



FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

November – December 2016

My intention was to be more prompt in getting my newsletter out. I get it started and keep trying to add to it, and then before you know it the month is gone. Fall came and went, Thanksgiving and Christmas came and went. I trust you enjoyed them all. Speaking of Christmas you should stop in next year when the Garden Club ladies are here decorating wreaths, what a heavenly smell throughout the Community Center. The Ladies also do a wonderful job putting together the lovely Christmas baskets that hang along the sidewalks as well as the bridge baskets. They do such a great job and it definitely makes the Town look festive. WE do so appreciate their doing it for our community.

After many hours our Town budget is now done, approved and under the tax cap. EXCITING NEWS! We were awarded a \$38,000.00 grant from the Regional Economic Council for designing and installing docks at the park. A big Thank You goes to Tracey Clothier with the LA Group for her expertise in the grant submittal.

On the county level our budget was down so we are experiencing a slight decrease. Our department heads work diligently to keep within their budgets.

If you are a reader of the Post Star (what other choice do you have?) you will have read about the Tourism report and the direction Warren County should go in. It was a lengthy meeting, well over 3 hours long, listening to the results of the study. It was followed by many questions which will continue on in 2017 as there are different views on how to promote Warren County. As usual I attended numerous meetings at the County, including an Inter-County meeting that was held at AngioDynamics in Glens Falls. We had an interesting tour of the facility, it was most impressive they employ around 700 and covers a large area. We had lunch at the Aviator Restaurant, which by the way was delicious. Check it out sometime. In December we authorized and adopted a department head evaluation policy and related forms. The county will start with the 130 individuals who are not part of a union. The City of Glens Falls and Warren County entered into an inter-municipal agreement for participation in the consolidated commodity purchasing was authorized. We have had some great savings with this new program, both on the Town and County level. We have had our last county board meeting for the year. The organizational meeting is January 5, 2017. Our new Chairman will be Ron Conover of Bolton as Kevin Geraghty is stepping down after 4 years at the helm. There will be some new committee assignments in 2017.

As I look back over 2016 I like to feel that we have accomplished a few goals.

1. Upgraded the Community Center phone system
2. Redesigned and relaunched the town website to simplify navigation and content navigation
3. Are working with the LA Group on the comprehensive plan update
4. Purchased a new building for our launch shack and installed a deep well pump
5. Received a \$38,000 grant for installing more boat docks, thanks to the LA Group
6. Our Asset Management Committee is continuing to work on long range management of our sewer system

7. Purchased a new truck for the highway department
8. Made upgrades at the Community Center—new boiler, new shades, new carpeting
9. Installed new sign in front of CC
10. Are working with the LA group to update the comprehensive plan
11. The WWTP asset management committee is working on revising the local sewer law to make it less cumbersome
12. The highway crew worked with Warren County Soil and Water to do a bio-retention area and drywell at the highway garage.

May we see good things happening in our Town in 2017 by working together.

QUOTE – Anonymous

When you understand other positions and points of view, wonderful things begin to happen.
First, you often learn something new. You expand your horizons.