

## September 2016 Supervisor's report

This month's activities seem to be covered in the reports from the other departments. I think this is an example of the communication that exists within the Town Hall and among the department heads.

We talked last month about the restrictions from the state's 2% Tax Cap (which is officially .68%) and how it opposes any projected growth to the Town's budget. One recourse that is available to us is to try to find other funding sources. As it was reported by the Town's Engineer and the Town Highway Superintendent, we are aggressively pursuing not only cost saving opportunities, but many potential funding sources and grants. While there are costs associated with these efforts, it is felt that these will be more than offset by increased revenues to the Town.

Last month also we talked about the possible expansion of Champlain Valley Specialty of NY. While there is no conclusive new information to report, I am pleased to be able to report that efforts by the Town Attorney and Town Supervisor have helped that group begin to again work with the City of Oswego regarding their sewer concerns. We feel that this is beginning to sow the seeds for more and better inter-municipal cooperation in this region. In keeping with this, we have also discussed with the City and several other towns possible areas of cooperation and sharing of resources.

It is also a pleasure to announce that the Newman Group has formally submitted plans for potential development within our Town. While these plans still must be reviewed as part of the Planning Board process before any Public Hearing can be scheduled, on tonight's agenda are several Memorandums of Understanding that will help facilitate this process and also protect the interests of the Town.

We have received a number of complaints regarding possible Planning and Zoning violations. As indicated in other reports, the Town takes these very seriously. We have worked to involve the Town Attorney to insure all procedures are correctly followed and rules correctly implemented. However, there seem to be instances where current rules and procedures are insufficient. The Town Board has already requested the Town Attorney to review the laws regarding enforcement of Town rules. The Town Supervisor is working with the Comprehensive Plan Committee and the Town Planning Board to review our zoning regulations. The Town Supervisor also intends to request review of these regulations, especially regarding pole barns in residential areas. Additionally, several recent activities regarding rental properties suggest it is time to again try to implement rules regarding rental properties. As such, any input from the community and the Board are welcome.

Another area in which we can report progress is related to the Community Hall. Our Town Clerk, Nikki Fowler has gotten several requests to use the facility and has worked to get the building cleaned and ready for use. She has also been contacting other towns so she can draft some policies and procedures. Again any input would be welcome.