

UNREVIEWED

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, JULY 11, 2023

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

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

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, Stephen Fantuzzo – Nixon Peabody, Matt Spendley, and 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 #07 Vouchers 197-208,217,219,221 Totaling \$ 10,670.06
and Light District #1 - Abstract #07 Voucher 216 Totaling \$ 778.41
Be paid.

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

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer that the
Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 07 Vouchers 208-214,218,220 Totaling \$ 133,699.24
Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 M. Tompkins, 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 payroll sheets be accepted as presented.

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

NIXON AND PEABODY – STEPHEN FANTUZZO

Stephen – installing a 180 ft tower on County Route 17N property of Ambrose Yerdon’s. Concerns regarding the run off, drainage problems on Co Rt 17, have charts demonstrating the flow, 1–2-year storm event. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins – the Town of Redfield is not responsible for Co Rt 17 unless it’s in the winter, the Snow and Ice contract. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins – Tug Hill Commission sent a package to the County Highway department, Planning Department approval. Steve Fantuzzo – there are no major issues with the County Highway Department. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins – would like the response in writing. Steve Fantuzzo – Highway was the main comment, the site provides more coverage, efficiency for the area, good setbacks, priority site. CW E. Yerdon – will this provide coverage for the rest of North Redfield area? Steve Fantuzzo - page 10B shows the improvement.

There was some discussion.

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Corey Yerdon to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise for a Public Hearing on the Cell Tower north County Route 17 for August 8, 2023 at 6:30pm.

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

CEO Michael Yerdon requested the drawings for the concrete plan for the tower for the Building Permit.

Barb Bird – presented her Subdivision. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins – procedure waiver as long as the five requirements have been met. No new driveways

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander the Town of Redfield will be the lead agency for the SEQR for Barb and Robert Birds subdivision.

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

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer the Town of Redfield has determined a negative SEQR declaration for Barb and Robert Birds subdivision.

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 Carla Bauer the Town of Redfield has granted a procedural waiver for the Bird Subdivision.

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

Supervisor Matthew Tompkins has received check # 3633 in the amount of \$ 200.00 for the Final Plat of the Bird Subdivision.

TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH

We had 2 DECALS, 4 Dog Licenses, 1 Death Certificate. TC S. Hough opened the sealed bids received for the Propane, Gas and Diesel bid. Glider Oil – Propane \$ 1.749, Ultra Low Diesel \$ 2.6974, Kero \$ 3.2823 and Gas \$ 2.85. Superior Energy Services – Propane \$ 1.43.

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins to accepted the Superior Energy Services Propane bid of \$ 1.43 and Glider Oil for Ultra Low Diesel at \$ 2.6974, Kero \$ 3.2823 and Gas \$ 2.85.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – MICHAEL YERDON

Mike has done 22 permits with 2 more coming in, averaging 2-3 at a time moving along, same speed as last year.

OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATOR – MICHAEL YERDON

Had opening day at Zerbie camp – goes for 6 weeks, children 12 and under, had 30 kids. Upgrading the bath House \$ 350,000, a grant from Will Barclay of \$ 50,000, they've hired an Engineer. Legislature meeting Thursday, Redfield Sow Club grant in the amount of \$ 70,000 for their new project/building has passed through the Committee's so far and will be voted on Thursday. They reviewed the exemptions for Fire Department members and changed the qualification from 5 years to 2 years, hoping for approval and public hearing.

ASSESSOR - NICK SMITH

Mick – the State has removed 34 Basic Star exemptions; they do not give him a reason. The Final Roll is completed and issued. He will be attending a class on August 11th.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

Russell – pavement is completed – Orwell, Boylston and Williamstown, Amboy is not completed yet. Chip Sealing tomorrow in Redfield, the 17th and 18th will be chip sealing in Boylston. Have spent \$ 121,000, hoping to do a second seal on the Waterbury Road, \$ 24,000 for oil. Sandy Creek received the new Road Broom – minor concern but they will take care of it. Orwell and Boylston sent the checks for the old Broom – will still be able to use if needed. Russell has added it to our insurance. Mowing the Town properties and cemeteries – Wendy will not be able to mow the rest of the season – he would like to continue with Brad and Jaeden Darling. They have 2 culverts to replace – Harvester Mill and Clark roads. There hasn't been any action by the Committee or Legislation on the Snow and Ice Contract. Ann Stacy has taken lead for the Town Supervisors, talking about a deadline, asking for \$ 10,000 per mile, they don't want to wait until October, proposed \$ 10,000 last year settled on \$ 9,000. Steve Walpole has resigned from the Committee, Paul House taking over for the Committee, thoracically contract is between the County and Town, last year had meetings by this point. Russell asked Mike if he has heard anything and he has not. CM C. Yerdon asked Mike to look into it. Mike will have an answer in a couple of weeks. Road Mower on Auctions International – had 1900 hours and had emissions problems - new motor has 600 hours with no issues had seals brake output shaft issue. CW C. Bauer – asked Russell if he has been up to look at mower? Russell – no – Superintendent said it's been a great machine, some tire wear but nothing that needs replacing soon. CM C. Yerdon – how much money is in the budget? There was discussion.

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Elaine Yerdon to authorize Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth to bid up to \$ 76,500 for 2017 New Holand TS120 Tractor with Flail mowers on Auction International.

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

Supervisor Matthew Tompkins – we need to put the Garbage Contract out for bid – language to be added to the contract – No Fuel Surcharges. Discussion regarding the Garbage Contract and containers, dump day.

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Matthew Tompkins and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise the Garbage Contract with and without containers.

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

Supervisor Matthew Tompkins – The Welcome to Redfield signs – if put on the County Roads would need 8 signs – Matt will look into them. CM C. Yerdon – we need to look at the Snowmobile Law and review the open roads. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins will put on the August agenda. CM T. Harlander – need to look at the building demolition procedure and agree on wording for requirements. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins – need to have a fee schedule – sill put on the September agenda. Angie – look into a Board for Variances.

CTHC CIRCUIT RIDER – ANGIE KIMBALL

REMINDER: 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. REMINDER: 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. REMINDER: 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 for all five sessions is available at <https://nypf.org/2023-summer-fall-training-schools/>. Cost for the classes is \$105 for NYPF members and \$130 for non-members. Additionally, NYPF is having another “Learn at Lunch” series webinar on July 12th from noon to 1 p.m. The session is on “Reading and Interpreting Site Plans” and registration is available by emailing your name, email address and municipality to nypf@nypf.org.

As part of the Tug Hill Commission’s 50th anniversary celebration, they are once again seeking nominations for Tug Hill Sages. Since 1983, the distinction of “Tug Hill Sage” has been bestowed upon local individuals who have demonstrated a lifelong commitment to the region through leadership, civic involvement, and community service – or individuals who have otherwise directly contributed to improving the quality of life for those on the Hill. Sages also have a deep knowledge of the Tug Hill region’s heritage, culture, and environment. To date, 36 individuals have been recognized for their contributions to the region. Nominations are due by August 15th and the Tug Hill Commissioners will select the individuals to be honored at the Commission’s annual meeting on October 19th. Visit the Commission’s website at www.tughill.org for nomination forms and criteria. Contact Taylor McKinney at 315-785-2606 or Taylor@tughill.org with questions. The Commission is also hosting an in-person training on “Highway Departments and Town Budgets” at the Town of Trenton municipal building (8520 Old Poland Rd., Barneveld) on Wednesday August 23rd from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The session will be provided by Laird Petrie (Office of the State Comptroller, retired) and will discuss statutory duties of both the town board and the highway superintendent when it comes to highway operations including the highway budget, hiring, and firing highway workers and control of highway equipment. This session will repeat what was presented in Adams in the May session. Call 315-785-2380 or email tughill@tughill.org to register (or let your circuit rider know and we will get you signed up). The Tug Hill Commission in partnership with the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Black River invite you to join Chief Laurie Carr, Chief of the Hiawatha First Nation Council and Assistant Professor Chadwick Cowie for an introduction to the Michi Saagiig Nishnaabeg, the Nation itself, and the confederacy it belongs to. The presentation will be held at the South Lewis Central School Auditorium or by Zoom on July 28th starting at 6:30 p.m. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/BRHiawatha>. SAVE THE DATES: -There is no Tug Hill Commission meeting scheduled for July. -The CTHC Executive Committee will be meeting in July, but details aren’t available yet. Keep an eye on the CTHC website (www.tughillcouncil.com) for meeting details as they become available.

A motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Matthew Tompkins adjourn at 8:27 p.m.
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 Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7:00pm.

July 11, 2023
Susan C. Hough, Town Clerk

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