

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, JULY 8, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on July 8, 2025 at the Redfield Municipal Building at 7:00pm. Roll call was taken and the following board members were present:

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

In addition, Russell Montieth -Highway Superintendent, Nick Smith – Assessor, Michael Yerdon – Code Enforcement Officer, and Susan Hough – Town Clerk

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 25-56

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander that the General Fund Bills - Abstract #07 Vouchers 160-175,185,186,188 Totaling \$ 17,374.94 Be paid.

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

Resolution 25-57

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Carla Bauer that the Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 07 Vouchers 173-184 Totaling \$ 42,348.58 Be paid.

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

Resolution 25-58

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Corey Yerdon that the Supervisors Report and Payroll Sheets be accepted as presented.

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

TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH

We had 8 Dog Licenses, 1 Certified Copies, 2 Marriage License and 3 DECAL sales. She will be on vacation from August 6, 2025 to August 26, 2025. She asked Suz to take the minutes for her. Yvonne will be working.

Resolution 25-60

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and second by Terry Harlander to approve the May 13, 2025 regular meeting as corrected as presented.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – MICHAEL YERDON

Mike had to replace his laptop, it took about 20 minutes to get it started up, working on 8 permits, has 2 done.

LEGISLATOR – MICHAEL YERDON

Mike – last Monday Legislator Infrastructure meeting – the Town of Redfield had 2 properties up for auction through Oswego County, Shawn Walker – Oswego County Highway Superintendent – the building up for auction at the Y (County Route 17 and County route 47) will not be auctioned – Oswego County will take the building down as it is in the County’s right-of-way. Shawn and Mike will do a walk through the building. Mike would write a letter to take building down, like he did for the Town buildings. CW-C. Bauer – will the attorney need to review the contract? Supervisor Mitchell Yerdon – the building is unsanitary; the Code Enforcement Officer can write a letter for that.

Resolution 25-61

Motion was made by Corey Yerdon and second by Mitchell Yerdon to authorize Michael Yerdon – Code Enforcement Officer to write a letter in regard to the building to be taken down by Oswego County similar to what the Town of Redfield did previously and to waive the demolition fees.

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

CM T. Harlander – they’re tearing the Hayloft Down. CEO M. Yerdon – they’re also doing some improvements on the Square.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

Russell – paving Ryan and Cassio roads next week, all day Monday and part of Tuesday. We will shut down Cassio Road but open to the Fire Department. Paving with neighboring Towns, - Williamstown, Boylston – Thursday and Sandy Creek next week. The culvert pipe for the O’Hara Road has been delivered. It might take a couple days, we’ve finally got a good handle on the beaver problems. Last week – Marlene from Hybrid Building Solutions stopped to see what condition the Salt Shed roof was in, she recommended replacing the roof at \$ 52,000 which would include the anchors – it came with a 15-year warranty, it’s about 17 years old. They also are putting together a grant spec for a sand building – the DEC has a Water Grant for them, which we should qualify for, it’s a 25% of cost. CM C. Yerdon – 15 years on the roof, would that be the same for a new roof? Russell – no they would put a white roof on with a 25-year warranty. CW C. Bauer – when is the County going to be mowing, it’s sketchy coming out of Castor Drive onto County Route 17. Russell – they are down a mower – it’s been in Orwell for a while – it won’t stay running, they have started Boylston. Supervisor Mitchell Yerdon – FEMA – one of the guys we’ve been dealing with is gone and we have a new guy now. Russell – it’s a new program.

ASSESSOR - NICK SMITH

Nick – Final roll has been signed on the second – 200 parcels, started mass appraisal, 3 enhanced STAR applications, 2 removed from Basic STAR, he’s working the 28th not the 21st.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL – ANGIE KIMBALL

Angie is on vacation – here is her bulletin: REMINDER: The Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) Initiative was announced earlier this week, including the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA), which combines the application process for multiple state agency grants through one application. The full 2025 list of available resources is available [here](#) (which contains information on programs listed here and others). Grant opportunities included in the CFAs which may be of interest are Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); Environmental Protection Fund grants for Parks, Preservation and Heritage; the Recreational Trails program; New York Main Street grants; Climate Smart Communities grants and Water Quality Improvement Program grants (which include salt shed grants). The CFA application is available [here](#), and the 2025 CFA application manual is available [here](#). Applications are due Thursday, July 31, at 4 p.m.

REMINDER: The New York Planning Federation (NYPF) has scheduled their “One Day Training Schools” for July 11th at the Finger Lakes Community College in Canandaigua; September 25th at the Wallace Center in Hyde Park and October 15th at the Cambria Hotel in Lake Placid. The cost for these training sessions is \$100 for NYPF members and \$120 for non-members. Visit the NYPF website for more information and to register for these training days at <https://nypf.org/>.

REMINDER: The Environmental Bond Act has \$60 million in funding available for the Green Resiliency Grant program. This is a competitive grant program designed to support flood-prone communities in implementing transformative green infrastructure projects that combat the effects of extreme weather. EFC held a webinar on May 21 to share information about this round and how to apply. A [recording of the webinar](#) is available on YouTube. Applications for this grant are due August 15, 2025. For more information as well as links to the grant information, application portal and instructions and guidance documents visit the Environment facilities Corp. website at <https://efc.ny.gov/grg>. Join American Farmland Trust and the Tug Hill Commission for a wrap-up webinar on our Advancing Agrivoltaics in NY project. After a short “agrivoltaics 101,” participants will be given an overview of what was heard in the February and March roundtables held in Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida and Oswego counties, as well as additional one-on-one interviews. The webinar will focus on several overarching themes, including challenges to farming, integrating solar and agriculture, and barriers, gaps and opportunities to advance agrivoltaics in NY. There will be time for questions and answers. Register [here](#) for the Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 7 p.m. Zoom webinar. The [NY Building Recreational Infrastructure for Communities, Kids and Seniors](#) (BRICKS) is a new program that supports municipalities and nonprofit organizations in building or renovating community centers that promote physical health, mental well-being, and community connections for youth and older adults. NY BRICKS will offer grants to fund design, construction, renovation, and land acquisition for these centers. Priority will be given to projects in underserved communities, as well as those offering affordable services like childcare, eldercare, and mental health counseling. BRICKS offers grants between \$250,000 and \$15 million to acquire, design, construct or reconstruct facilities, provide major renovations, improvements, and modernization or rehabilitation of community centers. NY BRICKS grants will require applicants to provide a 20 percent matching contribution towards the overall project cost. The application period for the NY BRICKS capital grant program will open on July 14, 2025, and applications must be submitted by August 15, 2025. Cornell Local Roads Program (CLRP) is starting their free summer foundational webinar series focusing on many important principles which are key to local highway agency operations and management. The July sessions include “Equipment Large and Small” on July 15th, “Pavement Types & Materials including Asphalt” on July 22nd and “Shop Safety and PPE” on July 29th, all running from 9 to 10 a.m. Visit the CLRP website’s [webinar page](#) for links to register for each session. All of the online webinars and virtual workshops are worth credit for CLRP’s “Road Master” program, based on the length of each session and are offered free of charge.

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has announced \$1 million for grants available through the third round of the [State's Community Forest Conservation Grant Program](#). Municipalities can use this funding to purchase land or conservation easements to create or expand community-owned forests to sustain and protect wildlife habitat, promote clean air and water, preserve biodiversity, and increase access to recreation opportunities and open space. Municipalities may apply for a minimum of \$50,000 up to a maximum of \$300,000. Awarded applicants will receive the funding in installments as they complete specific stages of the land acquisition process. Expenses eligible for reimbursement include, but are not limited to, the purchase price of the land or conservation easement, appraisal, survey and boundary marking, title search, environmental assessment, and management plan. 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. Applications are due by Sept. 17, 2025. Join Cornell Cooperative Extension throughout July for a free webinar series that will take a comprehensive look at what municipal officials and planners need to know about large-scale solar development. The four sessions run on consecutive Wednesdays in July from 5:30-7 p.m. For more information, contact Guillermo Metz, Solar & Ag Senior Resource Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension – Tompkins County, at gm52@cornell.edu. The sessions are “Working Effectively with the Community/Municipality/Developer” on July 9th (Register here), “Environmental Concerns” on July 16th ([Register here](#)), “First Responder Concerns” on July 23rd ([Register here](#)) and “Community Benefit Agreements” on July 30th ([Register here](#)). The annual Re-Leaf Conference has been scheduled for July 22-24 in Oswego at the Lake Ontario Events Center (26 East 1st St., Oswego). This year's theme is “A Century of Urban Forestry – Then, Now and Into the Future”. Continuing education credits are available for members of certain professional organizations. The cost for the full conference is \$200 for Council members and \$225 for the general public; and Wednesday 7/23 only registration is \$155 for Council members and \$180 for the general public. The deadline to register is July 15th at 5 pm. Visit <https://nysufc.org/releaf-annual-conference/> for more information and the link to register. The Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency, as lead agency for the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) review and in concert with the U.S. Department of Commerce who is lead agency for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review, released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Micron project last week. The lengthy document can be viewed at ongovd.com/microndeis2025/. There will be three public hearings on Thursday, July 24 at Liverpool High School, and the public can submit written comments until August 11. After the public comment period ends, agencies must review and respond before the final EIS is published, likely in October. Micron plans to build up to four chipmaking factories at the corner of Route 31 and Caughdenoy Road in the town of Clay. The project, estimated to cost \$100 billion and to employ 9,000 people, would be the largest private investment in New York state history. The NYS Environmental Facilities Corp. (EFC) has announced the next round of Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grants have opened with \$325 million in funding available. These grant monies are available to municipal entities, school district, Indian nation or tribe recognized by the State or the United States with a reservation wholly or partly within the boundaries of New York State, any public benefit corporation or public authority established pursuant to the laws of New York, or any agency of the State that is empowered to construct and operate a water quality infrastructure project. The Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) program provides competitive grants to help municipalities affordably undertake critical wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects. EFC uses an online application. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on September 12. EFC will hold a webinar from 10-11 a.m. on July 11 to share information about this round and how to apply. Advanced registration is required [HERE](#). For more information visit the EFC WIIA webpage at <https://efc.ny.gov/wiia>. SAVE THE DATES: - There is no July Tug Hill Commission meeting. - There is nothing scheduled for CTHC at this point.

NOCA – TERRY HARLANDER

Terry – No report due to calendar meeting is next Monday.

SUPERVISOR – MITCHELL YERDON

Mitchell – the highway garage heaters – need to rent a lift \$250 to look at them, Russell – also remove center heater red tags. Mitchell – the Hero Banners – showed the Town Board a copy of the application. We need to get a number so we know how many banners can be hung, make rules for who can buy them, 1) person signed up served when resident, 2) prioritize by resident, priority of people on the monuments. Rules for the Cemeteries – thinking of posting a sign at each cemetery – No Fences, No Campfires, No Glass or Terracotta, there was discussion – trees, plastic flowers, woody shrubs. The Myrtle Cemetery storm damage – we have to get a Tree company to clean up the fallen tree, procurement policy – around \$ 5,000 no bid – they have to be on the NYS List – Blue Line Tree removal (Jamie Darling) will get on the list –the cost is \$ 200 – working on it – doesn't like to leave the cemetery like that but has to go by the NYS law. The survey of the Greenboro cemetery – survey is done – going to blow up the working part of the cemetery. CM C. Yerdon – at the August meeting we need to review the Snowmobile roads. Mitchell – at the September meeting we have to re-appoint the Assessor.

A motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Corey Yerdon to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

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

The next Town of Redfield Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 7:00pm.

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Town Clerk Susan Hough

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