

TOWN OF TORREY BOARD  
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Newsletter  
September 1 - December 31, 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 are working on since the last newsletter (May 1 - August 31).*

### **Town Officials**

Peter Martini	(Supervisor)	<a href="mailto:martinivms@gmail.com">martinivms@gmail.com</a>
315.536.2182	Term: January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2023	
Colby Petersen	(Deputy Supervisor)	<a href="mailto:colby@ycsoilwater.com">colby@ycsoilwater.com</a>
315.536.1014	Term: January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2021	
Larry Martin	(Councilman)	<a href="mailto:larmart64@gmail.com">larmart64@gmail.com</a>
315.759.3374	Term: January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2023	
Grant Downs	(Councilman)	<a href="mailto:gjdowns1946@gmail.com">gjdowns1946@gmail.com</a>
315.531.8441	Term: January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2025	

Betty Daggett (Town Clerk) [townclerk@townoftorrey.com](mailto:townclerk@townoftorrey.com)  
 315.536.6376 Term: January 1,2022 - December 31,2023  
 Tim Chambers (Hwy Supt.) [townclerk@townoftorrey.com](mailto:townclerk@townoftorrey.com)  
 315.729.2706 Term: January 1,2022 - December 31,2023  
 George Thompson (Town Judge) [townclerk@townoftorrey.com](mailto:townclerk@townoftorrey.com)  
 315.536.5655 Term: January 1, 2020 - December 31,2023  
 Dwight James (Code Enforcement Officer) [torreycodes@gmail.com](mailto:torreycodes@gmail.com)  
 315.536.6376 (cell 315.730.3291)  
 Patricia Brede (Assessor) [assessor@townofbenton.us](mailto:assessor@townofbenton.us)  
 315.536.7551

**From the Desk of Town Supervisor (*Peter Martini*):**

- Patrick Flynn retired as Town Supervisor effective December 31,2021
- Peter Martini was elected Town Supervisor on November 2,2021
- Jeremy DeLyser, engineer with Clark Peterson Lee (**CPL**), opened the bids for Water District 1 on October 27,2021. All were at least \$300,000 over the estimated cost of the project.
- Jeremy Delyser met with the Town Board on December 29,2021 to outline the next steps involving Water District 1
- A revised water agreement between the Town of Torrey and the Village of Dresden was received October 28,2021 for the Perry Point Water District (WD2)

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

- Adopted the Town Budget for 2022

Summary of Torrey Town Budget

Fund	Appropriations	Less	Less	Less	Amount
		Est	Unexp	Pilots	Raise by
	& Provisions	Rev	Balance	Payments	Taxes

<b>Gen A</b>	465,465	114,836	46,000	13,148	291,481
<b>Gen B</b>	27,164	15,000	2,200	548	9,416
<b>HWY DA Townwide</b>	376,833	165,040	10,200	8,491	193,102
<b>HWY DB Outside Village</b>	212,114	110,040	17,000	5,204	79,870
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,081,576</b>	<b>404,916</b>	<b>75,400</b>	<b>27,391</b>	<b>573,869</b>
<b>Fire Cnt</b>	101,633	0	0	0	101,633
<b>Totals \$ (2022)</b>	<b>1,183,209</b>	<b>404,916</b>	<b>75,400</b>	<b>27,391</b>	<b>675,502</b>
<b>Totals \$ (2021)</b>	<b>992,453</b>	<b>259,508</b>	<b>45,982</b>	<b>29,302</b>	<b>657,661</b>
<b>Totals \$ (2020)</b>	<b>1,158,985</b>	<b>451,416</b>	<b>54,166</b>	<b>22,590</b>	<b>630,813</b>

**Town of Torrey Tax Rate per 100/Unit**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Town Tax Rate Outside Village</b>	<b>Town Tax Rate Within Village</b>	<b>Torrey Fire District</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>3.009402</b>	<b>2.506435</b>	<b>.535331</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>3.000419</b>	<b>2.239000</b>	<b>.517019</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>3.276265</b>	<b>2.634106</b>	<b>.594706</b>

**The 2022 total Town Tax Levy represents a 2.40% increase of the 2021 Town Tax Levy mainly due to the fallout from the Pandemic**

- At the January 11,2022 Town Board meeting set a date of January 25,2022 for a public hearing on Water District 1. The purpose is to discuss the bids opened on October 27,2021 and the next steps forward regarding the project.
- At the January 11,2022 Town Board meeting the Town Board appointed Bruce Henderson to fill Peter Martini's councilman seat on the Town Board until a special election is held in November of 2022 for the position.
- At the December 14,2021 Town Board meeting agreed to send the proposed Water Agreement between the Town of Torrey and Village of Dresden to the attorney with a cover letter.
- Approved and passed at the December 14,2021 town meeting amendments to the Town of Torrey Dog Kennel and Solar Law.
- A lawsuit regarding the Greenidge Data Center has been served on the Town Board, Planning Board, and Greenidge

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

- The Town Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am - 4:00pm. Call 315-536- 6376
- Notary Public available- NoFee
- Tax Collection is in full stride, the new collection system introduced by the county in 2018 was plagued with initial glitches. The problems have been resolved, and the 2021 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, which can be substantial!
- Fee collection such as building permits,fines & fees issued by Code Office, Watershed Inspection for property sales

- Registrar of Birth / Death Certificates Vital copies - \$10.00 fee.
- Handicap Parking Permits
- Hunting / Fishing Licenses are now for sale
- Marriage License Requirements: Bride/Groom/Spouse must be present to obtain a license. The license is good for 60 days. There is a \$30 fee. Evening or Saturday appointments are available.
- Dog Licenses: State Law requires all puppies to be licensed at 4 months. At time of licensing, a rabies certificate and neuter/spay certificate must be presented. Licensing Fees: Unspayed/Unneutered \$18 and Spayed/Neutered \$10.

(It is 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
- Paved Hewitt Road through the Consolidated Local and Highway Improvement Program (**CHIPs**) at a cost of \$100,815.64
- Checking on the costs of culvert pipe for both Long Point Road and Anthony Beach Road crossover.
- Repaired an eight (8) foot deep washout on East Leach Road
- Cleaned up the culverts on Perry Point Road which were clogged with cut wood/logs.
- Reviewed the repair work needed at the Town Park and the cost which will be submitted to Yates County for a grant in 2022.
- 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](mailto:torreycodes@gmail.com) to inquire about Permits.

**Town of Torrey Code Enforcement 2021 Annual Report**

- Total Permits issued for 2021 were 80
    - New Homes- 2
    - Additions- 4
    - Commercial Buildings- 2
    - Commercial Additions- 4
    - Commercial Renovations- 2
    - Short Term Rentals- 32
    - Other Permits- 34
  - C of O/C of C issued- 17
  - Permit fees collected for 2021 were \$24,522.80
  - Miles Traveled- 1265
  - Required Continuing Education Hours- 34
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  - Total violations issued in 2021 were 8
  - Total violations resolved in 2021 were 6
  - Citations issued were 0
  - New 911 (fire numbers) issued were 1
- Reminder all short term rentals **must** be registered with the Town
- Pursuing Torrey Station's failure to comply with the conditions set forth in its Special Use Permit issued in January of 2021 with the Planning Board Attorney, Kathy Bennett of BSK.

**From the Desk of Town Planning Board** (*George Dowse*):

- 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.
- Reviewing the Back Achers planned expansion
- Investigating the impact of the new Cannabis Law since the Town of Torrey **did not** opt out by December 31,2021.

**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
- Town Board members Peter Martini and Colby Petersen audited the Town Justice books and found no discrepancies for Judge George R. Thompson, September 1, 2020 - August 31,2021
- Town Court is applying for a **JCAP** Grant to finance installation of a Security system for the building and courtroom.
- Another responsibility of the Town Judge is CAP court.  
CAP or Central Arraignment Part Court is held daily at 8AM and 6PM everyday in a classroom off the lobby at the jail. The judges rotate on call duty throughout the month. The purpose is to avoid calling a judge out anytime , day or night, to arraign a person arrested and needing to be told by a judge of what they are accused. A public defender and a district attorney attend and make recommendations about potential bail, release on recognizance or probation department stay in touch conditions following the new cash bail reform legislative changes. Also a judge may be asked to make a decision on whether to issue Orders of Protection, either stay away or refrain from, in domestic incidents where victim safeguards are called for. Town

justices also can be called upon to hear a request to issue search warrants, to hear small claims cases for up to \$3,000, conduct hearings on eviction and squatter claims of landlords. Violations of almost any law, conservation violations, are first heard in Town Justice Court. Felony crimes are tried in the higher courts after review of the charge(s) before a Grand Jury.

### **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 6 of these inspections.

### **Watershed Inspection Annual Report**

**2020-** 97 total inspections conducted

67 Zone 1 (Town of Torrey)

10 Real Property Transfer

7 Repairs

6 Replacement System

3 Construction

4 Misc



**2021-** 80 total inspections conducted

44 Zone 1 (Town of Torrey)

19 Real Property Transfer

8 Repairs

3 Tank Replacement

3 Construction

2 Misc

1 Reinspection

**Past Due**

2016-2020 11 inspections past due

Homeowners were given until August 6,2021 to comply

Next step will be a *Notice of Violation* with 30 days to comply

Finally, a *Summons* will be issued

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

- Village elections will be held Tuesday, March 15,2021
- 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 organizational meeting will be held Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 pm which is the regular monthly meeting
- 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 hours are M-F 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm. His contact information is phone: 315-679-1659 or email: Dresdencoe@gmail.com
- Hired Kathy Whitney as Deputy Clerk
- July 13<sup>th</sup> Storm - Lost 19 Village Trees, Storage Building at the Water Tank Demolished , Lost Power throughout the Village. Thankfully No Injuries!
- Planning Board Meeting to work on New Playground Equipment to replace the existing Playground – Anyone interested in helping or giving any input is welcome to contact the Village Office 315-536-2477
- Greenidge donated Electronic Sign Board

### Upcoming Community Event

- **YATESCOUNTYPUBLICHEALTH.ORG** homepage has information on when and where Vaccination clinics will be held and who is eligible
- **YATES COUNTY Board of Elections (BOE)** will hold a special election in November of 2022 for Torrey Town Councilman to fill the seat created when Peter Martini was elected Town Supervisor. Anyone interested in running for this seat should visit the **BOE** before **March** to get the necessary candidate information.
- **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)** puts out a weekly bulletin each week detailing projects 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 along the Keuka Outlet continued in 2020 in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Conservation. There were only a couple of sampling events taken because of budget considerations. Harmful Algal Bloom (**HABS**) monitoring continued this Summer under the direction of Bill Roege of Benton, concluding the second week of October.  
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. Beginning in January of 2021, the FOTO Newsletter will be sent by email. 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](http://yatestransitservice.com)  
for additional information.

- **Memorial Day Observance** for the Town of Torrey is in the planning stage. This will be the **100th** year of this traditional observance.

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

- The response to the Town of Torrey newsletters initiated in 2018 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](mailto:townclerk@townoftorrey.com)
- Newsletters will also be posted on the Town of Torrey website: [townoftorrey.com](http://townoftorrey.com)
- The Town of Torrey Newsletter will only be sent via email to those who have signed up to receive it electronically. 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:** \_\_\_\_\_