt 17. The site will be located at 6200 County Route 17, 80ft X 125ft, limited access, fenced in so there’s no public access, set back about 500ft trees will block it from view, it won’t be tall enough to be lighted, driveway will be 30ft. Highway Superintendent Russell

Montieth – what are your plans to take care of the water that comes out on to the road in the winter?
Jeff – there are specific tactics to take, should all be addressed in the site plan and SEQR process.
Russell – so much water comes down the hill and brings sediments. The County has to come up and dig the ditch out. Ambrose Yerdon – can't remember the last time the County dug the ditch out.
Russell – they dig it out every year. Mike – you will need to meet with Oswego County Highway Superintendent Shawn Walker and the engineering for the highway. There was discussion. Angie – you would make sure the application is complete, sent to Oswego County, etc. the SEQR process for the Town Board is after the Public Hearing. CW C. Bauer – asked about high-speed internet, FIOS. Jeff – is not sure, will try to get an answer for next meeting. CW E. Yerdon – would like to wait until Matthew is back as she wants to make sure everything has been completed. CM C. Yerdon – can't assume the actions are done, we need to wait until the next regular meeting.

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Terry Harlander to table the Verizon Tower at 6200 County Route 17 until Supervisor Matthew Tompkins confirms the appropriate steps have been taken for the project.

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

Jeff – so we will come back for the July 11th meeting. Regarding the other Tower on County Route 17 – then acceptance was contingent on the Fire Department confirming there was not an issue with access to the tower with them, they send a letter regarding the driveway so the issue is resolved.

ROBERT AND BARBARA BIRD

Barb presented a subdivision application for property located at 44 County Route 39; they are subdividing into two (2) parcels. Her surveyor only gave her four (4) copies of the preliminary map.

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Corey Yerdon to accept the Bird Subdivision application as complete, a check # 3629 was presented in the amount of \$ 400.00. The final plat will require seven (7) drawings, one (1) being mylar for signature and filing with Oswego County.

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

MARTY MATTISON

Marty – would like to subdivide property on Jess Drive into six (6) lots, one (1) of the lots with a cabin that's already built on it. Each parcel will have 200 ft of road frontage and go back to Barber Road. Town Clerk gave Marty the necessary paperwork.

CM C. Yerdon – hasn't received an update from National Grid on the LED project so he will contact them. Mike – sent the paperwork in regarding the Class he took for the \$ 5,000 grant money.

A motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Corey Yerdon adjourn at 7:53 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, July 11, 2023 at 7:00pm.