

TOWN OF TORREY BOARD
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Newsletter
January 1 - April 30, 2021

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 is working on since the last newsletter (September 1 - December 31). Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting restrictions, normal Town activities have been curtailed. Hopefully we will soon return to business as usual!

Town Officials -

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315.536.5655 Term: January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2023
Dwight James (Code Enforcement Officer) torreycodes@gmail.com
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Patricia Brede (Assessor) assessor@townofbenton.us
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From the Desk of Town Supervisor (*Pat Flynn*):

- The Town has been awarded \$130,000 under the American Rescue Plan. A portion of this will be shared with the Village of Dresden
- Jeremy DeLyser of the engineering firm CPL sent for the February 9th board meeting a punch list of the next steps outlined for WD1.
- Easements necessary for WD1 have been reviewed by the Town Attorney and sent to the affected homeowners. There remains just one (1) final easement to be obtained
- Negotiations with Norfolk Southern for easements under their tracks are ongoing with just one more to be secured

From the Desk of the Town Board:

- The Town Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm
- The Town has been awarded \$9300 from Yates County under its Natural Resource and Recreation Program
- The Town Logo contest concluded April 9th. The entries were reviewed by the Logo Committee led by Town Historian Nancy Sarver. Winners were announced at the May 11th meeting.
 - First Place: Samantha Conley
 - Second Place: Miranda Proletti-Nelson
 - Third Place: Dan Garrow
- Continues to work on a contract with the Village of Dresden to supply water to Town of Torrey Water District 2 (WD2)

- Torrey Cleanup Day will be held July 31, 2021 from 8:00 am to 3:00pm. See below under **Upcoming Community Events** for further information
- **Grievance Day is Thursday, May 27, 2021** from 4:00 - 8:00pm. Contact the Town Assessor for the details of how, when, and where to make a written application. It should be pointed out this is an off-year in the state mandated reevaluation process. Here is the legal notice that will appear in the newspaper and posted in the Torrey Town Office:

TOWN OF TORREY

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL PURSUANT TO SECTION 506 AND 526 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessor of the Town of Torrey, County of Yates, will complete the tentative assessment roll on May 1, 2021. The roll can be viewed online at: www.yatescounty.org then under departments, Real Property Tax, and click on assessment rolls. (<https://www.yatescounty.org/246/Assessment-Rolls>) or at the Benton or Torrey Town offices during regular hours. Please follow COVID guidelines for in person visits.

By phone appointment only, the assessor will be available on May 10, 12, 17, 19, between 10am and 2pm. May 15th: 9am-12noon and May 18th: 7-9pm to discuss your tentative assessment. Call the Assessor at (315) 536-7551 during Benton office hours (see below) or leave a message on my cell 585-698-7641 with only your name and phone number-I will return your call.

HEARING OF COMPLAINTS

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR GRIEVANCE, and MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO 4PM ON MAY 20TH. Hearings will be held by phone only. Call the Assessor's office to schedule M,W,TH 10am-2pm. Complaints may also be reviewed by mail as long as the documents are received by May 27th. Documents received May 28th are not timely filed and will not be heard. The Board of Assessment Review will meet on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at the Benton Town Hall, 1000 SR 14A, Penn Yan NY between the hours of 4:00pm and 8pm p.m. to hear and examine all **scheduled phone** complaints in relation to assessment on the application of any person believing himself to be aggrieved. **The BAR will call the complainant at their appointed time.**

Publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment and complaint forms rp-524 are available online at <http://www.tax.ny.gov>. If you need one mailed, call the Assessor's office. **Attendance with your complaint is not necessary to have it heard; only the timely filing of the completed complaint form.**

Dated this 28th day of April, 2021

Patricia Brede, Assessor

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

- Town Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. On Friday, the Town Office is open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. The office phone number is 315.536.6376
- 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).
- The Summer Recreation program is to be determined based on the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions

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

- Off hours emergency callout number: 315-729-2706
- A growing problem in the Town of Torrey is the **stealing** of our street signs e.g. Hopeton Road, Jensen Road, Nutt Road, and Quenan Road. The stealing of street signs is a punishable crime subject to a \$100 fine and/or one year confinement. The Town of Torrey is offering a \$100 reward leading to the information and identification of the culprit(s).
- The Town Salt Shed constructed in 2014 should be power washed and sealed every five (5) years. Hybrid Building Solutions has submitted a proposal to perform the work for \$6011.
- Consolidated Local and Highway Improvement Projects (CHIPs) funds (approximately \$65,000 in previous years) are expected to be

fully funded at \$145,000. A portion of this money will be used to pave Hewitt Rd as well as seal Hopeton Rd which was paved last year.

- Yates County reimbursement for shared services is \$26,000. The Town was expecting \$44,000. This is dependent on snow plowing in the months of November and December.
- NYS DOT has reinstated the 20% cut in funding for 2020.
- Tim will sign for the Town of Torrey a shared services agreement with NYS DOT.
- Snow removal season has ended so the highway department has now turned to Spring tasks- patching potholes, mowing roadsides, sweeping roads, drainage work, etc.
- Investigating replacing the Town's 2017 ¾ ton pickup from the department's equipment fund as its resale value is quite high
- Torrey Cleanup Days is tentatively scheduled to be held August 15th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm (see more details under **Upcoming Community Events**)
- *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 hwy or on grass or loose stones adjoining a town hwy

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. When in doubt ask!
- The new New York State Building Code took effect on May 12, 2020. Check with Dwight for additional information
- Building permits are required for any electrical, plumbing, insulation, or structural work undertaken
- Construction or alteration of any accessory structure, addition or

- new construction requires a permit
- Reminder all short term rentals must be registered with the Town
- There has been a noticeable increase for inquiries and/or permits for commercial projects. There were 2 special use permits scheduled for April and at least 1 more in May.
- The total permits issued to date are 52.
- Dwight has completed ½ of his required 24 hours of code classes.

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. Because of COVID-19 restrictions meetings will temporarily held in the Town garage.
- Revised the town's Dog Kennel Law and submitted to the Town Board for adoption. The Town Board will review at the May 11th meeting at 7:30 pm.
- The review of Greenidge's proposed data farm continues. In November the Planning Board issued a conditional negative SEQR declaration. A subsequent Article 78 procedure resulted in the Yates County Planning Board issuing a negative recommendation on Greenidge's permit. This moved the permit process back to the Torrey Planning Board for a second review. A full SEQR review was held at the April 19th meeting. The Planning Board voted 4 - 1 to pass a negative SEQR (meaning no environmental finding). By the same margin the site plan was permitted on the condition a noise study be performed and the results meet the Town Building Code.
- A review of Norbut's solar farm permit was held at the April 26th meeting. The Planning Board voted 4 - 1 to pass a negative SEQR and by the same margin approved the site plan.
- Moved two (2) items to the Zoning Board of Appeals for special use permit. One is the building of a 72 ft x 140 ft warehouse to manufacture storage sheds. The other is a three (3) phase expansion

of the Red Tail Winery conditional on County Planning Board approval.

From the Desk of Town Judge (Hon. George Thompson)

- 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

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.

Yates County Soil and Water led by Colby Petersen is working with the Town of Torrey Highway Department in the remediation at the Town Park through a Yates County Natural Resource and Recreation Grant.

Yates County Soil and Water led by Colby Petersen is working with Ian Smith, Seneca Lake Watershed Steward, in the implementation of a Yates County Natural Resource and Recreation Grant for flood control of sediment and nutrients in sections of the Keuka Outlet.

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 7 of these inspections.

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

- Mayor Bill Hall (Term: March 2021 - March 2023)
- Village Trustees
 - Brian Flynn (Term: March 2020 - March 2022)
 - Bret Siegrist (Term: March 2021 - March 2023)
- Village Board meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm
- Colleen Riviello is the Village Clerk. Office hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 2:00pm, phone number 315-536-2477.
- Andy Simmons is the Code Enforcement Officer. His office hours are M - F 10am - 12pm. He can be reached at 315-679-1659 or at the email address- Dresdenceo20@gmail.com
- Village elections were held Tuesday, March 16,2021
- Village organizational meeting will be held Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00 pm which is the regular monthly meeting
- The public hearing for the Village Budget was held on April 21st The tax rate is below the New York State Tax Cap.
- The date for the “Dresden Days” celebration is Friday July 23rd and Saturday July 24th. (Dresden Days will be held the third Friday & Saturday of July every year).
- The Village hopes to have Live Music at the Gazebo the First Tuesday of the month – May, June, July and Aug
- Dresden Fire Department meets the first Monday of the month
- There is a need for volunteer firemen in Dresden. All residents of the Town of Torrey are encouraged to volunteer.
- Greenidge Power Plant donated \$25,000 to the Dresden Fire Department for rescue equipment. The volunteers of the fire department contributed another \$9,000 from their fundraising efforts to purchase complementary equipment.

Upcoming Community Events

- The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) puts out a weekly bulletin each week detailing proposals and actions throughout the State.

The Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB) is available at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html>

Yates County is in Region 8

- **Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association (SLPWA)** stream sampling in the Keuka Outlet began April 5th. Sampling is not as robust as in previous years as it is now done in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) monitoring will start in early August and will continue through the beginning of October. Check the website www.SenecaLake.org for additional information or to volunteer!

- **Memorial Day Observance** for the Town of Torrey is to be held at the Gazebo in Dresden (across from the United Methodist Church) at 10:30 am on May 31st. The main speaker will be Reverend John Busch. COVID-19 protocols should be followed! Following the ceremony at the church, there will be a parade to the Evergreen Cemetery. At the cemetery the Roll Call will read of the deceased veterans and saluted by the American Legion, which will be followed by Taps courtesy of Phil Bracht and Jeff Stempien.
This is the 99th consecutive year for this event and marks the 76th year since the end of World War II. If you choose to join us, please wear a mask and practice social distancing! If you are unable to join us, please take a moment on May 31st at 10:30 am to give thanks to those who made the ultimate sacrifice so we can enjoy our freedom!

- **Summer Recreation Program** may be offered this summer depending on COVID - 19 restrictions being lifted. Inquire at the Town Office for more information.
- **Friends of the Keuka Outlet** (FOTO) Check their website www.KeukaOutletTrail.org for events planned for this Summer.
- **Benefit Auction for Haiti** is to be held the weekend of June 18,2021 at the Finger Lakes Produce Auction. Friday night will feature dinner and a small auction. While Saturday will be the full auction. The address is:

3691 Rte. 14A
Penn Yan, NY 14527

- The **Torrey Cleanup Day** will be held on July 31,2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. behind the Torrey Town Buildings at 56 Geneva St. Dresden. Face masks are required!

The following items are *accepted*:

rubbish
wood
metal
furniture
dried paint cans
empty propane tanks
appliances
computers
electronics

The following items are *not accepted*:

concrete
stones
bricks

brush
bagged garbage
burn barrels
Freon appliances
wet paint
liquids
oils
pesticides

There are *charges* for the following items:

Mattress or Box Springs \$10 each

Couches \$20.

Recliners \$10.

CRT Monitors \$ 10.

CRT TV up to 26" \$ 20.

CRT TV 27 and up - screen size \$ 40.

Flat panel TV & Monitors \$ 10.

Tires up to 17" \$ 2.00 ea. (Not accepting tires larger than 17")

There is a limit of 2 loads per household!

Warning anyone dumping before 8:00 am and after 3:00 pm is subject to violations!

Any Questions?? Contact Town Clerk at 315-536-6376

- **Yates County** Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Day Services is tentatively scheduled for August 28,2021

- **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.

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

- The response to the previous newsletters of past years has been 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
- Delivery of the Town Newsletter will be electronically only
- Newsletters will also be posted on the Town of Torrey website: <https://townoftorrey.org>
- 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:

NAME: _____

EMAIL Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____