



FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK  
APRIL - JUNE 2018

Well, it is almost May, so I'd better get moving on bringing you up to date. Our County Board meeting was April 20<sup>th</sup> and we adopted a Proclamation decreeing May 4, 2018 as Law Day in Warren County. All citizens, schools, businesses, Legal professionals and the news media are urged to acknowledge the importance of our legal and judicial systems. We also adopted a Proclamation declaring the month of May as Mental Health Month. All Warren County citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools are called upon to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate accessible services for all people with mental illness. Our County Mental health Director, Rob York, does a terrific job working with the various agencies that deal with all these issues. He keeps our committee apprised of funding sources, etc. May 2018 is also proclaimed to be OLDER AMERICANS Month. Every citizen is urged to take time this month to engage with older citizens, through enjoyable social interactions such as sports, games, contests and other forms of play. Warren County has approximately 15,900 citizens aged 60 or older. We appointed Kevin Hajos Superintendent of Public Works. Warren and Washington Counties have been dealing with some issues with the Lake George Lake Champlain Regional Planning Board. It appears that there may have been some questionable loans made and information regarding them has not been forthcoming. Warren County is currently refraining from funding this Board until we have some answers.

On April 26<sup>th</sup> our Inter County meeting was in Washington County this month. We toured Commonwealth Plywood on Rte. 4 in Whitehall. It is quite the operation. We watched the process from logs being debarked until the final product of 4x8' sheets of plywood. We ended up in a room that was filled with a million dollars' worth of stacked bundles of plywood. They employ 105 workers, many of which are women. We had lunch at the old armory which is undergoing renovations. It is a beautiful old building.

A couple of reminders:

- If you need to use the Community Center facilities you need to contact Bertha at the front desk. She will verify the availability and make arrangements for set-up and entry. Scheduling is important as it puts you on the calendar and avoids conflicts of use.
- We do so appreciate your donations to our Food Pantry, but PLEASE check the EXPIRATION DATES on your goods. We CANNOT distribute foods if they are outdated, dates of 2012, 2013, etc. are not acceptable.
- Town wide cleanup date is June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>
- June 16<sup>th</sup> is the day to take your old electronics to Silver Bay Association for disposal.

On May 22, 2018 I went to Turning Stone Resort in Verona, N.Y. to accept an award from New York Rural Water Assoc. for Wastewater System of the Year. It truly was a great experience. Joe, our WWTP operator, attended the 3 day conference and considered it to be a valuable conference. The Sewer Committee worked tirelessly moving us forward which enabled us to be nominated for and receive this award. We should be proud that our little Town earned this prestigious award.

Our county board meeting of May 15<sup>th</sup> was a night meeting, we were asked to hold in hopes of encouraging greater attendance. Was it? No, but the opportunity was there for them. A big issue at the county is how to deal with the

railroad issue as Iowa Pacific isn't interested in continuing its partnership with Warren County. We need to investigate our options so we have hired an attorney who deals only with railroad issues.

The Town Board held the informational meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> on the floating dock system, which we received a grant for. We had fairly good attendance, a lot of discussion and ended with the impression that the southern location was unfavorable to a majority in attendance. The Board needs to reevaluate the northern option. Steve recently e-mailed out a summary of the meeting with pros and cons. If you did not attend the meeting and would like the summary emailed to you let us know.

On Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> I attended a symposium on the exploitation of children and sex trafficking. What an enlightening program-scary, depressing and heart breaking to hear some of these stories! Often we live in our own little worlds and don't realize what goes on in our backyard.

I attended a meeting in Ticonderoga regarding North Country Community College working with the Ticonderoga Alliance to institute a program on the technological studies—carpentry, mechanics, plumbing, electrical services, heavy equipment etc. It definitely is a program that is way overdue. Supervisors from around Essex County were there as well as small business owners and alliance members. We all can see the benefits of such a program. They are getting an RFP ready to send out for a consultant. Hopefully a program like this will encourage young people to stay in the area as there would be jobs. I'll try to keep you updated as it progresses as it is exciting to think that we could see a program like this in our area. We can all appreciate the time and effort that is going into this. There is definitely a need for these services in our communities.

Summer is around the corner. We listen to the motorcycles as they have invaded the North Country, but we're glad they enjoy our area.

Remember the fireworks are on July 3<sup>rd</sup> with Music in the Park prior to the fireworks display.



Quote:

"As you approach life with no expectations in an effort to lighten up a bit more, you'll notice how graceful life can be. Rather than fighting against life, you'll be dancing with it."