

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF REDFIELD, AUGUST 11, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board was held on August 11, 2026 at the Redfield Municipal Building at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken and the following board members were present:

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

In addition, Russell Montieth -Highway Superintendent, Nick Smith - Assessor, Ed Montieth Michael Yerdon – Code Enforcement Officer, Angie Kimball – Cooperative Tug Hill Council, Shawn Bourne and Town Clerk – Susan Hough

Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Resolution 26-60

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Elaine Yerdon that the
General Fund Bills - Abstract #08 Vouchers 188-199,203-205 Totaling \$ 37,435.11 and
Light District #1 - Abstract #08 Voucher 202 Totaling \$ 637.29
Be paid.

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

Resolution 26-61

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded b Carla Bauer that the
Highway Fund Bills - Abstract # 08 Vouchers 194-201,206 Totaling \$ 54,122.00
Be paid.

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

Resolution 26-62

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, D. Montieth, C. Bauer
 Nays 0

TOWN CLERK – SUSAN HOUGH

TClerk – had 6 dog licenses, 2 DECALS and 1 Marriage License. We will get the budget sheets out soon.

Resolution 26-63

Motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Carla Bauer to approve June 9, 2026 minutes be accepted as presented.

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

COOPERATIVE TUG HILL COUNCIL– ANGIE KIMBALL

Angie – the Tax Cap levy limit is at 2% this year.

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REMINDER: The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Clean Energy Siting Team is offering several two-hour online training webinars on battery energy storage systems (BESS). This fire code training is eligible for NYS Department of State in-service training credit for building safety inspectors and code enforcement officials, though others are welcome to attend. Multiple training dates and times are available. During this two-hour training, participants will receive an overview of Section 1207 of the 2025 Fire Code of New York State and Section R330 of the 2025 Residential Code of New York State. Topics include battery energy storage system fundamentals, recent code updates, system protections, technology- and location-specific fire safety compliance requirements, peer review requirements, inspections, construction documents, and other key considerations for the safe design, permitting, and installation of BESS projects. For the full list of dates and times, and to register, see www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Clean-Energy-SitingResources/Webinar-Series. REMINDER: Non-profit organizations in New York must be prequalified in the Statewide Financial System for grants offered by various state agencies. In Tug Hill Commission staff experience, this can sometimes be a challenge, so non-profits are encouraged to work on prequalification well before a grant deadline. Several online, free information sessions are being offered in July and August by the state to assist with potential grant applications. Go to grantsmanagement.ny.gov/webinars to register for the remaining webinars which are on August 12 or August 26, from 11 a.m. to noon, or to view previously recorded webinars. REMINDER: The New York Planning Federation (NYPF) has scheduled some one-day training schools for planning and zoning board members. There are sessions scheduled at the Wallace Center in Hyde Park on Sept. 9th; at Hofstra University on Long Island on October 6th and at the Cambria Hotel in Lake Placid on October 14th. The costs for the sessions are \$125 for NYPF members and \$140 for non-members. Each day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at approximately 2:30. There are three classes for each location, each running 1.5 hours. Training credits for the day will be 4.5 hours. CM Credits for Planners are anticipated. A light breakfast and lunch will be available at each location. Information on the topics and presenters can be found on the NYPF website at www.nypf.org along with the online registration instructions. The New York State Archives have scheduled several webinars for folks interested in records management topics, which are held monthly through the end of the year. The upcoming sessions include “Using Records Inventory Results” on August 27th; “Managing Social Media Records” on September 10th; “Digital Imaging” on November 5th and “Email Preservation and Transfer” on December 10th. The sessions are from 10 to 11 a.m. on the listed days and registration is required by 4 p.m. the day prior to the session. For more detailed descriptions of the sessions visit the [Archives Workshop Registration](#) page. There are also many other recorded webinars available in the [Archives catalogue](#). The New York Association of Towns (NYAOT) is holding their first ever Legislative Conference this September. The program will include “training sessions, collaborative workshops, and task groups designed to identify emerging issues, foster peer-to-peer discussion, and develop potential legislative solutions. Attendees will also vote on legislative updates that will help guide our advocacy efforts”. The Conference will be a half day on Tuesday September 22nd and a full day on September 23rd with lunch and a reception on Tuesday and breakfast and lunch on Wednesday included in the registration cost. The event will be held at the Albany Hilton (40 Lodge St., Albany) and hotel reservations can be made at the [Hilton booking link](#) or by phone at 1-800HILTONS (use code 1TLC). The cutoff to receive the group rate is August 25th. Preregistration costs for the conference registration are \$175.00 for members and \$225.00 for non-members with on-site registration costs increasing to \$200.00 for members and \$250.00 for non-members. The registration form is [HERE](#). For more information as well as the link to the tentative agenda for the conference visit NYAOT’s [conference webpage](#). The Tug Hill Commission is hosting an in-person Town Budget Workshop with Laird Petrie on Wednesday August 26th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lee Town Hall (5808 Stokes Lee Center Rd., Lee Center). The workshop is designed to assist town officials in preparing their annual budgets; with topics including an overview of the budgetary

responsibilities of town officials, how to develop a structurally balanced budget, key elements of the annual budget, tools available for assisting town officials in the budget process, monitoring and amending the annual budget and operating within the tax cap. Register for the free workshop by August 24th at www.tinyurl.com/2026BudgetWorkshop. For questions about the session or registration call the Commission office at 315-785-2380 or email tughill@tughill.org. The Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) is accepting pre-application submissions for its [Catalyst, Forest Economy](#), and [Timber for Transit programs](#). Preapplications and waivers are due by 5:00 p.m. on August 21, 2026 (must be submitted through the NBRC's [Grants Management System](#)). Full applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on October 16, 2026, with grant awards expected to be announced in December 2026. The application process is described in the [Applicant Resources page](#). More details about applicant eligibility can be found on the NBRC's [Competitive Programs page](#) and in NBRC's Programs [User Manual](#). For questions related to these programs, please contact New York State's NBRC State Program Manager Kyle Wilber at (518) 473-3694 or kyle.wilber@dos.ny.gov. Lewis County and Creighton Manning Engineering are undertaking a transformative initiative to evaluate the conversion of approximately 25 miles of former railroad corridor, recently acquired from Genesee Valley Transportation, into a multi-use rail trail system connecting the Villages of Croghan and Lowville in Lewis County and the Village of Carthage in Jefferson County. Visit the Rail Trail website at <https://lewiscountyrailtrail.com/> to stay connected, keep informed and to find the link to take the survey on the project. Call 518-689-1801 or email contact@lewiscountyrailtrail.com for more information or questions. IN THE NEWS: State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli has announced the tax levy limit for local governments whose fiscal year's end on December 31st. These local governments, which include towns and counties, will have a tax levy limit of 2.0% for the 2027 fiscal year, the sixth year at that level. The comptroller's [web page](#) concerning the tax levy limit for local governments and school districts and the [chart](#) of past years inflation and allowable growth rates are useful references. • On July 14th Governor Hochul issued Executive Order #62, which enacted a moratorium of up to a year on permitting for “hyper-scale” (meaning those drawing more than 50 MW of power) data centers to allow time for assessing impacts of these type of projects and to allow for a “community investment framework” to be developed, among other stated goals. There is pending legislation on the subject ([S10642/A11560](#)), approved by both houses of the state legislature, which has not been acted on by the governor to date. Read [EO#62](#) or read a summary of the provisions of the executive order from Association of Towns [HERE](#). • On June 29th Governor Hochul signed legislation ([S10075a/A11162a](#)) which extended local governments ability to “piggyback” on certain bids as an alternative to competitive bidding requirements through June 30, 2027. There was a recent decision by the 3rd Department of the State Supreme Court that affirmed a lower court ruling which stated that “piggybacking” could not be used for public works contracts ([Maine-Endwell School District v. Lynch](#)). Stay tuned for more information and clarifications as things shake out on this topic. SAVE THE DATES: There is no Tug Hill Commission meeting in August. • The Tug Hill Commission and the five Tug Hill COGs are hosting a SuperCOG meeting this fall. The meeting will be held on September 22nd from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Redfield Fire Hall (4879 Co. Rt. 17, Redfield). Invitations have been sent out, and RSVPs are due by Sept. 10th. A buffet dinner will be provided free of charge. Hope to see you there! • The CTHC Executive Committee have set a tentative date for the Fall Meeting for September 17th. The location and pricing details are being finalized now. Invitations will be out soon, so save the date!

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - RUSSELL MONTIETH

Russell – shoulders on Little John, double chip seal on Little John, have some camp driveways to do and then we will be done. Everything went well, two 10 wheelers with chip box / stone boxes.

Resolution 26-64

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to authorize Supervisor Mitchell Yerdon to pay the Suit-Kote invoice when it comes in, it should be around \$ 50,000.

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

The 2017 went to Whitesboro front tires wearing on front side, castor off on front end, dog tracking to the right, but driving good now. Straightened the steering wheel. Had weekly FEMA meeting last week, we still haven't from the DEC, 1.25 culverts need to be done, new program – cause total destruction, might be some steps that we can bypass, wanted to know if we'll be ready next month, no can't until at least September/October. CW E. Yerdon – have we been paid for any of the work? Highway Superintendent -Russell yes, we've been paid for Otto Mills and Old State Road, met criteria and closed out. New top cover – Delong pulled transmission down, checked clutch while apart, working good, they were good about getting it in and fixing.

ASSESSOR - NICK SMITH

Nick – 3 people enhanced – have to qualify for enhanced, State will be doing the enhanced with the NYS Tax Returns. Veterans 100% exemption was signed by the Governor, but no one is sure if the County and Towns need to have a law in effect. Nick would like to attend school it's \$ 200 for the Class plus mileage.

Resolution 26-65

Motion was made by Mitchell Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to approve Assessor -Nick Smith to attend classes in Ossining on September 28 thru October 1, 2026 with the Town of Redfield paying his mileage.

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

He's about a quarter of the way there with parcels, 1281 parcels up to 350 done. He will be closed on Monday, August 24 & 31st. T Clerk will put a sign up.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – MICHAEL YERDON

Mike – gave out his report, up to 22 permits. If you have any questions, please let him know. He's working on six or so, taking longer with all the code changes this year. Code program a little lax in keeping up to date. County drawings & lot changes were never programmed into the Williamson Codes program; they didn't have some of the same lot numbers so he couldn't issue permits.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR – MICHAEL YERDON

Mike- been looking at Data Centers – things to look for/at 55 decibels - 60 decibels are pretty high, took readings in different areas in Town and they're at 30 decibels. Legislature meeting is next Thursday in Pulaski at Barclay Court House – the work is complete on the building.

REDFIELD SNOWMOBILE CLUB – ED MONTIETH

Ed – would like the Town to allow the Redfield Snowmobile Club to groom Seasonal Roads for the Snowmobile Trails.

Resolution 26-66

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Terry Harlander to authorize Supervisor – Mitchell Yerdon to sign the form to allow the Redfield Snowmobile Club to groom Seasonal Roads for Snowmobile trails.

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

SUPERVISOR – MITCHELL YERDON

Mitchell – he will get the contract done and out soon for the Snowmobile Clubs. The salt shed cover replacement – email they were starting on Monday, then today another email they will start today or tomorrow, so it should be this week. Half the payment was sent today, rest when completed. FEMA – have three close outs. He has talked to Engineering Companies, we will need to hire one with a cost of probably around \$ 20,000, which we knew was going to cost. Building Maintenance – he called the Town of Camden – they use JLS Company – they’ve never heard of the NYS Registry – we need to keep up on things – all the screws are rusted off on the back deck, etc. CW E. Yerdon – do we need to approve Local Law #1 of 2026.

Resolution 26-67

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer to pass and submit Local Law #1 of 2026 to Establish Residency Requirements for the Appointed Office of Deputy Highway Superintendent.

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

Mitchell – discussed the different levels at different times of the Reservoir Water. There’s a water level criterion for each release.

Resolution 26-68

Motion was made by Elaine Yerdon and seconded by Carla Bauer authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise Public Hearings: The purpose of hearing #1 is to consider the proposed Local Law # 2 of 2026 - a Local Law for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building code (the Uniform code) and the State Energy Conservation Construction Code (the Energy Code) for the Town of Redfield. The purpose of Hearing #2 is to consider the proposed Local Law # 3 of 2026 a Local Law to Establish Dog Control Regulations for the Town of Redfield, County of Oswego. All interested persons will be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. The regular September Board Meeting will begin directly following the Public Hearings.

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

Resolution 26-69

Motion was made by Carla Bauer and seconded by Elaine Yerdon to authorize Town Clerk Susan Hough to advertise The Town of Redfield, Oswego County, New York will be accepting sealed bids for the Refuse and Recyclable Contract for 2027. Bids will be accepted until September 8, 2026 at 2:00 pm. Said sealed bids will be opened and read on September 8, 2026 after public hearings, at the Regular monthly meeting of the Redfield Town Board at the Redfield Municipal Building located at 4830 Co Rt 17, Redfield, NY 13437. The Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids offered.

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

Supervisor – Mitchell Yerdon – we don't need to advertise propane/gas and diesel because we have a good price on them.

Highway Superintendent Russell Montieth – now that you've passed Local Law #1 of 2026, he has the resignation from Jimmy that shows August 20th is his last day. He will be making the appointment before next month's meeting, want them to be familiar with the Ice & Snow Contract, he already does a lot. He's holding off on filling the fulltime position at this time.

A motion was made by Terry Harlander and seconded by Carla Bauer to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

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

The next Town of Redfield Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

August 11, 2026
Town Clerk Susan Hough

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