

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Carla Bauer that the Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 08 Vouchers 229,231-236,239 Totaling \$ 27,265.72 Be paid.

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

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Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Terry Harlander that the July payroll sheets and June supervisors report be accepted as presented.

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

TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH

Town Clerk had 4 DECALS, 13 Dog Licenses and 2 Marriage Licenses. She needs some of the lights replaced in the hallway. Wondering if there is someone that could pressure wash the building? Tanya had hired Ray Fox and used her pressure washer the last time. There was discussion. She had been asked by a resident if a Children at Play sign could be put up on the Ryan Road. Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth – our Insurance Company forbids the signs – could be interpreted as the Town is ok with Kids being in the road. Also, received NYMIR recommendations.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – MICHAEL YERDON

Mike – has completed 30 permits, working on 5 more and has been answering Zoning questions.

OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATOR – MICHAEL YERDON

Mike – Legislature meeting is in Pulaski on Thursday at 2pm., should be voting on the Volunteer Firemen’s Local Law exemption. The Redfield Snowmobile Club received a grant of \$ 70,000 for their new building project from Oswego County COVID Relief Funds, all they have to do is complete the needed paperwork.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

Russell – We purchased a 2017 New Holland TS120 Tractor with Flail Mowers, used it a few times, Hydraulic leak, crack both sides of crank, fixed and back together, did McCaw and Ryan roads. Coupler problem, took it to Empire to be fixed, rebuild for \$ 1,000 converting over, just as reliable. Lists for \$ 129,000, purchased for \$ 59,950 plus County transportation, complete set of filters, manner knives. Finished up Kay and Barber roads, chip seal, shoulders, signs are still up because of soft shoulders. Have \$ 29,000 left in Capital Outlay, quotes from Midland and Suit Kote to do 1.6 miles on Waterbury Road. Change culverts on Old State and Clark roads on Monday couldn’t because of the weather, tomorrow we will replace Clark Road and Old State culverts if we have time, next week culvert on Harvester Mill Road, thinking about putting another small pipe in. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins – can you put a bigger one in? Ken Burd – when you cut the brush back it gets in the ditch, backs up, flooded the trap House – does the Town have Insurance for that Damage? Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth – water was coming out of the pond. Ken Burd – it’s only 3ft deep. Russell – there was 6in of water in 24 hours, McCaw Road flooded where it never does, so much water, check the culverts and keep them cleaned out all the time.

Francis Adams – why can't you put a bigger pipe in? Russell – we can't put 18in of coverage. Boylston will assist us; we will help them within next couple weeks. Met with the Bridge crew, start in 2 weeks around the 21st on Caster Road, 6-8 weeks, half the bridge at a time, 9ft width passage, change center beam, wider than current bridge from 21 to 24. CW C. Bauer – has Sandy Creek School been notified. Russell – yes – they won't be affected at all, no one on that road, County Highway notifies them. Thursday the 10th meeting Tug Hill Commission on Minimum Maintenance map, update GPS, someone will be doing training with her.

ASSESSOR – NICK SMITH

Nick – been reviewing the building permits, has Assessment class on Friday.

CTHC CIRCUIT RIDER – ANGIE KIMBALL

Angie - REMINDER: 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. Additionally, as the Commission celebrates its 50th Anniversary, they are collecting memories and best wishes for the future in advance of our October 19 Anniversary Bash and Annual Dinner. To do this, we need our communities' help. To share your memories, the Commission has started a video album on Memento, a free platform which makes it easy to collect, record and preserve your stories. To visit the Tug Hill Commission's Memento album, please use the following link: tinyurl.com/tughillmemento. When directed to the page, simply click "Join the Video," and you can record yourself then and there on your internet browser. REMINDER: 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). Governor Kathy Hochul announced this week in Syracuse that \$200 million in funding is available through NYS's two signature downtown revitalization and economic development programs — \$100 million each for Round 7 of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) and Round 2 of the NY Forward program, which focuses on revitalizing smaller and rural downtowns. Applications are available on the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and NY Forward websites. The deadline to apply for these programs is September 29th. An additional round of community forest conservation grants is now available through the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Municipalities can use this funding to purchase land or conservation easements to create new or expand existing community forests and protect land from development. Grant awards ranging from \$50,000 to \$300,000 are available for reimbursing the costs to acquire land, including the purchase price, appraisal, survey and boundary marking, title search, recording fees, and attorney fees. A 10

percent match is required. Acquired properties must be 10 or more contiguous acres, have forests on at least 75 percent of the property, be accessible to the public, and provide public benefits such as recreational opportunities, flood mitigation, wildlife habitat, clean water, and forest products. Visit the DEC's webpage at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/124345.html> for more information. Members of the Lewis County Water Quality Coordinating Committee and the Tug Hill Commission are currently seeking volunteers to participate this fall in an annual citizen science/trash cleanup event. The Black River Trash Bash, now entering its 14th year, is organized annually by the Lewis and Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Tug Hill Commission. More volunteers from partner agencies, volunteer groups or local citizens who want to do their part to get involved in their regional watershed are always needed! The exact date of the next cleanup is still pending, so stay tuned for further details! If interested in participating or seek further information, please contact Gabriel Yerdon at gabriel@tughill.org or 315-785-2387. The Lewis County Planning and Community Development Department will again be sponsoring a land use training workshop for local land use officials on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 from approximately 4:00-8:00 PM (Note: final time may change slightly) at the Lewis County-JCC Education Center. This year's training topics are still being finalized but additional final details will be sent out later this month. We wanted to make sure you were able to pencil this workshop onto your calendars well in advance. NYS Archives has an upcoming webinar titled "How to Process and Purge Inactive Records" which will be held September 27th, from 10 to 11 a.m. This webinar will walk you through this journey from start to finish sharing 25 years of processing and purging tips and tricks along the way. They will touch on transferring records to inactive storage, identifying and organizing records, applying retention schedules, destroying records, and so much more. Visit the Archives Workshop webpage to register. New York Planning Federation has scheduled their next Learn at Lunch session on "Preparing for an Electric Mobility Future"- for August 16th starting at noon. Join them to learn about the implementation challenges, funding opportunities, planning considerations, and NYS case studies that will advance your knowledge on how to better manage the fast-growing world of electric vehicles at the municipal level. The deadline to sign up is August 14th and you can register by emailing your name, email address and municipality to the Planning Federation at nypf@nypf.org. There is no Tug Hill Commission meeting scheduled for August. The CTHC Executive Committee has set a tentative date for the fall meeting for Thursday 9/21. Location and other details to be finalized soon, so stay tuned. Any questions?

Supervisor Matthew Tompkins – Highways open to Snowmobiles – does the Board have any roads to be open? Ken Burd – are the open roads the same as last year? Jerry Arzie – would like to open unplowed part of Caster Road ¼ mile this side of Stave Mill. CM C. Yerdon – against grooming – doesn't want to open a gateway to Caster Road. Jerry Arzie – how do they get to Stave Mill Club? Ambrose Yerdon – they walk. Jerry Arzie – ¼ mile before Stave Mill club, from Townline to Gate, need to get to the new trail DEC installed. CM C. Yerdon - the Town line stops before the gate. Jerry Arzie – we are trying to get off of Caster Road, there's no reason to groom to road unless an emergency. CW C. Bauer – we submitted paperwork to all Clubs of Roads open – the closed Roads need to be off the map. Jerry Arzie – talked to the map maker – Caster Road not a trail. There was discussion. Francis Adams – all roads in the Town of Redfield were open to snowmobiles. CM C. Yerdon – our law states to review the open roads list every year, that is what we are doing. Ken Burd – talked to Erin of the DEC Scriba Drive trail won't be open this year – have gates up for ATV's. Russell – met with Erin of the DEC – going to have them come out on Brocks Road, new trail to Stave Mill, logging roads to Brocks Road to County Route 17 to Old State. Jerry Murphy – road closed from McCaw Road to trail head. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins – we can't open roads that don't go from a trail head to a trail head, he had a gentleman that was irate to him, it's explained at every meeting.

Russell – Chris Steele is in charge of that trail, Erin is his boss, that’s the solution they have come up with. Jerry Arzie – last year Kay Road was left off, it goes from a trail head to a trail head. We don’t want to run our sleds on roads, but we have to get from A to B. Plow Trucks and School Buses do more damage than snowmobiles, no groomer goes down that road, have an established trail at both ends of Kay Road, safer option is Kay Road than County Route 2, doesn’t want tickets issued. Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth – the Kay Road is brand new, not a hot mix, it’s cold, Suit Kote said it’s better to let it set for a winter. It will be just like Harvester Mill Road, carbines and studs put holes in the road. CM C. Yerdon – is not interested in opening Kay Road. There was discussion. Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth – we have put \$ 130,000 into black top, oil and stone on the Kay Road. CM T. Harlander – if recommended to not run sleds for a year he’s for that, we can’t afford to put money into Roads, only get CHIPS money every 10 years. Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth – Suit Kote stated no snowmobiles this winter, they have to warranty it. Jerry Arzie – how long has it been since the Town has worked/put money into the Kay Road? Francis Adams – has been done for 20 years – nothing was done on road prior to that. Jerry Arzie – hard to believe damage was done by snowmobiles. Jerry Arzie wants it stated in the minutes that Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth has stated that Suit Kote told him not to allow snowmobiles on the Kay Road for a year. Supervisor Matthew Tompkins – liability issue for the Town.

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Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Carla Bauer to approve the following Town of Redfield portions of Highways as open to snowmobiles as of August 8, 2023.

TOWN OF REDFIELD -Highways **OPEN** to Snowmobiles: Little John Drive from County Route 17 to End of Town Road 1.44 miles, Barber Drive from County Route 17 to End of Road, Old State Road from County Route 17 to County Route 17, Jess Drive from Old State Road to End of Road, Harvester Mill Road from County Route 17 to County Route 47, Fox Road from Minimum Maintenance Section to the Turnaround, Ryan Road from Snowmobile Trail to Waterbury Road 1/2 mile, and O'Hara Road from County Route 17 to Williamstown Town Line.

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

Resolution 23-

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Supervisor Matthew Tompkins to sign the Other Landowner or Administrator Permissions: for the use and maintenance of snowmobile trails by the Redfield Snowmobile Association on property under the ownership/management of the Town of Redfield.

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

Supervisor Matthew Tompkins – we will need both Clubs Certificate of Insurance. TC S. Hough has received the Redfield Snowmobile clubs.

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Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander to authorize Supervisor Matthew Tompkins to sign the Other Landowner or Administrator Permissions: for the use and maintenance of snowmobile trails by the Pulaski Boylston Snowmobile Club on property under the ownership/management of the Town of Redfield.

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

Supervisor Matthew Tompkins will send out the letter of understanding and roads open to the clubs.

CW C. Bauer – Budget Package about NY Class for investing money – talked to another Town that has made money, we should look into this.

TClerk S. Hough – didn't receive any bids for garbage.

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Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise the Garbage Contract with and without containers and to send to local Companies.

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

CW E. Yerdon – did we get any information on the Welcome Signs? Supervisor Matthew Tompkins to get quotes.

CM C. Yerdon – LED Street Light upgrade is completed – all brand-new lights.

A motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Matthew Tompkins adjourn at 8:13 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, September 12, 2023 at 7:00pm.

August 8, 2023
Susan C. Hough, Town Clerk

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