



FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK  
Sept. – Dec. 2019

My intentions were to get this done before Thanksgiving, obviously I wasn't successful. The past few months have been more than hectic. September found my husband (who planned a 2-week cruise for us) and I on the "Mighty Mississippi". It was quite an experience. Sad to say some of the towns along the river are so poverty stricken. We enjoyed seeing St. Louis, Vicksburg, New Orleans and Baton Rouge, visiting a cotton Plantation, the battle fields of Vicksburg and what once was a sugar plantation.

After a very (too) long vacation it was time to return to the Campaign trail, work on not one but two budgets, town and county for 2020. The county budget is about \$161 million and the Town of Hague's budget is \$2,970,496, both of which stayed under the 2% cap. The County is pursuing solar power development at the Airport and then plan on leasing the land. RFPs (Request for Proposals) are going out for construction of a new 80'x90' structure to house OES (Office of Emergency Services), and buildings and grounds equipment. We have been working on this since 2012. It shows how slowly government works. A big issue facing the county is bail reform. The NYS 2020 budget includes language to reform bail, discovery and speedy trials. Arresting officers must release individuals under non-monetary condition and issue an appearance ticket unless an individual is charged with a felony, a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence or if an individual was convicted of a violent felony within the last five years. Last month I attended Inter County in Fulton County where we toured their solid waste Department single stream recycling process. The operation was explained to us and we saw their operating landfill which is presently 113 acres, but will be a 700-acre landfill in the future. This month we went to Saratoga County to see their new Public Safety Facility, 66,000 square feet. It will house the Sheriff's department, emergency services, probation, dispatch and public health. Quite the building. The mornings of November 7<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> were spent interviewing applicants for Warren County Director of Employment and Training. All were well qualified applicants which makes choosing one difficult.

Wow, how about that October 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween storm! By now everyone is/was well aware of all the damage that Storm caused to our little Town and at one point with no way in or out. Graphite Mountain Road (NYS Rte. 8), New Hague Road, West Hague Road, Trout Brook, McCoy Road, and Yaw Road sustained unbelievable damage. Our Highway crew did a tremendous job with limited manpower assessing and mitigating the damages while waiting for Warren County DPW and NYS DOT to have access to assist us. Emergency Management Agency) sent representatives who met with Town, County and State Officials to check out all the damage. We just received word on Dec 20<sup>th</sup> that the federal government is granting funding for storm repairs to those areas who met the criteria for compensation under FEMA guidelines. We will now receive 75% of the cost of repairs with the remaining 25% being our share.

Warren County and the Town of Hague have earned the Sustainable Winter Management (SWIM) Program certification. It is a program geared toward reducing the use of road salt and its runoff into Lake George and other waterways while maintaining safe driving conditions. The certifications were awarded at the Regional Salt Summit in Lake Placid on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are proud of our highway crew and the great job they did to be presented with this award.

The Adirondack Christkindlmarkt was held at the Charles R. Wood Park - Festival Commons in Lake George Village December 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. It was a terrific new event last year with an attendance of around 5000. It was so successful that it was expanded on this year. They had over 50 vendors including a couple of our very own crafts people from Hague who participated. Not only did they have plenty of craft vendors but they also had German food and plenty of entertainment. What a great time. Mark your calendars and check it out next December. Plan on a fun time.

December is always a busy month getting prepared for the holiday season and thankfully meetings are kept to a minimum. I look forward to and was able to attend the Seniors annual Christmas luncheon where we had a delicious meal prepared by Chef Katy. Pat gave a brief overview of 2019 activities as well as a list of the upcoming 2020 activities/events. Door prizes and gifts were handed out as well as a drawing for the 50-50. A great time was had by all.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and I wish all a happy, healthy New Year.

QUOTE:

Carry out a **RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS**, with no expectations of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you. Princess Diana

