



FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK
MAY-JULY 2017

May was a busy month. I attended the portrait unveiling ceremony of the Honorable David B. Krogman. It was an impressive ceremony. The Inter County Meeting was held in Franklin County. We met at the Wild Center for our program. What an interesting place! We took the walk to the top of the tree line. The view was fantastic. It is a great place to visit if you are looking for a nice day trip. We listened to a presentation by Chad McCarthy of OATS (Older Adults Technology Services). OATS is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit that uses technology to empower and support older adults in living successful, independent lives. It is geared to those 60 and older. They have classes on internet basics, I Pad basics, online banking, classes that focus on using technology for improving health literacy as well as managing health information. What a concept. We would love to see something like that started in Warren County.

Effective August 19, 2017 to complete calls in the 518 area, you must dial 518 +the telephone number. Any new number after September being assigned will have the 838 area code and will use the new dialing procedure.

Of noteworthy interest from the May Warren County board meeting: 1. amending the Warren County Rabies Plan; 2. Establishing the occupancy tax advisory group; 3. approving revisions and amendments to the Warren County Human Services building emergency action and response plan as well as the Warren County Municipal Center plan; 4. Transferring the oversight of the SPCA over to the Sheriff's office.

I would like to personally thank Mike and Maureen Cherubini for all their hard work and dedication to the Town of Hague in organizing the Memorial Day Parade over the past 6 years. If there is anyone or ones who would like to take that job over we would love to have them step forward. After 15 years of a Memorial Day parade we would hate to see it go by the wayside. Mike and Maureen would be willing to share the information, contacts etc. with anyone who takes over. Please think about it and consider that you would be doing it for the town. The weather cooperated, making for a lovely parade. A delicious Chicken barbecue by the HVFD was enjoyed by all.

Most of you are aware of the deplorable condition of 9N south. We have contacted NYSDOT, Senator Little and Assemblyman Dan Stec. Needless to say nothing is happening, other than some patching as they were worried about the motorcyclists. On June 16, 2017 several of the supervisors had a meeting with officials from the state regarding the issue. We got, "There is only so much money—66% goes to bridge work and about 22 % goes for paving". We are looking at 3-5 years before 5 roads with big issues in Warren County get paved." But at least there was the dialogue. Please feel free to write them all a letter voicing your displeasure with the condition of the roadway, hopefully with enough complaints it will further their attention to this problem.

June 14, 2017 we had our evening county meeting. Our big topic of discussion was reducing the use of plastic bags. We had about 15 people from the audience who spoke for or against it. They are trying to promote reusable bags, but it has generated much discussion as the feeling is there are over 60,000 residents in Warren County and we should hear from more of them. Certificates were presented to the winners of Tar Wars Tobacco Prevention Program and poster contest. Most of the resolutions dealt with routine business-appointing members to boards, approving contracts and authorizing transfers of money.

For those of you who are on Facebook you probably saw pictures of the storm in July, it was unbelievable how the water raged over the falls and down the brook. A culvert backed up across from the beach and the water flooded the road and parking lot and made the park look like a lake. Our beach was a mess. Beach sand had to be hauled in to repair the damage to the beach and the debris removed. Thank you to our highway crew and all those that helped out. We are fortunate that things were not any worse. The state is allocating money to Warren County for the damages incurred. We will be included as there was damage on Padanarum and Dodd Hill as well as at the beach.

The Board had an informative presentation from the CEO and CFO of Inter Lakes Health at our July meeting. They explained the layout of the new facility and the services it will offer. I was disappointed that public attendance was not better. We set a public hearing on the solar moratorium for August 8, 2017. We are reviewing our Contract for the Transfer Station with Casella Waste Management. They are looking at some major increases for 2018-2019. The Board has been reviewing our options. We will keep you informed.

On July 27th I visited the Herkimer Diamond Mines with the Inter County group. It was a dreary rainy day so we couldn't do what they call "soft mining". The owner of the mines, restaurant and museum was a tremendous speaker. She has traveled worldwide promoting the gems and Herkimer County. She too stressed the importance of infrastructure and the need for the state to be more concerned. The day after 9/11 they found a cluster of the Herkimer diamonds in the shape of a cross (17" by 11"). It is in the museum and quite impressive. This is another day trip for those of you looking for something different to do. There is a restaurant right there on the property and just down the road you can take a boat cruise on the canal.

I hope you have been enjoying the concerts in the park every Wednesday. The Adirondack Shakespeare Company presented "THOR". I was surprised at the great attendance, but it was quite a different, but interesting performance. Hopefully the group will return next summer.

I attended the ground breaking for the William Boyd Center at Silver Bay on Sunday, August 6, 2017. It was a lovely program with Betty Little, our Senator, in attendance giving a few comments about Silver Bay and what they do for the community. We wish them the best as they move forward with this big undertaking.

This month's quote: "A positive attitude brings forth creativity and aliveness in your work. It creates a rhythm of harmony and joy. It keeps you curious, interested and focused on your work."

