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Village of Lyons Falls Monthly Meeting

August 24, 2026

4059 Cherry Street, Lyons Falls NY 13368

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor, Donna Dolhof.

Mayor Dolhof started the meeting with the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Attending: Mayor – Donna Dolhof

Trustees – Jeff Hoskins, Amanda Denslow and Ashley Schaefer

Treasurer – Candy Akin

Clerk – Barbara Denslow

Tug Hill Commission – Christine Healt

Absent: Trustee- Gary Jock

DPW Superintendent – Shawn Smith (Vacation)

Sign–in Sheet, attached.

Public comments:

Richard Risley, representing Calvin Risley, owner of the property at 3853 Fulton Street, presented the Village Board with a formal complaint about the new traffic law which prohibits parking on the South end of Fulton Street past the bridge. He questioned the placement of boulders by another resident that is possibly the Village Right of Way. He would like the matter resolved by September 28, 2026.

The Mayor will contact the Village Attorney, Jessica Young, for advice on the matter and schedule a Special meeting to address the concerns.

Michael Skorupa addressed the Board with concern about the updated water/sewer law. He feels that a flat rate fee instead of 75/25 would be fairer for residents that live across the road from the curb stop because it is more costly than someone close to the curb stop.

Christine Healt read the attached announcements from The Tug Hill Commission.

On motion by Trustee Ashley Schaefer, seconded by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, and with unanimous approval of the attending Board members, the July 24, 2026, minutes were approved.

On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, Second by Trustee Amanda Denslow and unanimous approval of attending Board members the Meeting minutes for July 27,2026 were approved.

Old Business:

Treasurer: On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, Second by Trustee Ashley Schaefer and unanimous approval of attending Board members the June financial report was approved.

The June reconciliation report was deemed satisfactory.

Bills, abstracts and aged reports from Flexibill were reviewed.

On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, Second by Trustee Ashley Schaefer and unanimous approval of attending Board members all bills were approved for payment except the Total returns bill.

On Motion by Trustee Ashley Schaefer, Seconded by Trustee Amanda Denslow with Trustee Jeff Hoskins abstaining, the Total Returns bill was approved.

Treasurer: The Monthly Report is attached. The AFR (Formally UAD) has been completed, and copies were provided to the Board members.

On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, Second by Trustee Amanda Denslow and unanimous approval of attending Board members $62, 600 will be moved to the Water reserve.

On Motion by Trustee Jeff Hoskins, Second by Trustee Ashley Schaefer and unanimous approval of attending Board members $30,000 will be moved to the Building reserve.

Clerk: Lawn care letters were sent. There was one complaint (on Facebook).

DPW: no report

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Mayoral report:

1. Marriott property – The sale of the property did not take place. The building has to be removed either by the owner or County by September or October.
2. The Lyonsdale water district is waiting to hear about water funding (B and L).
3. Nothing new on the West Turin Water agreements
4. Sewer project – B and L provided an updated information sheet.
5. No new information on sidewalks.
6. NY forward. Waiting to hear more from the Marketing and Branding Company.
7. The pole barn is on hold.

8. There appears to be no progress on the grease trap for Black River Natural. The Attorney will be contacted, and the law will be reviewed, and appropriate action will take place.
9. The Turin Sewer proposal is on hold.
10. The Connolley house was purchased at a Foreclosure sale along with a house on Markham Street.
11. The Town of Leyden water agreement has been updated to reflect the recommendations by Attorney Ian Gilbert.
12. There is no new information on the Terry Thisse property.
13. The Village will not be using direct energy anymore, going back to national Grid for delivery service.
14. Mayor Dolhof talked to the Fire Department Chief, Robert Lewis, about not filling swimming pools outside the Village.
15. Top View Apartments did not get the funding they anticipated.
16. A Sensory space will be added to Riverside Park. The Donation is being made from funds from the Annual Autism walk. Lucrezia Johnson is coordinating the placement and contents of the space which will be located next to the Auxiliary Building close to the existing trail.
17. Mayor Dolhof will contact the County Codes department again about trash on properties on Dock Street and Gorham Street.
18. Logging _ There will be a free second opinion from Eric Samson.
19. The Village Attorney, Jessica Young, is preparing a small claims court case for the Lyonsdale outside user that is in arrears. The Village has been unable to find the shut off for the property.
20. Food Truck Friday will be September 18, 2026, at 5:00 The time capsule that was recently recovered will be opened at that time. The Village will be renting tables for this event because the purchase of new picnic tables for the park has been delayed.
21. Additional Winter banners that will be hung to replace the Military banners will not b purchased at this time. Funds will be included in the 2027 budget.

New Business:

Treasurer: attached

Clerk: There were 2 changes of ownership.

One death certificate

DPW: No report (Vacation)

Mayor:

1. A thank you note from Patty Corey was read.
2. There will be Land use training on September 29, 2026, 4-8 at Lowville Academy. This training fulfills the annual 4 hour required for Board members.

Upcoming meetings: Monthly meeting September 28, 2026, at 6:00pm,

Additional Concerns:

1. The Village sign on Franklin Street is in disrepair. DPW has permission to tear it down.
2. There have been no estimates for the firehall roof that needs repair. Follow up is needed.
3. The light bulbs in the Office meeting room need to be replaced. DPW will be contacted.
4. A light needs to be attached to a flagpole in Riverside Park.
5. Bids for the old pickup truck will be accepted after the new license plates are received.
6. A decision about the pay and schedule for the Winter help position needs to be made.
7. Unplug and play grant will be coming in May.

On motion by Jeff Hoskins, Second by Trustee Amanda Denslow and unanimous approval of attending Board members the meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Denslow

Barbara Denslow, Village Clerk

Village of Lyons Falls

Monthly Board Meeting 8/24/2026

Village Office, 4059 Cherry Street

Lyons Falls NY

NAME:	ADDRESS:
MIKE SKORYN	3951 FRANKLIN ST
Rhonda Munoz	3931 Franklin St.
RICHARD RISLEY	707 BROWNS TRAIL RD OLD FORGE [redacted]

Barton & Loguidice

Memo To: Village of Lyons Falls

Date: August 24, 2026

From: Matt Cooper
Anthony Young
Jake Yousey

Project No.: 1279.002.001
1279.003.001

Subject: Board Update

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1. **Water Improvements Project:**
   - Budget
     - Total Project Budget: $8,350,000
   - Project Funding
     - Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
       - Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) submitted May 29th to be listed on the IUP and apply for IIJA Funding
       - **WIIA Application submitted July 27th**
   - Project Schedule

PER Submitted:	May 29, 2026
SEQR:	June 2026 – July 2026
Bond Resolution	July 2026
Funding Announcements:	December 2026

   - Action Items
     - None at this time

2. **Sewer Improvements Project:**
   - Budget
     - Total Project Budget: $1,950,000
   - Project Funding
     - Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)
       - New Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) completed in June to reapply for CWSRF Financing
       - **WIIA Application submitted July 27th**
       - **WQIP Application (General Improvements) submitted July 31**
       - **WQIP Grant (Disinfection) $315,575 Awarded in 2021**

- Project Schedule
  - PER Submitted: May 2026
    - SEQR: June 2026 – July 2026
    - Bond Resolution July 2026
    - Design August – October 2026
    - Agency Review November 2026
    - Funding Announcements: December 2026
    - Bid January 2027
    - Construction Start May 2027
    - Construction Completion May 2028

- Action Items
  - None at this time

GENERAL 2025-2026

REVENUES	Actual	Budgeted	Excess/Deficit
Taxes	303,024	306,986	$ (3,962)
Penalty on taxes	2,287	2,200	$ 87
Franchise Fees	9,348	10,000	$ (652)
Clerk Fees	20	-	$ 20
Ambulance Charges	45,998	37,000	$ 8,998
Pavilion Rental	1,400	-	$ 1,400
Fire Protection	45,625	43,000	$ 2,625
Snow Removal	5,374	3,500	$ 1,874
Interest on deposits	36,422	45,000	$ (8,578)
Private Contribution	250	2,100	$ (1,850)
Real property Rental	3,644	2,700	$ 944
State Aid	9,454	9,168	$ 286
Mortgaage Tax`	4,704	2,500	$ 2,204
State Aid - Other	0	-	$ -
State Aid - CHIPS	0	47,820	$ (47,820)
From Reserves	0	22,551	$ (22,551)
Total Revenues	467,549	534,525	$ (66,976)

EXPENSES	Actual	Budgeted	Excess/Deficit
Board Payroll	12,000	12,000	$ -
Mayor Payroll	5,500	5,500	$ -
Mayor - CE	4,418	3,400	$ (1,018)
Public Safety		600	$ 600
Clerk/Treasurer - PS	11,294	9,500	$ (1,794)
Treasurer - CE	6,474	8,000	$ 1,526
Treasurer - Equip	5,561	7,000	$ 1,439
Law - CE	3,491	2,500	$ (991)
Buildings - PS	17,838	24,000	$ 6,162
Buildings - CE	25,074	29,000	$ 3,926
Unallocated Insurance	20,528	25,000	$ 4,472
Fire Equip Reserve	0	10,000	$ 10,000
Fire Dept - CE	44,883	12,700	$ (32,183)
Street Admin - PS	5,750	22,000	$ 16,250
Street Admin - CE	3,556	6,300	$ 2,744
Street Admin - Equip	9,762	8,000	$ (1,762)
Street Admin - Fuel	7,516	12,000	$ 4,484
Equip Reserve	85,000	112,000	$ 27,000
Pavilion Refund	1,300	1,400	$ 100
Paving	7,000	50,000	$ 43,000
Snow Removal - PS	19,508	15,500	$ (4,008)
Snow Removal - CE	0	8,000	$ 8,000
Street Lighting	15,052	12,500	$ (2,552)

WATER 2025-2026

REVENUES		Actual	Budgeted	Excess/Deficit
	Rents	116,088	124,100	(8,012)
	Penalties	2,096	1,500	596
	Interest & Earnings	5,468	5,000	468
	Misc Fees	15	-	15
	BCBG Grant?	20,000	-	20,000
	Total Revenues	143,667	130,600	13,067

EXPENSES		Actual	Budgeted	Excess/Deficit
	Taxes	3,391	2,700	(691)
	Water Admin - PS	6,412	15,000	8,588
	Water Admin - CE	16,235	33,000	16,765
	Source of Power - PS	3,462	4,000	538
	Source of Power - CE	1,649	19,500	17,851
	Source of Power - Equip	669	12,700	12,031
	Purification - PS	14,061	14,000	(61)
	Purification - CE	8,156	4,700	(3,456)
	Trasmission - PS	715	3,000	2,285
	Transmission - CE	24,408	20,000	(4,408)
	Social Security	1,886	2,000	114
	Uncategorized Exp	30	-	(30)
		81,074	130,600	49,526

SUMMARY		Actual	Budgeted	Excess/Deficit
	Revenues	143,667	130,600	13,067
	Expenses	81,074	130,600	49,526
	Deficit	62,594		62,594

REVENUE OVERAGES EXPLAINED

BCBG Grant??	20,000	This was a reimbursement from Lewis County based on BCA recommendation

EXPENSE OVERAGES EXPLAINED

Purification - CE	-3,456	Repair drain line to chlorine bldg, housing pump, compact analyzer, block sample, reagent chlorine. 50 gal top mount tank for pulsatron
Transmission - CE	-4,408	Leak service for chlorine and replumb sink drain, Pulse Jet De-Icer Line Thawer

SEWER 2025-2026

REVENUES		Actual	Budgeted	Excess/Deficit
	Rents	111,157	114,500	(3,343)
	Penalties	1,939	2,200	(261)
	Interest & Earnings	1,904	4,000	(2,096)
	NYS EFC Funding	63,342	-	63,342
	Total Revenues	178,342	120,700	57,642

EXPENSES		Actual	Budgeted	Excess/Deficit
	Sewer Admin - PS	14,806	13,000	(1,806)
	Sewer Admin - Eq/Cap	16,402	20,000	3,598
	Sewer Admin - CE	22,093	18,600	(3,493)
	Sanitary Sewers - PS	15,453	12,000	(3,453)
	Sanitary Sewers - CE	9,958	5,500	(4,458)
	Sewer Treatment - PS	0	1,000	1,000
	Sewer Treatment - CE	18,164	19,000	837
	Sewer Treatment - Equ	0	-	-
	Principal - LOAN	29,577	29,600	23
	Social Security	2,237	2,000	(237)
		128,690	120,700	(7,990)

		Actual	Budgeted	Excess/Deficit
SUMMARY	Revenues	178,342	120,700	57,642
	Expenses	128,690	120,700	(7,990)
	Surplus	49,652		49,652

REVENUE OVERAGES EXPLAINED

NYS EFC Funding	63,342	This is a carry-over amount from 2024-2025 budget of anticipated funds.

EXPENSE OVERAGES EXPLAINED

Sewer Admin - PS & CE	-1,806 & -3,493	BCA Payments, G&G Consulting, flow meter recalibration.
Sewer Treatment & Disposal	-7,192	Frozen pipes and clogs, video inspections and jetting. Transformer, Stator and clay piping replacements

Prepared for the 8/24/2026
Board Meeting

Village of Lyons Falls
Monthly Report

Bank Statements from 7/1/2026 - 7/31/2026

	Balance	CBNA Interest	Revenues	Payroll	Abstract	Other Expenditures	NYClass Interest	Balance	Comments
GENERAL FUND									
A200 Checking	$308,086.56	$0.00	$129,743.42	$15,162.43	$81,764.11	$0.00	$814.87	$341,718.31	See reconciliation report on reverse
A201 Savings	228,740.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	56,300.00	0.00	631.55	$173,071.99	Withdrawal for new truck
A202 Fire Equipment	278,607.78	1.63	1,933.81	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	759.62	$266,302.84	Check to FD General Account
A204 Street Vehicle Reserve	16,885.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.12	$16,936.84	
A204 Paving Reserve	156,399.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	473.35	$156,872.48	
A212 CTS Reserve	39,607.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	119.90	$39,727.70	
Repair Reserve	33,901.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	102.62	$34,004.12	
Legal Reserve	2,825.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.55	$2,834.09	
Building Reserve	5,721.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.31	$5,739.00	
Energy Reserve	4,294.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.01	$4,307.15	
Total General Fund	1,075,070.30	1.63	131,677.23	15,162.43	153,064.11	0.00	$2,991.90	$1,041,514.52	
WATER FUND									
FX200 Checking	83,341.73	0.00	34,804.32	3,850.38	2,508.25	0.00	225.48	$112,012.90	See reconciliation report on reverse
FX201 Savings	105,756.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	320.11	$106,076.45	
Water Reserve	3,009.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.09	$3,018.86	
Total Water Fund	192,107.84	0.00	34,804.32	3,850.38	2,508.25	0.00	$ 554.68	$221,108.21	
SEWER FUND									
G200 Checking	160,967.93	0.00	8,805.02	5,008.34	137,729.83	0.00	60.73	$27,095.51	See reconciliation report on reverse
G201 Savings	6,499.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.66	$6,519.13	
Total Sewer Fund	167,467.40	0.00	8,805.02	5,008.34	137,729.83	0.00	$ 80.39	$33,614.64	
TRUST & AGENCY FUND					Retirement	Liabilities			
TA200 Checking	13,511.49	0.00	33,440.53	21,326.02	286.66	5,646.31	0.00	$19,693.03	Payroll liabilities are under other expenditures

TOTAL NYCLASS INTEREST EARNED 7/1/2026 - 7/31/2026 **$3,626.97**

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Florence
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Lewis
Leyden
Lorraine
Martinsburg
Montague
Osceola
Pinckney
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Turin
West Turin
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August 2026 Tug Hill Announcements

1) **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-Siting-Resources/Webinar-Series

2) **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.

3) **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.

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

8) 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!

TOWN BUDGET WORKSHOP

WITH LAIRD PETRIE

Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Lee Town Hall, 5808 Stokes Lee Center Rd,
Lee Center, NY 13363

This workshop is designed to assist town officials in preparing their annual budgets. Topics will include:

- 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
- Operating within the tax cap
- Question and answer period



Register for this free workshop by Monday, August 24, 2026 tinyurl.com/2026BudgetWorkshop or using the QR code! Questions, call the Tug Hill Commission at (315) 785-2380 or email tughill@tughill.org.

You're Invited to

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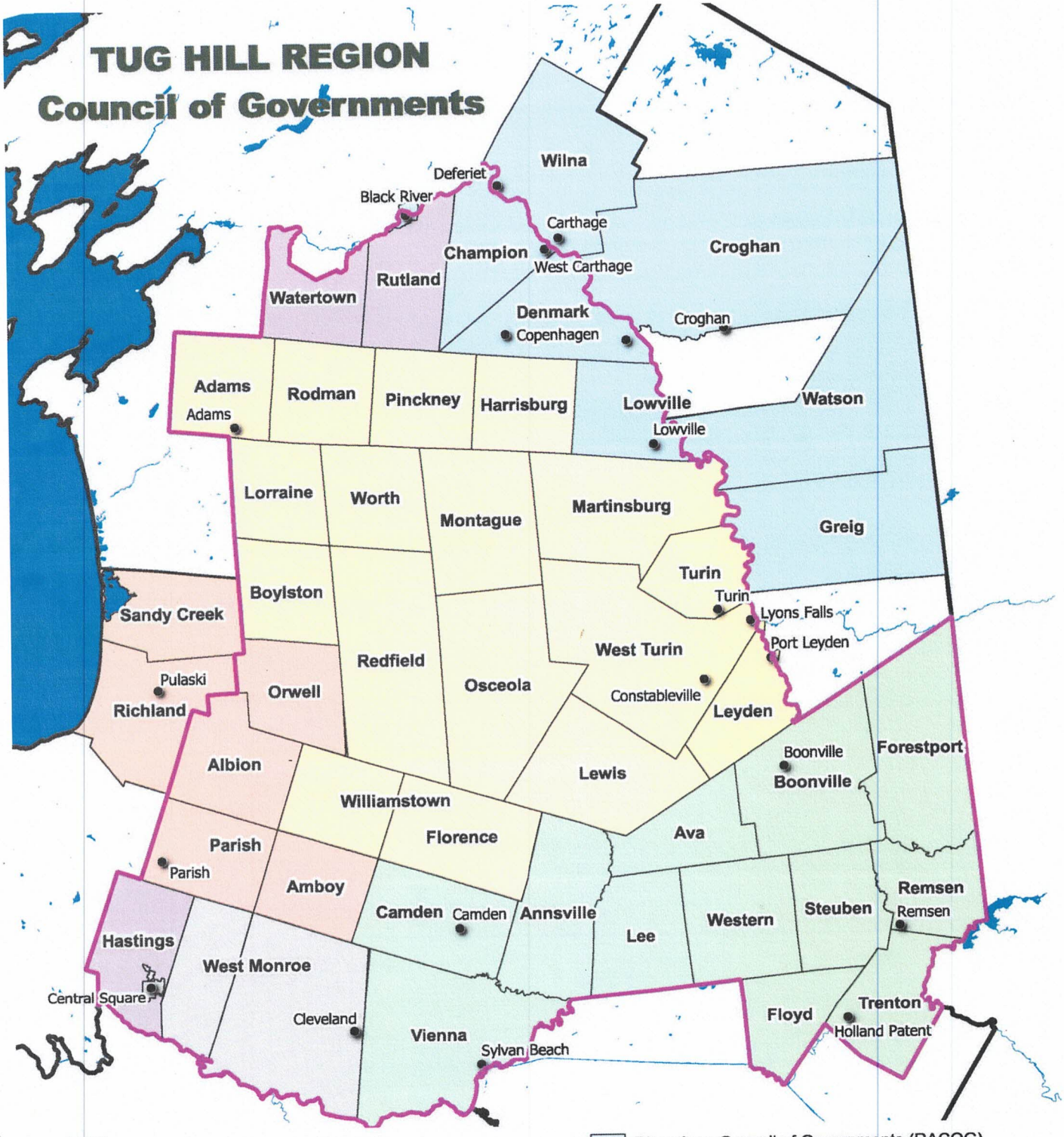
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RIVER AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

NORTH SHORE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Redfield Fire Hall, 4879 County Rte 17, Redfield

Buffet dinner provided no charge
RSVP by Sept. 10th with QR code or at
tinyurl.com/2026SUPERCOG

July 2026 COG Map



Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC)
Northern Oneida County Council of Governments (NOCCOG)
North Shore Council of Governments (NorCOG)
River Area Council of Governments (RACOG)
Salmon Rivers Council of Governments (SRCG)
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