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News from the Mayor

With every New Year come new hopes, new goals, and a chance to stop for a minute and reflect as to where we've been, where we're going and how we're going to get there. Reflecting for a moment, the Village has had another successful year due to the efforts and hard work of the village board, staff, dedicated volunteers, and our private/public partners that make this village a special place. The services we provide do not happen by accident. What if the streets weren't plowed, what if the fire truck or ambulance didn't come when you called for help, what if you flushed your toilet and nothing happened, what if you had a complaint and no one answered the phone?

It takes a Village to do all of the above and more, and for us it's on a very limited budget. With the help of many dedicated and motivated volunteers the village is able to provide the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day Parade, Firemen's Field Days, Friday night concerts in the park with classic cars, Fall Festival and our first ever Hope for Heather 5K Run/ 3K Walk, Halloween Party, and the annual holiday tree lighting.

Looking forward, we will continue our effort to be as efficient and environmentally friendly as possible. We continue to seek grant opportunities to help offset the increasing costs of our village operation and last year was no exception; the village received approximately $118,000.00 in grant money. We've become a Climate Smart Community, we continue to work with National Grid receiving incentives to replace our outdoor lighting with LED lights, and we're working with Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board on the possible use of solar energy. This year will finally complete construction of our $563,000 grant for innovative improvements in our Waste Water Treatment Plant. Our volunteer fire department continues to provide great service while evaluating how that service can be more efficient and cost effective. Our Department of Public Works continues to design and build in-house as much as they can to again save costs while performing their normal tasks. I'm also blessed to have a small, but very efficient, office staff who work every day on ways to do things better while handling the enormous amount of paperwork which are mostly generated by state mandate requirements.

We continue to promote private/public partnerships; SUNY ESF and East Syracuse Minoa School District have been tremendous in their support of our Cleanwater, Educational, and Research Facility (CERF), an innovative division of our Waste Water Treatment Plant and this year Chittenango High School students will join the partnership program.

All of this and more are accomplished in a very tough economic environment. Each Trustee has their direct responsibilities which they'll each address in this newsletter and they're also all responsible for Disaster Preparedness, Celebrations, members of the Town of Manlius Critical Response Committee, all have to be NIMS certified (National Incident Management System). Over the last five years we have managed to provide the same services with no tax increase and very soon we will begin the budget process for our next fiscal year with difficult factors to consider such as the continued pressure of state unfunded mandates, a tax cap and a tax freeze.

On behalf of my staff and the Village Board, may you all have a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Richard J. Donovan, Mayor

The Village of Minoa is now on Twitter

Please follow us today for all the latest information on the Village of Minoa.
Go to www.twitter.com and sign up today.

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Minoa Fire Department Officers Installed

The Minoa Fire Department installed new officers in January. They are as follows:

Chief – Erich Schepp
Deputy Chief – Jeremy Erard
Asst. Chief – Dave Hess

Captain - Station 1 – Dave Matthes, Jr.
Captain - Station 2 – Chuck Spratt
Lieutenant Station 2 – Matt McGarrity

President – Dennis Erard
Vice President – John Jarmacz
Treasurer – Al Tompkins
Secretary – Wendy Czajak

Congratulations!!!!

A Word from the Department of Public Works

Please do not park on/or block sidewalks in the Village during the winter months.
***When plowing out driveways and sidewalks* make sure the snow is not placed in the roadway or on the sidewalks.**
Failure to comply will be subject to violation notices and/or tickets.

NO PARKING OVERNIGHT

No vehicle shall be parked on any streets or highway in the Village
Or any village owned parking lots between the hours of
1:00 am and 7:00 am
November 1st through April 15th
Parking tickets will be issued with a $20.00 fine
and your vehicle will be towed away at the owner's expense.

A Word from your Trustees

William F. Brazill
Deputy Mayor

Happy New Year! I want to express my heartfelt thanks to you, the residents, for allowing me to serve another term.

In 2014 we continued our growth as a village. The board worked hard to maintain our tax rate and still be able to continue with the services you expect. Our Annual Cruisin' in Minoa at Lewis Park was another great success. The Firemen's Field Days, Memorial Day Parade and our 2nd Annual Festival in the Park along with the Teal Ribbon Run were all a great success.

I would like to give a special thanks to everyone who helped with the Festival especially my brother J.Brazill who organized and was able to get over eleven bands to play that day free of charge. I would also like to thank Greg Rinaldi of Trapper's Pizza Pubs and Superior Seal for his help and donation for that spectacular fireworks display.

I'm really excited for the New Year. We will continue to make the Village of Minoa a great place to live and raise a family. Watch for exciting details of all of our events this year. Come out and enjoy your Village.

I welcome your input and comments and encourage attendance at our Board meetings which are held on the first and third Monday of each month. I can be reached by email at **wbrazill@villageofminoa.com**

As always, I will continue to be fiscally responsible and always look for more efficient ways to run our government. The Village Board and I look forward to accomplishing even more in 2015, as we are Focusing on the Future of our great Village.

John M. Abbott
Trustee

First and foremost, Happy New Year. As I begin my fourth year as village Trustee I am optimistic 2015 will be another successful year. My liaison responsibilities include Fire Commissioner to the Minoa Fire & Ambulance Protection District, member of the Town of Manlius Police Committee, Celebration Committee, Minoa Free Library and business community.

The Minoa Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1913 and remains at 100% volunteer. The department trains throughout the year with neighboring departments and holds events such as annual Field Days, Open House/ Recruitment Day, Halloween party and annual Santa Detail. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer member of the department or would like more information regarding their events please visit their website at www.minoafire.org

The Town of Manlius Police Committee was established in 1985 when the three villages, Fayetteville, Manlius and Minoa consolidated police departments, now known as the Town of Manlius Police Department. The committee consists of five members, one appointed by each of the Villages and two members from the Town. The committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month and was formed to determine policy for the department. For more information on the police department, visit www.manliuspolice.org

As liaison to the community businesses I encourage you to shop locally and support our local community. For a listing of local community vendors visit the village webpage at www.villageofminoa.com/business.html

The Minoa Free Library has many wonderful events and programs each month. A complete calendar of events can be found at www.minoalibary.org/calendar.html and as a reminder, if East Syracuse Minoa Schools are closed due to weather, the library will open at 12:00 noon instead of 10:00am.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me at jabbott@villageofminoa.com or call (315) 656-3100. Once again I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your village Trustee and Happy New Year – let's make 2015 a good one!

A Word from your Trustees

John H. Champagne
Trustee

I am thankful and honored for the opportunity to serve as your Village Trustee for another four years. It has been another productive year for the Village and I have enjoyed being part of it.

My responsibilities in the village include liaison to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Cleanwater Education and Research Facility (CERF), communication and security, maintenance of village website and various other projects.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Alex Valletta to the Wastewater Treatment Plant staff. Alex is an SUNY-ESF graduate student working part time in our complex operation where we constantly strive on excellence, research and service, while looking at new and unique ways to cut operational costs and improve services.

The New York State Environmental Facility Corporation (NYS EFC) Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) is underway with completion expected in June of 2015. This plant upgrade will help us to use new operational techniques which in the long run will assist us toward our goal of sustainability. This upgrade will give us new avenues and opportunities to study contaminates in the water such as pharmaceuticals and give us a better understanding of how they interact with wastewater.

East Syracuse Minoa students as well as students from Chittenango School District are working many different projects to help us reach our goal of understanding our environment and achieving sustainability at the treatment plant. Some student projects include working on new aquaponic systems so we can better understand how improving the system using different aggregates and compounds in the water so as to improve fish and plant growth. Students are also doing composite reactor studies, working on a greenhouse that uses no energy for heating, even in the dead of winter, building thermal-array units to studies heat generation. Some of the students are working with the village mechanic to convert a gasoline engine to one that will use an alternative fuel.

SUNY ESF undergrads continue their research projects at the plant on different and complex studies in real time. These real time research projects **cannot be done** in a college laboratory and can only be accomplished in a real time setting that our facility offers them as well as the high school students.

As always the Wastewater Treatment Plant staff is always available and ready to help village residents with any questions you may have so please don't hesitate to contact us.

I would welcome any suggestions or comments you may have so please don't hesitate to contact me at **jchampagne@villageofminoa.com**

Eric S. Christensen
Trustee

It's hard to believe that 2014 is now behind us, it certainly has brought a lot of challenges for the entire country and for our Village of Minoa. Some of my Village of Minoa responsibilities as your village trustee include Celebrations along with Deputy Mayor Brazill and fellow Trustee's Abbott and Champagne. I am also the board liaison to the Department of Public Works which includes garbage pickup, disposal and recycling, Chairman of a committee to up-date the Village's Comprehensive Plan and the Village Historical Association.

Our Historical Association is always looking for photographs, scrapbooks, newspaper articles, or any other interesting things or documents pertaining to history of Minoa. We need the help of Village residents to preserve our history for the next generation. I would like to give a special thanks to all of the volunteers who help out at last year's Teal Ribbon 5K Run/Walk for Ovarian Cancer and also especially Tracy Callahan and my wife Marlene Christensen.

2015 promises to be another year full of challenges, but also full of opportunities that will make our village an even better place to live and raise our families. I look forward again for the Village holding its third annual Fall Festival this coming September 19th. And once again the village will be hosting the 7th Annual Teal Ribbon 5K Run / 3K Walk for Ovarian Cancer also on September 19th. So if you're interested in either volunteer or running in it please contact me I can be reached by email at echristensen@villageofminoa.com .

As always I welcome any suggestions or comments from the residents of the Village of Minoa. Once again my goal as your village trustee is to continue to find ways to save our village money without compromising service to the residents and to preserve the integrity of our village.
I hope everyone has a safe and healthy 2014. Once again any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 656-3100 or by email at echristensen@villageofminoa.com

Village Budget

The village budgeting process begins on February 8th and continues until adoption of the budget no later than May 1st. This is a very lengthy process involving submission of budget estimates by departments, preparation of the tentative budget, presentation to the Village Board, public hearing and then finally, adoption of the budget.

Special budget meetings will be held in the Municipal Building on the following dates:
Monday, February 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Local Law #2 for 2014

The village board recently adopted a local law 2 on September 10, 2014 to clarify code 136-12 – it is unlawful for any person to place or erect (or to continue such placement or erection) a basketball pole, basketball hoop, hockey or lacrosse goal, playing field, space or area markers, permanent marks, permanent stripes or similar object, structure, or device within or abutting within two (2) feet of the paved (outside) edges of any public highway, roadway, or street in the Village of Minoa.

Any items listed above **MUST** be removed or pushed back from the roadway two feet from the outside edge of the paved street or roadway.

Local Law #3 for 2014

The village board recently adopted a local law repealing **Article III** of Chapter 42 of the Village of Minoa Municipal Code relative to the licensing of cats. Article III of Chapter 42 was initially enacted in 1993 to provide for the licensing and identification of cats, the control and protection of the cat population and to assist in the monitoring of rabies vaccination of cats. The local law has since been found to be impractical and difficult to enforce. Therefore on December 15, 2014 the village Board of Trustees **repealed** Article III of Chapter 42 of the Village of Minoa Municipal Code and cat licensing is no longer required.

Please be advised that **Article II, Chapter 42 – Animal Control** is still in effect.

Section 42-12B – No person who owns or has control of any animal shall permit such animal to run at large or to damage or destroy property of any kind of another person.

Section 42-12H – No owner shall permit an animal to deposit excrement or urine on the property of another without the prior approval of the owner of such property.

Please be a responsible animal owner and neighbor!

If you have any questions regarding the above or any other topic, please feel free to Contact the Village Office:

Office Hours
Monday – Friday
8:30 am – 4:30 pm
(315) 656-3100

For your convenience
there is a secured drop box
located outside of the Clerk's Office

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CURBSIDE PICKUP POLICY & GUIDELINES

The Village will pick up trash, garbage, recyclables, brush, wood, grass, leaves and hard fill generated in the Village **only.** The following protocol **MUST** be followed:

- **Neat and separate piles**
- **Placed within 6 feet of the curb – NOT ON THE ROAD**
- **Do Not place trash or debris at the curb for collection before 12:00 Noon the day before collection day**
- **No containers for garbage, rubbish or trash shall be left remaining at the edge of the pavement later than 9:00PM of the day of collection**

***TRASH/GARBAGE*:** Shall be placed in no more than 10 regulation containers or plastic bags, not weighing more than 75 pounds or what the bag will handle. Exceptions for furniture, dried paint cans with tops off, mattresses, neatly rolled rugs and miscellaneous odd size debris etc.

RECYCLABLES: Shall be in Onondaga County issued blue bins. Recyclables must be clean, sorted and separate from trash, garbage, brush etc.

BRUSH/WOOD: Shall be piled, stacked or bundled neatly, not exceeding 5 feet wide and 10 feet long. Piles must be parallel with road and clear of any obstacles that would get in the way of pickup. Small hand piles must be in a paper yard bag or cardboard box.

METAL DEBRIS: Shall be placed neatly at the curb separate of any other materials. Examples: Washers, dryers, hot water tanks, lawn mowers, posts, and rods clean of concrete etc. No refrigerators, air conditioners or dehumidifiers will be accepted.

HARD FILL: (Stone, concrete, rock, dirt etc.) shall be placed neatly at the curb separate from materials. No large or messy piles will be picked up.

If you need assistance or have any questions regarding trash removal
Contact Tom Petterelli, Superintendent of D.P.W., @ 656-7574.
Email - minoadpw@twcny.rr.com

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS: tires, motor oil, liquid paint, large amounts of sheet rock, roofing shingles or any appliances containing refrigerant such as refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers and E-Waste*

As of January 1, 2015 a statewide ban went into effect that prohibits individuals and households from throwing electronic waste, **INCLUDING Televisions, Computers, Monitors, Computer peripherals (key boards, mice, fax machines, scanners, printers), small electronic equipment (tablets, VCR's MP3 Players, DVD players, digital converter boxes, small scales servers** into the trash.

WHERE TO RECYCLE E-WASTE

Battery World, E. Molloy Road 437-1404
Best Buy, Erie Blvd, DeWitt, 449-1784
Bruin Computer, Liverpool, 410-0050
The Salvation Army, Syracuse, 445-0520
Staples, Chevy Drive, E. Syracuse 463-8040 (computers only)

Recycling old e-waste is easy if you know what to do.
Visit www.OCRRA.org for a complete list of
local drop offs or to find manufacturer take pack programs.

Events around the Village in 2014

Friday Night Car Show and Concerts

ESM Intern Students working at our plant

Start of the Hope for Heather 5K Run

Decorated for the Holidays

The Festival in the Park 2014

Children enjoying the games at the Tree Lighting Ceremony

Calendar of Events

February 2015

2/01/15	ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:00 pm – Municipal Building
2/02/15	Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
2/02/15	Sewer Billing
2/05/15	*Golden Age Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building
2/07/15	Flea Market – Minoa Methodist Church 9:00-4:00 - Lunch Available
2/11/15	Justice Court – 5:00 pm Doors Open 4:50 pm – Municipal Building
2/16/15	**Presidents' Day Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed**
2/17/15	Village Board Meeting - 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
2/18/15	Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Minoa Methodist Church
2/23/15	Budget Workshop Meeting -6:00 pm – Municipal Building

February 27, 2015
Last day to pay February Sewer Billing
Before penalty is applied to account

March 2015

3/01/15	ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:00 pm -Municipal Building
3/02/15	Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
3/03/15	Budget Workshop Meeting -6:00 pm – Municipal Building
3/04/15	Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:50 pm – Municipal Building
3/05/15	*Golden Age Club Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building
3/10/15	Budget Workshop Meeting -6:00 pm – Municipal Building
3/16/15	Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
3/18/15	Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:50 pm – Municipal Building
3/18/15	Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Minoa Methodist Church

*Golden Age meets every Thursday

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