

UNREVIEWED

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, MARCH 10, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on March 10, 2026 at the Redfield Municipal Building at 7:00pm. Roll call was taken and the following board members were present:

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

Absent: Susan Hough – Town Clerk

Also in attendance were Russell Montieth, Highway Superintendent; Michael Yerdon, Code Enforcement Officer; Nick Smith, Assessor; Edward Montieth; and Angela Kimball. Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 26-20

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Carla Bauer that the

General Fund Bills - Abstract #03 Vouchers 49-60, 70-71	Totaling \$ 13,539.75,
Light District #1 - Abstract #03 Voucher 48	Totaling \$ 672.69 and
Fire District - Abstract #03 Voucher 47	Totaling \$ 51,500.00

Be paid.

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

Resolution 26-21

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Doris Montieth that the Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 03 Vouchers 58-68 Totaling \$ 29,828.16

Be paid.

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

Resolution 26-22

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – MICHAEL YERDON

He reported that things have been slow so far with only a couple of permit applications received to date. One of the permits is for a new house on Clerk Dr. and one is for a new house on Co. Rt. 39, which he has the drawings for.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR – MICHAEL YERDON

He reported on some work they are doing to prepare for growth from the Micron project including a sewer interconnection project in the southern portion of the county. He also spoke about the snow and ice contract, which includes the county paying for more items than in the past. He also mentioned that the county is lobbying to have a new nuclear power plant sited in Oswego County and he feels they are the best position to host a new plant with the existing infrastructure, evacuation plans etc.

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL – ANGELA KIMBALL

Angie - REMINDER: The Tug Hill Commission's Winter Wildlife webinar series has been scheduled for 2026. The remaining webinars include Pollinators and Native Flowers on March 26th and Owls on April 30th. The webinars all begin at 7 p.m. To sign up for one or all these webinars visit <https://tinyurl.com/WWWRegistration2026>. REMINDER: Lewis County is also sponsoring an in-person training on "Preparing Your Municipality for Renewable Energy Applications" on March 30th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Croghan Fire Hall (6860 Fire Hall St., Croghan). Bridget O'Toole from the Heath and O'Toole law firm will be the presenter. The training is designed to give municipal officials, board members, and interested residents a clear overview of how municipalities can prepare before an application is submitted. The session will conclude with questions and answers so participants can ask questions specific to their municipality. Register for the session [HERE](#). REMINDER: Registration is open for the 36th Annual Planning Symposium, sponsored by the Onondaga County Planning Federation. Scheduled from 8:00 am - 4:15 pm on March 19, at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown. The daylong training includes numerous options for sessions, including Special Use Permits, Area Variances, Battery Energy Storage Systems, Changes in NYS Wetland Regulations, and How Land Use Drives Local Government Revenue and Operation. Registration is \$100 and must be received by March 6. For more information, including the full program, sessions, presenter biographies, visit the Onondaga Planning Department's Planning Symposium [webpage](#), or click [here](#) to register. REMINDER: The New York State Department of Conservation (DEC) has announced that \$5 million in funding is now available for the fifth round of the "Regenerate NY" Forestry Cost Share grant program. The grant program is designed to assist private landowners in growing the next generation of forests, which are crucial for mitigating the impacts of climate change, providing wildlife habitat, protecting air and water quality, and supporting green jobs and local economies. Funded projects will enhance efforts made through [New York's 25 Million Trees Initiative](#) to restore and sustain the state's natural landscapes. Private landowners planning to restore or establish five or more acres of forest land in New York State may apply for grant awards ranging from a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$1,000,000, with a required 10 percent match. A portion of the funding for projects in this round will be available upfront to assist with the high costs associated with these practices. Eligible projects include tree planting, creating young forest habitat, thinning to remove unhealthy or close growing trees to promote forest health or regrowth, and removing competing or invasive vegetation that would interfere with seedling establishment or growth and installing tree protection to prevent deer browsing of young tree seedlings. Applicants must work with a forester or a qualified natural resource professional to develop their project. Applications will be accepted through the [Statewide Financial System](#) and will be accepted until August 31, 2026, or until funds are depleted, whichever comes first. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis. Round 5 of this grant opportunity, will meet DEC's goal is to support underserved landowners and priority projects by reserving a portion of the grant funds until March 10, 2026, for landowners and projects that are submitted by landowners who are active or veteran military landowners; first time landowners (owned property less than 10 years); or State or Federally recognized Indian Nations or Tribes or for projects dedicated to improving the health of significantly degraded forests due to an insect pest or disease outbreak or large scale planting projects (greater than 5 acres). For more information visit the [DEC's website](#). A new statewide effort called EXPRESS NY (Expediting Processes and Regulations to Enable Streamlined Services) is asking for New Yorkers to submit ideas on how state government can work better by tackling outdated and burdensome regulations, policies, and practices that stand in the way of delivering for New Yorkers. EXPRESS NY was announced in Governor Hochul's 2026 State of the State address. In October, Governor Hochul directed state agencies to identify outdated or obsolete regulations and policies. In this initial phase, agencies identified nearly 100 potential regulations and practices in need of reform, modernization or elimination. Specific areas of focus include recommendations that will speed up housing and

infrastructure development, support small businesses and streamline access to services. Now they are looking for your help, Ideas should be submitted in this [portal](#) by April 3. The **NYS Office of Community Renewal, Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center, RCAP Solutions, and NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation** are partnering to offer a free workshop “Income Surveys: Designing and Conducting a Compliant Survey.” In-person attendance is encouraged on Wednesday, March 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Syracuse Center for Excellence, 727 E. Washington Street, Syracuse, although the session will be live-streamed as well. All participants must [register](#), and if interested in live streaming indicate so on the form. Please contact Jes Eckerlin, jeschn01@sy.edu, with any questions. Attendees will learn when an income survey is needed, receive step-by-step guidance on designing and conducting a statistically sound survey, and understand key procedural requirements of surveys per grant funds through the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and NYS Office of Community Renewal, NYSEFC and CDBG. **RCAP Solutions** is offering a free, accredited, online workshop on Tuesday, March 17 and Wednesday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. both days. “Management and Finance for Small Wastewater and Water Systems” will provide participants the basics of system management, asset management, budgets, reserves, interpreting financial reports, financial monitoring, rate setting, communication, and planning for long-term sustainability. The workshop has been approved for 4.25 CEUs for NY wastewater operators and is pending approval for 4.0 CEUs for NY drinking water operators. Attendance at both sessions is required to receive credit. The webinar will use the GoToTraining platform, and all participants must register ahead of time [here](#). The NYS Office of Emergency Management is offering “Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)” Monday, April 13 through Friday, April 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the State Preparedness Training Center, 5900 Airport Road, Oriskany. Attendees should register as soon as possible [here](#). There is no fee for the course, but food, lodging & transportation costs are the responsibility of the participant. Local officials responsible for administering local floodplain management ordinances, including but not limited to floodplain management administrators, building inspectors, code enforcement/zoning officers, planners, city/county managers, attorneys, engineers, and public works officials are encouraged to attend. The course will describe important aspects of basic floodplain management practices necessary to begin a participant’s floodplain management career. The New York State Archives has announced that they are now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) grant cycle. The Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund provides grants to local governments to assist them with establishing records management programs or developing new program components. It is a competitive program awarding grants based on the merits of applications. The purpose of LGRMIF grants is not to support local government records management programs indefinitely. Local governments are expected to assume primary responsibility for ongoing support of their programs by providing the resources to manage their records on a continuing basis. If you plan to apply for an LGRMIF grant, your Records Management Officer (RMO) must have a NYS Directory Service account by March 18, 2026. If you do not have a NYSDS account, please visit the [eGrants](#) page for information and complete the [online registration form](#). The 2026-2027 application due date is April 1, 2026, at 5 p.m. For more information visit the [LGRMIF webpage](#) or check out the [grants application guidelines](#). Interested applicants can also view the [six part LGRMIF webinar series](#) that covers topics such as navigating the eGrants portal, writing the grant narrative, completing grant forms and more. If you have questions, contact New York State Archives at archgrants@nysed.gov (link sends e-mail) or (518) 474-6926. Join ANCA and partners for the 2026 Climate & Energy Conference, “Grassroots to Grid: Bridging Innovation & Community Values,” at the Lake Placid Conference Center to explore relevant climate and energy solutions that align with community values. The early bird rate is \$200 if registered by March 12. More information at www.adirondack.org/events/2026-climate-energy-conference/.

The Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services of NY offers a variety of services that can help your organization better care for its collections. Participating in these services can often make your requests for collections-care funding stronger. If your organization holds archives or historic records, their services can help you meet your long-term preservation goals. Their Planning & Assessment Services are free to eligible New York organizations. Each participating organization will be matched with a member of the DHPSNY team. Together, you'll set achievable goals and establish collection priorities. You'll receive a detailed report or planning document that is specific to your organization's needs. DHPSNY's Planning & Assessment Services consist of: **foundational planning assistance; strategic planning assistance; archival needs assessments; preservation surveys; and condition surveys**. Eligible organizations include organizations who hold historical records and/or library research materials; operate programs to preserve historical records and make them publicly accessible and is a non-profit cultural institution in NYS. To learn about the application process, click **HERE**. There are varying application deadlines for the various programs, visit <https://dhpsny.org/planning-assessment> for more information or contact Amanda Murray, Program Director at (215) 545-0613 ext. 337 or amurray@dhpsny.org. 12) The NYS Town Clerk's Association Annual Conference has been scheduled for April 19-22 at the Crowne Plaza Albany – the Desmond Hotel. Registration for this event is now open **HERE**. Registrations are due by April 10th. There are various registration options and costs, so visit the **Clerk's Association conference page** for more information. SAVE THE DATES: - The March Tug Hill Commission meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday March 18th at the Town of Lorraine's municipal building (20876 Co. Rt. 189, Lorraine). The meeting begins at 10 a.m. and anyone is welcome to attend. - The Tug Hill Commission will be sponsoring another budgeting and accounting class for small municipalities with Laird Petrie in June. The dates have been set for June 18-19 at the Tailwater Inn in Altmar. More details to follow as we get closer. - The Commission's 2026 Local Government Conference has been scheduled for Monday April 20th (afternoon session and reception) and Tuesday April 21st (full day session). The event will be held at Turning Stone Resort and Event Center again in 2026. Registration for the afternoon session is \$25 the evening reception is \$20 and the full-day session on 4/21 is \$90 on or before March 20th. Late registration from March 21st through the 27th is \$50 for the afternoon session, \$40 for the reception and \$180 for the full day session. You can register by mail with a check or online at <https://events.humanitix.com/lgc-2026>. For more information on sessions and for a paper registration form visit the Commission's website at <https://tughill.org/localgovernmentconference/>.

ASSESSOR - NICK SMITH

He reported that March 1st was taxable status day so all his changes and information on the roll had to be in – the state land and utility assessments are done by the state. The re-assessments that were requested by property owners were completed. He also reported that a proposed change to the RP425 form for Enhanced STAR applications, which would have made it a one-time application, was denied, so the Enhanced STAR people will have to continue to apply every year. The property tax exemption for 100% disabled veterans did pass, so those exemptions will go forward for this year. He also reported that Annsville will be paying his cost to go to the Local Government Conference and his dues to the Assessor's Association this year.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

He asked to have the advertisement run in the paper to post the roads.

Resolution 26-23

Motion was made by Doris Montieth and seconded by Terry Harlander to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise Legal Notice: Notice is Hereby Given that pursuant to Article 41, Section 1660, Paragraph 11 of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law, all Town Roads in the Town of Redfield, Oswego County, are temporarily closed to any vehicle with a gross load in excess of five (5) tons per axle. Under this restriction, will be effective immediately, once the signs are posted on the roads, any vehicle (including load) in excess of five (5) tons per axle will not be permitted to operate on the Town Roads in the Town of Redfield, until the signs are removed from the roads.

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

He had no updates regarding the FEMA projects reimbursements. They will most likely have to apply for extensions on the projects. The Agreement to Spend Highway Funds (284 Agreement) was presented to the Board for review. The agreement covered \$265,000 from the General Repairs fund. He intends to repair 2 ½ miles of Little John Dr. from County Route 17 to the end of the pavement. The agreement was approved to be signed and filed. Three Intermunicipal Agreements with the County were presented 1) to purchase sand, 2) a general shared service agreement and 3) to buy bulk cold patch material from their plant. The board reviewed the agreements.

Resolution 26-24

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Elaine Yerdon to authorize Highway Superintendent Russell Montieith to sign: Three Intermunicipal Agreements with the County were presented 1) to purchase sand, 2) a general shared service agreement and 3) to buy bulk cold patch material from their plant.

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

He also presented the proposed roadside mowing contract with Oswego County, the terms were to mow 3 times per year, and the compensation was \$400 per center lane mile. The board was opposed to entering this contract. He stated that he had found a 2009 John Deere 772D six-wheel drive grader on Auctions International (listed by the Town of Thurston). It needs tires and had the transmission rebuilt at 4,000 miles (currently has 5,400 miles on it). They have about \$40,000 in their equipment fund that is not earmarked for the new truck, and Russell would like to have the approval to bid on this machine.

Resolution 26-25

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Mitchell Yerdon to authorize Highway Superintendent Russell Montieith to bid on a 2009 John Deere grader, not to exceed \$ 35,000.

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

The County Highway Superintendent’s Association will be holding a breakfast meeting next week, and the Supervisors have been invited as well to discuss the snow and ice contract with the County. The current proposal was \$9,000 per mile. They are discussing the County covering labor costs including benefits, equipment at a set rate and materials – all actual costs paid based on the proportion of roads maintained for winter. If this moves forward, they may have another bill to submit for the end of winter in addition to the initially contracted amount.

SUPERVISOR – MITCHELL YERDON

The class for new Justice’s is the week of April 13th to the 17th and Kelly Prentice needs to sign up
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to attend, so they need to accept Dori Dumas’s resignation and to appoint Kelly. There will be additional schooling and continuing education for the position.

Resolution 26-26

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Carla Bauer to accept the resignation of Town Justice Dory Dumas effective April 30, 2026.

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

Resolution 26-27

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and second by Mitchell Yerdon to appoint Kelly Prentice as the Town of Redfield, Town Justice as of May 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026, when an election will determine the position.

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

Approval has been received from National Grid to utilize their poles for the Hero Banners. They will open the system and do a test run with one order prior to opening the site to the public. Salt shed canvas cover – They have an estimate from Hybrid Building Solutions (from Corfu, NY) for a new cover. Hybrid Solutions is a Sourcewell bidder. Sourcewell is a governmental source for bids which would allow for piggybacking without having to bid the item themselves. The company is listed on the Dept. of Labor contractor registry. The item is for a 13.5 oz, non-fire-retardant fabric cover, with a 25-year warranty. The costs for all equipment, installation and travel expenses is \$49,659.00. They also included a quote for \$3,175.00 for a spray on emulsion for the concrete which helps protect it from deterioration.

Resolution 26-28

A motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander to purchase the cover for the salt shed, as noted in the attached quote, and the emulsion coating for the concrete/blocks for \$49,659 and \$3,175 respectively.

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

REDFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Angie Kimball, President of the Redfield Volunteer Fire Company spoke about the “Guest Rider Program” that they would like to institute. The program would allow people who were formerly firefighters here and have since joined another volunteer fire department to respond to incidents in Redfield as a “guest” responder. The people would not be a member of the Redfield Fire Department, as General Municipal Law 209(i) does not allow that. There would be a program developed and this would necessitate a change to the department’s bylaws, and a resolution approved by the town board that it is in favor of the creation of this program.

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WHEREAS the Redfield Volunteer Fire Company Inc. is a corporation formed with the approval of the Redfield Town Board to provide fire protection services within the fire protection district which encompasses the entire town of Redfield; and

WHEREAS the Redfield Volunteer Fire Company Inc. has requested to create a program to accept the services of volunteer firefighters who are not members of the Redfield Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. on a temporary basis to provide firefighting services within the fire protection district, such program called the “Guest Rider Program”; and

WHEREAS the creation of such a program using the authority given under New York State General Municipal Law Section 209(1)(a) requires the approval of a resolution by the town board which grants the commanding officer of said fire company the ability to accept the services of a volunteer fire fighter in this manner; and

WHEREAS any volunteer firefighter accepted under the auspices of the “Guest Rider Program” shall follow all guidelines and comply with all requirements of the program and follow the directives laid out in the bylaws of the Redfield Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. or their acceptance in the program will be terminated; now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Redfield Town Board approves of the Redfield Volunteer Fire Company Inc. creating of the “Guest Rider Program” under NYS General Municipal Law 209(1)(a); and further

RESOLVED that in accordance with the bylaws of the Redfield Volunteer Fire Company Inc., individuals who are enrolled in the program shall be provided to the town in the same manner as other membership rolls are provided; and

RESOLVED that such approval of this program shall remain in effect unless and until such time as approval is expressly removed by resolution of the Redfield Town Board or until such time as said program is terminated by the Redfield Volunteer Fire Company Inc. with notice provided to the Redfield Town Board of such termination.

Upon a motion by Carla Bauer and seconded by Doris Montieth the foregoing resolution was APPROVED as presented.

Voting Record: Mitchell Yerdon	Aye	Elaine Yerdon	Aye
Terry Harlander	Aye	Carla Bauer	Aye
Doris Montieth	Aye	5 Ayes	0 Nays

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, designated as resolution number 29 of 2026 of the Town of Redfield was duly passed by the Town Board on March 10, 2026 in accordance with applicable provisions of law.

Susan Hough, Redfield Town Clerk

SUPERVISOR – MITCHELL YERDON

Code Enforcement Clerk – The board discussed appointing a clerk to assist Code Enforcement Officer Yerdon and begin taking certification classes for the position. Supervisor reported that he had an interested candidate and put forth the name of Richard Ranieri, he discussed Mr. Ranieri’s qualifications and background.

Resolution 26-30

A motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to appoint Richard Ranieri as Clerk to the Code Enforcement Officer effective immediately and to pay the costs for his certification classwork.

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

A motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Carla Bauer to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

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

The next Town of Redfield Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 7:00pm.

March 10, 2026

Minutes were taken by Councilwoman Elaine Yerdon in the absence of Town Clerk Susan Hough.
Town Clerk Susan Hough