

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, MAY 12, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on May 12, 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
Doris Montieth- Councilwoman

Absent: Elaine Yerdon - Councilman
Carla Bauer – Councilwoman

In addition, Russell Montieth -Highway Superintendent, Nick Smith - Assessor, Ed Montieth Michael Yerdon – Code Enforcement Officer, Katie Malinowski – Tug Hill Commission and Town Clerk – Susan Hough

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 26-37

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Doris Montieth that the General Fund Bills - Abstract #05 Vouchers 102-116, 121,130 Totaling \$ 14,545.44 and Light District #1 - Abstract #05 Voucher 129 Totaling \$ 669.56
Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 M. Yerdon, T. Harlander, D. Montieth
Nays 0

Resolution 26-38

Motion was made by Doris Montieth and seconded by Terry Harlander that the Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 05 Vouchers 114,115,117-128 Totaling \$ 32,208.07
Be paid.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 M. Yerdon, T. Harlander, D. Montieth
Nays 0

Resolution 26-39

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Doris Montieth that the Supervisors Report and Payroll Sheets be accepted as presented.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 M. Yerdon, T. Harlander, D. Montieth
Nays 0

TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH

She received an email from Rick Henriksen – Pulaski Boylston Snowmobile Club- he'd like to know if he needs/should be at the meeting to request Otto Mills Road be open to snowmobiles? The board agrees they requested it in December so it's on record to be discussed at the July meeting.

Resolution 26-40

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Doris Montieth to approve Supervisor Mitchell Yerdon to sign the Town Clerk software contract with Williamson Law Books.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 M. Yerdon, T. Harlander, D. Montieth
Nays 0

Resolution 26-41

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Doris Montieth to approve February 10, 2026 minutes be accepted as presented.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 M. Yerdon, T. Harlander, D. Montieth
 Nays 0

TUG HILL COMMISSION – KATIE MALINOWSKI

REMINDER: The NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) has announced \$5.5 million in grant funding available through two programs to help communities protect and modernize water and wastewater infrastructure. Three million is available to help fund initial water quality capital project planning. This grant may fund up to 80% of eligible project costs up to a maximum of \$100,000 per project. Grant **applications** are due by 4 p.m. on June 12. Additionally, there is \$2.5 million available to help protect water and wastewater systems from evolving cyber threats. This grant will cover up to \$50,000 for cybersecurity assessments and up to \$100,000 to implement cybersecurity upgrades. Grant **applications** are due by 5 p.m. on May 15. REMINDER: The Tug Hill Commission's Metrocount traffic counter season has begun. Contact Chris Barboza (chris@tughill.org, 315-785-2389) or Maria Covey (maria@tughill.org, 315-785-2384) at the Commission office to get on the list for this year. Spots are limited so reserve your spot early. Check out the Metrocount flyer, attached, for more info. REMINDER: The governor has announced \$100 million in new grant funding for climate resiliency projects through two programs: the Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grants Program, administered by the NYS Department of State (DOS); and the Resilient Watersheds Program, administered by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. There is \$40 million available through the **DOS's Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grant Program**. Of that, \$20 million is available for Coastal Rehabilitation and Resilience, which includes projects that will strengthen climate resiliency within, and draining into, the New York State Coastal Area and the Coastal Nonpoint Source Boundary. There is also \$20 million available for Inland Flooding and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Implementation, which includes climate resiliency projects for eligible communities that have participated in the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. There was a webinar on this grant program in April which you can watch [here](#) and the grant application is due June 26th at 4 p.m. The minimum grant award is \$150,000 and there is a 10% match required. REMINDER: 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 conference will be held May 7th and 8th and the cost to register is \$250. Day 1 will include field trips and tours, and the reception and Day 2 will include the learning sessions in three tracks: Generation and Transmission, Innovation and Community Needs and Involvement. More information at www.adirondack.org/events/2026-climate-energy-conference/. The date for the Black River Watershed Conference has been set for 2026. The event will be held Wednesday June 3rd at the Tug Hill Estate (40551 Yancey Rd., Lowville). The conference focuses on projects protecting and preserving the Black River Watershed. Registration and agenda details will be available soon. Contact Jillian Lee at the Commission office with any questions (315-785-2406 or jillian@tughill.org). The NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) is now accepting applications for \$75 million available through two competitive grant programs with a deadline is 4 p.m. on June 12. Green Resiliency Grants help flood-prone communities advance long-term community resilience in implementing transformative stormwater management projects that protect homes, businesses, and public infrastructure. There is \$60 million available this round with funding through the **Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022. The Green Innovation Grant Program** supports projects that utilize EPA-designated green stormwater infrastructure design and technologies. Competitive grants are awarded for projects for green

stormwater infrastructure, energy efficiency, and water efficiency. There is \$15 million available this round of funding through the **Clean Water State Revolving Fund**. Applicants submit a single application for both programs. Eligible projects will be considered for funding under either program. A **webinar** is scheduled at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6 to share information about this round and how to apply. Municipal officials may be interested to learn that any town or village with New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) coverage has access to the **HelixIntel** maintenance management platform at no additional cost as part of its equipment breakdown coverage. Local highway departments have been putting the tool to good use to manage maintenance records for their truck fleet. Staff scan a QR code assigned to each vehicle to log service history, track repairs, upload photos, note part numbers, and leave information for the next person working on the truck. The system helps create a clear maintenance history that can be accessed instantly from a phone, tablet, or desktop. **HelixIntel** can also be used for asset management, parts and inventory tracking, facility maintenance, and work order management, making it a useful option for highway garages, municipal buildings, and other local government operations. For more services and useful information available to NYMIR customers visit their **webpage**. The Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center (EFC) is hosting a no cost webinar titled “Discover Water Infrastructure Funding Opportunities & Experience the 2026 Funder Games” on Tuesday May 26th from 1 to 3 p.m. Dive into the world of state and federal funding for clean and safe water infrastructure and other essential community projects in this interactive session. Participants will hear directly from representatives from key state and federal agencies, learn how co-funding programs work together, and gain practical insight into preparing for upcoming grant and financing opportunities. Presenters will include representatives from Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation, NYS Department of Health, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and NYS Homes and Community Renewal. **Register for the webinar here**. The Annual School for Highway Superintendents (Highway School) sponsored by the Association of Towns and the Cornell Local Roads Program’s NYSLTAP center has been scheduled for June 1-3, 2026. First held in 1938, the school currently brings together more than 700 local roads professionals from across the state for training. Early registration fee (prior to May 15th) is \$175 and the fee after that date is \$200. For more information including the agenda, links to register online or with a paper form and information about lodging, visit the conference webpage at: <https://nysltap.org/nysltap-local-roads/training-events/highway-school>. The next webinar from the NYS Archives is titled “Managing Case Files”. Case files come in many different forms: legal files, personnel folders, student records, real- property files, among others. They also have many similarities: they are difficult to manage, they contain a variety of materials, many of them are confidential, and handling their disposition is often complicated. **Register for the webinar** which is intended for anyone who is responsible for managing case files and interested in improving the management of those records. The session will be held Thursday June 18th from 10 to 11 a.m. New York Conference of Mayors’ (NYCOM) annual meeting and training school will be held May 13th to the 15th at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton’s Landing. Full conference registration costs \$315 for members and \$325 for non-members and online registration is open right up until May 13th. There are meal plans available for special events held during the conference, but breakfast is included with the hotel stay and lunch is included with the conference registration. For more information, including the agenda and links to register for the conference visit **NYCOM’s conference page**. SAVE THE DATES: - The May Tug Hill Commission meeting will be held Wednesday May 20th at the Orwell Town Hall (1999 County Rt. 2, Orwell) starting at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. The Tug Hill Commission will be sponsoring another **budgeting and accounting class** for small municipalities with Laird Petrie on **June 18-19** at the Tailwater Inn in Altmar. Classes run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday the 18th and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday the 19th. **Cost of the session is \$125**, which includes coffee and lunch on Thursday, breakfast and lunch on Friday and

the course materials. Tailwater has reserved a small number of rooms for conference attendees at \$122 plus tax for the night of 6/18 – call Tailwater at 315-298-3434 and use **group code Tug618**. Registration is open now at <http://www.tughill.org/upcoming-workshops>. Spots are limited so register early – deadline to register is 6/10. On May 20th at 6:30pm at the Sandy Creek Twon Hall - Historical room they will have a presentation on Blount Lumber Company.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

Russell -finished up the bills for Snow & Ice contract; we should be getting some money. Oswego Oil & Soil in the process of getting their finding to the NYSDEC. Matt has been in contact with our FEMA person. The new truck build is moving along we should have it the first part of June. Starting Little John on Thursday, all culverts have been changed on Little John that needed to be. All our stone is sitting at the Boylston Garage – closer for us. Would like to go into executive session regarding a personnel matter.

ASSESSOR - NICK SMITH

Nick – the Tentative roll is in – only two people asked to see it. Grievance Day is Tuesday, May 26th from 2-6pm. Reminders were sent out to the Board of Assessment members. He sent out twenty-seven Change of Assessments, found extra buildings, he's had two requests for re-evaluation.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – MICHAEL YERDON

Mike – business has been picking up. Magnitude of changes with the codes is slowing some stuff up. A lot of Contractors are not familiar with all the changes to the codes, have to have Professional Licensed Engineer stamped drawings for houses and bigger buildings that are more complex. CW D. Montieth – People will have to have these drawings that cost money and then you don't accept the drawing? Is there somewhere you can get the Redfield Codes? Mike – NYS Codes not Redfield. The Local Code Enforcement Officer has the final say on complexity is massive. CW D. Montieth will meet with Mike to understand the process.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR – MICHAEL YERDON

Mike – everything's gong smooth. Thursday's meeting is when the High School Students - a select 25 students - come to Camp Hollis – they will do a resolution – activity with State of New York. Working on a sewer line from Oneida Lake Shore to Fulton Sewage Treatment Plant with the anticipation of more need.

SUPERVISOR – MITCHELL YERDON

Mitch – attended planning classes. No NOCA report. Artisan Engraving is getting registered with NYS Department of Labor so they can do our cemetery. The Hero Banners – we have 141 poles approved from National Grid. Town Clerk Susan Hough – will contact Tug Hill Customs and will have the information on the Town's website by the end of the week hopefully. Mitchell –everything is a go for the salt shed should be ready for this year's salt. We are trying to get the Town of Redfield added to have State Authority regarding our Minimum Maintenance Roads. Bills A11212 & S10160, would add the Town of Redfield to section 205-c of the Highway Law. The law would allow the Town of Redfield to designate certain of their low volume roads as minimum maintenance roads. This would allow Redfield to join the Town of Lorraine, as the only two towns in New York State that can make this designation via State Law rather than by utilizing their home rule authority.

The problem is the Town can go broke trying to get one road up to standards to be plowed.

Town of Redfield
RESOLUTION NO. 36 of 2026
Resolution of the Town of Redfield, County of Oswego
Requesting Home Rule Legislation

Introduced by: Doris Montieth - Councilwoman

WHEREAS, It is estimated that upgrading all of the State's 90,000 miles of county and town roads to meet the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) minimum standards would cost well over ten billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, The New York State tax cap is designed to limit locally financed expenditures on roads and public improvements and there is only about \$85 million annually available to all municipalities for all purposes in the New York State Transportation Improvement Fund; and

WHEREAS, New York State's 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act is furthered by implementation of the adopted Climate Action Plan of 2022, which specifically states that the State should expand legislation to secure local government's ability to designate Minimum Maintenance Roads to reduce subdivision and development pressure on roads that may result in conversion of farmland and forestland to other land uses; and

WHEREAS, New York State's Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act of 2010 is furthered by the minimum maintenance road concept, particularly by maintaining and using existing infrastructure in a stakeholder-driven, bottom up process that preserves, protects and enhances water, air, agricultural land, forests, recreation, open spaces, and scenic areas; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Open Space Plan goals and principles are supported by the minimum maintenance road concept by providing a conservation tool for communities to combat sprawl, protect recreational access and open space, and conserve habitat for sustainable ecosystems and traditional rural pastimes of hunting and fishing; and

WHEREAS, Green infrastructure practices are furthered by the minimum maintenance road concept by preserving undisturbed areas, preserving buffers, reducing clearing and grading, reducing consumption of gravel and aggregate materials, encouraging development in less sensitive areas, and helping to maintain open space; and

WHEREAS, There are many rural and remote areas of the state which can be adequately and safely served with minimal road maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Local governments are best able to make determinations about local road maintenance needs and priorities; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Redfield, Oswego County has approximately 35.8 miles of town roads, and 8.5 miles of minimum maintenance roads; and

WHEREAS, Section 205-c of the New York State Highway Law was signed into law in December of

2023, with a chapter amendment signed in April of 2024, which authorized the designation of minimum maintenance roads in the Town of Lorraine, Jefferson County and under which authorization the Town of Redfield requests to be included in; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A.11212 and Senate Bill S.10160 have been introduced in the NYS Assembly and NYS Senate, that if adopted and signed into law would authorize the Town of Redfield to designate minimum maintenance roads by a local law passed by the town board following a hearing, as allowed in Highway Law Section 205-c; and

NOW, Upon the recommendation of the Town of Redfield Town Board, be it

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the constitution of the State of New York, the Town of Redfield Town Board hereby requests the NYS Assembly and Senate and the NYS Governor to support A.11212 and S10160, relating to the designation of certain highways in the Town of Redfield; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk is hereby directed to provide copies of this Resolution to State Senator Mark Walczyk and Assemblyman William Barclay.

Dated: May 12, 2026

Seconded by: Terry Harlander

Voting Aye: Mitchell Yerdon - Supervisor

Voting Nay: 0

Absent: Elaine Yerdon, Carla Bauer

Abstained 0

STATE of New York)

) ss.:

County of Oswego)

I, Susan Hough, Town Clerk of the Town of Redfield, Oswego County, New York do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution 36 with the original thereof on file in my office and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of the whole thereof.

In Testimony Hereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Redfield this 12th day of May, 2026.

Susan Hough

Town Clerk of the Town of Redfield

Oswego County, New York

There was discussion regarding seasonal workers for mowing on Wednesdays. CW D. Montieth stated it's very physically intense.

Resolution 26-42

Motion was made by Mitchell Yerdon and seconded by Terry Harlander to approve Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise for a seasonal position for mowing on Facebook.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 M. Yerdon, T. Harlander, D. Montieth
 Nays 0

Mitchell – we have a subdivision application that is considered a line change. Steven's own property at 772 Co Rt 47, Wilburn's own property at 4932-38 Co Rt 17 (which is behind Steven's property). Wilburn's will add .78 acres to Steven's property which will make both lots conforming. He wasn't to put a garage on the property.

Resolution 26-43

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Doris Montieth for a procedural waiver for the Wilbur/Stevens subdivision, which meets all 5 criteria's in the Subdivision Law # 1 of 2019 section 212.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 M. Yerdon, T. Harlander, D. Montieth
 Nays 0

This will make both lots conforming. Mitchell – read down the SEQR – State Environmental Quality Review – filled out by Wilburn's.

Resolution 26-44

Motion was made by Doris Montieth and seconded by Terry Harlander to approve and sign the SEQR for the Wilbur/Stevens subdivision with the Town of Redfield as the Lead Agency.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 M. Yerdon, T. Harlander, D. Montieth
 Nays 0

Mitchell has received check # 2641 in the amount of \$ 250.00.

Resolution 26-45

Motion was made by Mitchell Yerdon and seconded by Terry Harlander to go into Executive Session concerning a Highway Employee at 8:14pm..

ADOPTED Ayes 3 M. Yerdon, T. Harlander, D. Montieth
 Nays 0

Resolution 26-46

Motion was made by Mitchell Yerdon and seconded by Terry Harlander to go out of Executive Session at 8:30pm..

ADOPTED Ayes 3 M. Yerdon, T. Harlander, D. Montieth
 Nays 0

A motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Doris Montieth to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 M. Yerdon, T. Harlander, D. Montieth
 Nays 0

The next Town of Redfield Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 8:31pm.

May 10, 2026

Town Clerk Susan Hough

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