

TOWN OF TORREY BOARD  
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Newsletter  
September 1 - December 31, 2018

*The Torrey Town Board is sending this newsletter to bring residents up to date on some of the issues the town has considered and/or are working on since the last newsletter (May 1 - August 31).*

**Town Officials**

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Betty Daggett	(Town Clerk)	<a href="mailto:townclerk@townoftorrey.com">townclerk@townoftorrey.com</a>
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**From the Desk of Town Supervisor (*Pat Flynn*):**

- The approval on November 6, 2018 of the Benton Water District #1 extension allows the Town of Torrey Water District #1 to go forward
- The Town of Torrey on November 18, 2018 was awarded by the USDA a loan for Water District #1 in the amount of \$892,000
- Application for Water District 1 (the Northeast area of the Town) submitted to the NYS Controller's Office for approval
- Filed State Environmental Quality Review Act (**SEQRA**) as lead agency for Water District 1 stating there is non-significant environmental impact for Water District
- The Town of Torrey on November 13, 2018 approved a contract for Timothy McGill, Bond Counsel, for Water District 1
- The Town of Torrey on December 12, 2018 approved and signed a contract with **CPL** engineering team for engineering services for the design and construction of water mains for Water District 1
- On December 19, 2018 received letter from Tom DiNapoli, State Comptroller, approving the Town of Torrey's application for Water District 1 based on a grant of \$684,000 and a loan of \$892,000 from United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development
- Town of Torrey Board met on November 21, 2018 with the trustees of the Village of Dresden at the village's monthly meeting to review and clarify the items in the water contract for the Perry Point Water District (Water District #2)

**From the Desk of the Town Board:**

- Adopted the Town Budget for 2019

Summary of Torrey Town Budget

Fund	Appropriations &Provisions	Less Est Rev	Less Unexp Balance	Less Pilots Payments	Amount Raise by Taxes
<b>Gen A</b>	357,601	39,220	40,000	9,893	268,488
<b>Gen B</b>	24854	9,800	2,500	674	11,880
<b>HWY DA Town</b>	234,983	35,040	28,000	6,520	165,423
<b>HWY DB Outside Village</b>	204,250	90,000	24,000	5,396	84,854
Subtotal	<b>821,688</b>	<b>174,060</b>	<b>94,500</b>	<b>22,483</b>	<b>530,645</b>
<b>Fire Cnt</b>	96,900	0	0	0	96900
<b>Totals</b>	<b>918,588</b>	<b>174,060</b>	<b>94,500</b>	<b>22,483</b>	<b>627,545</b>

- Appointed George Dowse as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeal
- Accepted the resignation of Ron Merritt from the Board of Assessment of Review
- Accepted the resignation of Elaine Thiesmeyer from the Planning Board
- Appointed Ellen Campbell to the Planning Board

**From the Desk of Town Clerk (Betty Daggett):**

- Town Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am - 4:00pm. Call 315-536- 6376
- Tax Collection is in full stride, the new collection system introduced by the county last year was plagued with glitches, problems resolved, the 2019 tax collection is running smoothly.
- New this year, on the tax bills is the option to pay Town & County Taxes online at <https://www.yatescounty.org/519>, - standard processing fees will be applied.  
( I have received many calls from taxpayer having problems accessing the county website)
- Fee collection such as building permits, fines & fees issued by Code Office
- Licenses : marriage, hunting, fishing, dog & birth/death certificates (If you love your dog(s), please license them. Licensing helps with Identification of lost dogs and provides protection for the community. It is also NYS Ag & Market law- **ALL** dogs harbored in the Town of Torrey must be licensed *yearly* at the Town Clerk office).

**From the Desk of Town Highway Superintendent (Tim Chambers):**

- Off hours emergency callout number: 315-729-2706
- Surplus 1992 Gradall was auctioned for \$6700
- Surplus 2008 Dump Truck was auctioned for \$42100
- Highway Department continues to address issues identified in a 2018 Workplace Safety audit
- Identifying which roads in the town will be paved or stoned and oiled in 2019 using Community Highway Improvement Projects (CHIPs) funds
- An engineer is being consulted about a problem on Leach Road
- *Reminder according to NYS law:*

- + throwing trash, garbage, rubbish, litter or refuse on Highways and adjacent lands is prohibited
- + the town superintendent of highways shall sue for and recover a penalty not to exceed \$100 from any person depositing ashes, snow, ice, stones, sticks, etc. upon a highway or on grass or loose stones adjoining a town highway

**From the Desk of Town Code Enforcement Officer (*Dwight James*):**

- Call the Town Office at 315-536-6376 (cell 315-730-3291) or email at [torreycodes@gmail.com](mailto:torreycodes@gmail.com) to inquire about Permits.
- Total Permits issued for 2018 were 89
- Permit fees collected for 2018 were \$8597.81
- Total violations issued were 6 with 5 being resolved
- Reminder all short term rentals must be registered with the Town

**From the Desk of Town Planning Board (*Dave Granzin*):**

- Meets the third (3rd) Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Town Building
- Developed regulations on Solar Energy and submitted to the Town Board for approval at the September 11th Town Board meeting
- Investigated the options for dog kennel/breeding regulations
- recommended the Town Board revise the zoning regulations dealing with width requirements for mobile homes/manufactured housing to be in compliance with New York State law passed in 2015

**From the Desk of Town Judge (Hon. Matt Conlon)**

- Hon. Jean Mashewske resigned effective January 2, 2019
- Hon. Matt Conlon of the Village of Penn Yan is acting judge
- Torrey Town Board on January 8, 2019 appointed George Thompson who will serve the remainder of Judge Mashewske's term starting May 1, 2019

- Court is held each Tuesday at 2:00pm on the West side of the Town Building. The phone number is 315 536 5655
- Criminal court is held the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm
- Town Board members Grant Downs and Larry Martin audited the Town Justice books and found no discrepancies.

**From the Desk of Town Watershed Inspector (*Yates Cty Soil & Water*)**

The Town's inspectors can be contacted at the Yates County Soil and Water Conservation Department 315- 536-5188.

In November of 2014, the Town of Torrey passed a local Wastewater Law effective January 1, 2015. Under the new law, any onsite wastewater treatment system within 200' of Seneca Lake or a DEC classified stream is required to be inspected every 5 years. The cost of the inspection is borne by the Town of Torrey (unless this is a property transfer). However any pumping of the septic or repair is a cost to the homeowner. We are now in year 5 of these inspections.

**From the Desk of the Mayor of Dresden (*Bill Hall*):**

- Village elections will be held Tuesday, March 19, 2019
- Mayor Bill Hall (Term: March 2017 - March 2019)
- Village Trustees
  - Brian Flynn (Term: March 2018 - March 2020)
  - David Wernsing (Term: March 2017 - March 2019)
- Colleen Riviello is the Village Clerk. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 2:00pm, phone number 315-536-247
- Village tennis courts were repaired and relined this past Summer
- Village of Dresden and Village of Penn Yan have reached an agreement on an amended Authorized Water District Territory
- Town of Torrey and Village of Dresden are finalizing an agreement regarding Water District 2 (Perry Point)
- NYSEG completed a Green Energy Audit for the Village. This led to the replacement of all the florescent in Village buildings with LEDs.

- There is a dire need for volunteer firemen in Dresden. All residents of the Town of Torrey are welcome.

## Upcoming Community Event

- **Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association** (SLPWA) again will be doing stream sampling in the Keuka Outlet beginning in April. Sampling is done every 6 weeks throughout the Summer. Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) monitoring along the Town of Torrey Seneca Lake shoreline will start in late July and continue through Columbus Day weekend. Check their website [www.SenecaLake.org](http://www.SenecaLake.org) for additional information or to volunteer!
- **Friends of the Keuka Outlet** (FOTO) check their website [www.KeukaOutletTrail.org](http://www.KeukaOutletTrail.org) for details of events to be held this year and to volunteer. The **FOTO** Board of Directors meet monthly at 7:00 PM at the Lyons National Bank and the public is welcome. The next scheduled meetings are January 24, February 27, and March 27). A special event, *Hot Chocolate and Cool History*, is to be held February 28 at the Penn Yan Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- **Yates Transit Services** provides public bus service throughout the County including a route from/to Dresden and Penn Yan. Call 315.694.7700 or go to their website- [yatestransitservice.com](http://yatestransitservice.com) for additional information.
- **Yates County Board of Elections** needs Poll Workers/Inspectors. This is a paid position which involves 5 hours of training, 11 hours on Primary Day, and 17 hours on General Election Day. If someone is interested, they should contact the Yates County Board of Elections in Penn Yan as training is in October.

**From the Desk of the Newsletter Editor (*Grant Downs*):**

- The response to the first two newsletters of 2018 was very positive. Additional feedback and/or comments are welcome and can be submitted by either calling 315-536-6376 or sending an email to: [townclerk@townoftorrey.com](mailto:townclerk@townoftorrey.com)
- A number of you requested you would like subsequent newsletters to be sent via Email. We have attempted to accommodate this request.
- Newsletters will also be posted on the Town of Torrey website: <https://townoftorrey.org>
- As we make the transition from a hardcopy newsletter to electronic copy **only**, this issue will only be sent via email to those who have signed up. There will be a limited number of hardcopy newsletters available at the Town Office
- Those wishing to have future newsletters sent by email should provide the following information and send it to the town clerk:

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**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_