



FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK
JAN – MAR 2018

Where has the time gone? It is past time to bring you up to speed. The County Organizational meeting was January 4th. Lo and behold I have been appointed to serve on 10 committees some of which I chair. One of the largest Committees, that I chair, is the Health, Human and Social Services committee. It keeps me extremely busy. The Commissioner of Social Services and Pat Auer, head of Public Health have retired or are retiring, so more interviews to fill these positions. After many meetings and interviews we are finally ready to fill the positions. Ryan Moore has been appointed as County Administrator, Janelle Jones as Director of Public Health & Patient Services and Christian Hanchett as Warren County Commissioner of Social Services. Intercounty took us to Plattsburgh where we toured the new Airport facilities. NYS has given them millions of dollars in grants to complete this project. The interesting thing was that the parking lot was filled with cars, but there was little activity within the terminals. We were told that the majority of the flights go out @ 2 – 3:30 in the morning.

I attended NYSAC Sunday-Wednesday (Jan. 29-31, 2018) at the Desmond in Albany. Workshops covered many topics, indigent services, shared services, the 2% cap, the state budget, etc. Commissioner Di Napoli spoke at Monday's luncheon on the fiscal condition of the state. Unfortunately the state constantly comes up with new mandates, but don't provide us with any more funding.

If you watched Channel 13 on Friday night, March 23rd or read the Post Star on Saturday the 24th, you can see that our deputy, Steve Ramant, has been active in dealing with the potholes. He has certainly been contacting any official in government or DOT trying to get them to drive up 9N over Tongue MT .He wrote the resolution that the Town Board passed at our February meeting. In it he expressed the feeling that paving of Rt. 9N has been neglected and it jeopardizes the safety of the public and wants it corrected immediately. Several days later Sam Zhou, Region 1 director, stopped by my office. He had driven up over 9N and Route 8. He had received the resolution, but made no guarantee that Rt 9N would be paved in 2018. Unless they came up with more money we were looking at 2019. With that Steve starting contacting DOT officials, took pictures, and contacted a news channel. So let's see what happens moving forward.

March is proclaimed as American Red Cross Month – a special time to recognize and thank our heroes-those who volunteer, donate blood ,take life-saving courses or provide financial donations to support an organization whose mission is to help those in need.

Now for some good news! The New York Rural Water Association Board and staff have selected the Town of Hague WWTP to receive their 2018 Wastewater System of the Year Award. This is in recognition of the forward thinking and commitment in protecting the environment. Their Wastewater Technician, Steve Grimm was truly a valuable resource for us as we developed a sustainable management plan. We will be attending their conference May 22nd to accept the award for this prestigious honor.

PLEASE NOTE a **house hold tire recycling day** will take place on Saturday, May 5th from 8:30 am to 12 pm

WHERE: Warren County DPW 4028 Main St. Warrensburg, N. Y. 12885

1. Must be a resident of Warren County—NO Businesses.
2. \$2 PER TIRE
3. Limit: 10 tires per household
4. NO cut tires or tires that have been filled with concrete, etc.
5. No tractor, loader, or heavy equipment tires

This is the perfect opportunity to get rid of any of those old tires you may have.

Warren County has proclaimed the week of April 8-14, 2018 as National crime Victims' Rights Week. It reaffirms Warren County's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year.

Our big issue this month was opposing the state's taxable state-owned land conversion to payment in lieu of taxes (pilot programs). Towns passed resolutions and sent them on to our legislators stating our opposition. This morning as I opened up my e-mails I found one that informed us that this was not part of the state budget. We are thankful for that piece of good news.

JUNE 8th and 9th, 2018 will be the Town of Hague Clean Up days. Contact the Community Center for specifics on what can be put out.

This time's Quote: Lighten up, just enjoy life, smile more, laugh more, and don't get so worked up about things.
By Kenneth Branagh

