



FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK
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Election Day is over and it's now on to Thanksgiving. First and foremost I want to thank everything who supported me in the election. I appreciate that and trust that I am doing what benefits our town. I was disappointed in the low voter turnout. I realize it was not a presidential election year, but I feel strongly that it is our civic duty.

Jim O'Toole along with the assistance of several people did a wonderful job again with our Veterans' Day program at Veterans' Park. We so appreciate Jim's taking on this task which is truly a community event. It was a rather chilly day, but people turned out to honor our veterans. Thank you to the HVFD for sponsoring the luncheon afterwards.

For Inter-County we traveled to Massena, N. Y. to the Curran Renewable Energy Pellet Plant owned and operated by Paul Curran. He opened the plant in 2013 with an \$11 million loan from the St. Lawrence IDA. The plant makes burnable pellets and supplies big institutions like Clarkson University and the Wild Center in Tupper Lake. He had pallets loaded with mulch for Tractor Supply and Lowes. Automation was evident. A robot plucks the bag of pellets and stacks them on pallets. Last year he invested \$2 million in a new furnace. It is all computer operated. Fiber chips are melted together with no addition of glue. The pellets are 80% hardwood and 20% softwood as the softwood is more expensive. It is quite an operation. At our November county board meeting we approved the budget for 2018. We authorized an agreement with NAPOLI & SHKOLNIK, PLLC to represent Warren County with regard to opioid litigation. We were pleased to have the treasurer report that we would be receiving a total of just over \$800,000 from Medicaid. We have been quite busy at the County, appointing a new County Attorney and interviewing for a new County Administrator. Next we will be interviewing for a Commissioner of Social Services as Maureen Schmidt is retiring. At December's meeting necessary transfers were authorized, contracts renewed, capital projects for DPW established, and agreements are authorized with various agencies. We passed a local law providing an exemption to Cold War Veterans from Real Property Taxation. The sales tax revenue for the county is up 2.2%.

On the town level we have been busy getting all the yearend things taken care of. Our final meeting for 2017 was December 28th at which time we had to say Good-Bye to Ginger Kuenzel. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ginger for her dedication as a Councilwoman. She was a true asset to the town by her active involvement, thorough research of all subjects to come before the board, her excellent computer skills were valuable to us as a member of the WWTP Asset Management Committee by keeping us up to speed with her meticulous minutes, unending changes to the drafts for the new Sewer Use Law, as well as assisting in scanning numerous documents for the WWTP staff. WE will miss her, but know she will stay involved. We have completed the budget process and will be working on end of the year items. We will welcome Josh Patchett on as our new board member and are glad that Marty Fitzgerald will be working with us another 4 years.

Congratulations to Judy Stock for being named Senior of the Year. In my opinion this was an honor that was long overdue for her. For years she was active in the Historical Society, Senior Citizen group and editor & publisher of the Hague Chronicle. Can anyone even guess the number of hours she spent attending meetings, special events, taking pictures, etc. and then getting it put together to get out to the public? If that isn't dedication, what is?

On this same topic I would like to look at perhaps doing a Citizen of the Year for 2018. I would like to try to get 1 person from each organization (HVFD, Rotary, Senior Citizens, Fish and Game, etc.) to get together and discuss the qualifications and let citizens submit a nomination with a small resume stating why that person should be named. Let me know if you have ideas on this. I would appreciate your input.

I have a few items to bring to your attention:

1. Please make a point of getting your dog licensed, it is a State Law and the cost is only \$4.00. See the Town Clerk.
2. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that DISPOSAL of electronic devices will END next month. The container at the Transfer Station for electronic devices will be REMOVED. The company wanted to charge every month for the box and we are not generating enough revenue for the disposal of electronics to cover the cost of the container charge. So, if you have any to get rid of, please do it in the next month. I understand Silver Bay Association does an electronic disposal day (when you can take your old electronics and dispose of them) one day during the summer. I am working on obtaining more information on this and will pass it on as soon as acquire it.
3. We have a new event taking place June 23 & 24, 2018—The Hague Endurance Festival. Saturday kicks off the festival with music, food and fun for all ages with Sprint and Olympic distance triathlons and Aqua bikes followed by a Kids Triathlon with two distances. Sunday is a Sprint Duathlon competing for bigger and better prizes. They are also looking for vendors who are interested in highlighting their business to attendees. Keep tuned for more information. They may need volunteers. You can contact coachmarkwilson@gmail.com
4. HAGUE WINTER WEEKEND February 16th – 18th - Enjoy Karoke & open Mic on Friday then on Saturday enjoy a delicious HVFD Breakfast and later enjoy the Chili Bake Off with live music then on Sunday THE POLAR PLUNGE.

I better get this out before the news is too old and so that I can start on the next issue.

This months' quote: "Life keeps moving forward. The truth is, there's no better time to be happy than right now."

