TOWN OF TORREY BOARD
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Newsletter
September 1 - December 31, 2019

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

Patrick Flynn   (Supervisor)   Flynn.farms@hotmail.com
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Betty Daggett   (Town Clerk)   townclerk@townoftorrey.com
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Tim Chambers   (Hwy Supt.)   towmclerk@townoftorrey.com
   315.729.2706   Term: January 1,2020 - December 31,2021
George Thompson (Town Judge)   townclerk@townoftorrey.com
   315.536.5655   Term: January 1, 2020 - December 31,2023
Dwight James   (Code Enforcement Officer) torreycodes@gmail.com
   315.536.6376 (cell 315.730.3291)
Patricia Brede   (Assessor)   assessor@townofbenton.us
   315.536.7551

From the Desk of Town Supervisor (*Pat Flynn*):
- The Town of Torrey has contracted with Municipal Solutions in conjunction with the ongoing work for Water District #1.
- Received from the Village of Dresden an analysis prepared by Municipal Solution regarding water rates for Water District #2. The analysis has been passed on to the Town Water Committee.
- Jeremy DeLyser, engineer with **CPL**, attended December 10,2019 meeting to provide a progress report on Water District #1 since the signing of a contract with **CPL** on December 12,2018. Jeremy outlined the process from obtaining easements through the actual start of construction. He will provide the Town Board with a written description of the specific steps and time frame for their completion.
- Signed a number of documents for submission to the Department of Health, Department of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Conservation, and Norfolk Southern Railway on behalf of Water District 1.

From the Desk of the Town Board:
- Adopted the Town Budget for 2020

Summary of Torrey Town Budget

Fund	Appropriations & Provisions	Less Est Rev	Less Unexp Balance	Less Pilots Payments	Amount Raise by Taxes
Gen A	428,324	108,336	30,000	10,000	279,998
Gen B	25,611	8,000	4,800	674	12,137
HWY DA Town	432,910	245,040	12,619	6,520	168,731
HWY DB Outside Village	175,240	90,400	6,747	5,396	73,057
Subtotal	**1,062,085**	**451,416**	**54,166**	**22,590**	**533,913**
Fire Cnt	96,900	0	0	0	96,900
Totals (2020)	**1,158,985**	**451,416**	**54,166**	**22,590**	**630,813**
Totals (2019)	**918,588**	**174,060**	**94,500**	**22,483**	**627,545**

Town of Torrey Tax Rate per 100/Unit

Year	Town Tax Rate Outside Village	Town Tax Rate Within Village	Torrey Fire District
2020	**3.276265**	**2.634106**	**.594706**
2019	**2.874892**	**2.381565**	**.525258**

- Approved the Highway Department's purchase of a 2020 International Dump Truck, plow, wing, and sand box for a total price of $192,188.39

- Approved two resolutions (Lateral Restrictions and Water Main and Appurtenance Standardization) presented by Jeremy DeLyser of CPL for Water District 1

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 in 2018 was plagued with glitches, the problems have been resolved, and the 2020 tax collection is running smoothly.
- 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.
- 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
- Mowing for 2019 was completed just in time as Winter came early with sanding and plowing starting November 7th.
- The side mower is attached on the town excavator to clean up banks along the roadways
- An engineer is being consulted about a problem on East Leach Road
- Sought quotes for a replacement for the 6 wheel truck #4 which were presented at the December 10,2019 Town Board meeting

- As a **safety** precaution, especially this time of year when snow plowing is possible, trash cans should **not** be placed on Town Roads,but rather on the right-of-way.
- *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 to inquire about Permits.
- Total Permits issued for 2019 were 82
  - New Homes - 1
  - Additions- 4
  - Commercial Buildings- 2
  - Commercial Renovations- 1
  - Short Term Rental- 31
  - Other Permits- 42
- C of O / C of C issued- 17
- Permit fees collected for 2019 were $9246.85
- Total violations issued were 3 with 3 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

- Processed several standard site plan reviews, lot line adjustments, and variance requests, some of which were forwarded to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Reviewed Greenidge application for a Data Farm
- Yates County is currently updating its 1965 Comprehensive Plan. The major benefit to the County having such a plan is to use in showing credibility when applying for grants. This can be a benefit to the residents of Yates County. A survey for the Comprehensive Plan can be found at the website-

https://www.yatescounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/2923/YatesCompPlanSurvey-2019?bidId=

From the Desk of Town Judge (Hon. George Thompson)
- Torrey Town Board on January 8,2019 appointed George Thompson to serve the remainder of Judge Mashewske's term effective May 1,2019. Mr Thompson ran and won a full term in November 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 Peter Martini and Colby Petersen audited the Town Justice books and found no discrepancies for
  Judge Jean K. Mashewske, September 1 - December 31, 2018
  Judge Matthew D. Conlon, January 1 - April 30, 2019
  Judge George R. Thompson, May 1 - August 31,2019
- Town Court is applying for a **JCAP** Grant to finance installation of a Security system for the building and court room.

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 Wednesday, March 18,2020
-   Mayor Bill Hall   (Term: March 2019 - March 2021)
-   Village Trustees
     Brian Flynn   (Term: March 2018 - March 2020)
     Bret Siegrist   (Term: March 2019 - March 2021)
-   Village organizational meeting will be held Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00 pm
-   Colleen Riviello is the Village Clerk. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 2:00pm, phone number 315-536-2477
-   Village of Dresden forwarded to the Town of Torrey an analysis developed by Municipal Solutions regarding water rates for Water District #2 (Perry Point).
-   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)
     Stream sampling along the Keuka Outlet continued in 2019 with results similar to previous years.
     Sampling will continue in 2020, but may be adjusted to account for data needs for the Seneca Watershed 9 Element Plan.
     2019 was another big year for Harmful Algal Blooms on Seneca Lake, which were found not only in September, but well into October

this year. The shoreline north of the Outlet was very susceptible again.

A dock monitoring and sampling experiment proved very promising. It demonstrated we can find more blooms than with just volunteers and that there is significant nutrient variation along the shoreline. We hope to be able to continue this program in 2020.

In addition, Pure Waters would like to focus research on HAB toxins, to understand when it is safe to go back in the water, but will need to find funding to do so. One part of this toxin research, would be to test a toxin field test kit that homeowners could use to test their own water for the presence of toxins.

Check their website *www.SenecaLake.org*   for additional Information or to volunteer!

-    **Friends of the Keuka Outlet** (FOTO) check their website 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. Beginning in January of 2020, the FOTO Newsletter will be sent by e-mail. Please submit your e-mail address to the above website. If you would still like a hardcopy, then write:

    FOTO, Inc.
    PO Box 65,
    Dresden, NY   14441

-    **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** for additional information.

-   **Yates County Board of Elections** needs Poll Workers/Inspectors.

This is a paid position with training provided. There will be three elections- April 28,2020 (Presidential), June 3,2020 (State/Fed/ Local), and November 3,2020 (Presidential). Full day or half day workers/inspectors are needed for all three elections
If someone is interested, they should contact the Yates County Board of Elections at 315-536-5135 or email directly to-
rschwarting@yatescounty.org
rbrechko@yatescounty.org

- **Seneca 7 Relay** will be held Sunday, April 26,2020 passing through the Village of Dresden

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

- The response to the newsletters of 2018 and the first two continues to be 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

- 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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