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# Minoa News

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## News from the Mayor

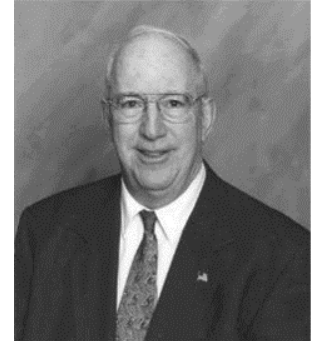
What an incredible year! With all the construction activity, plus the normal day to day business that this Village has to conduct, it's been, to say the least, a very busy year. My Board is terrific. I have given each member additional responsibilities to carry out, with all the projects we have going, and they carry them out without hesitation, while juggling their busy schedules around jobs and family.

I would like to quickly address a couple of rumors I'm hearing. Minoa Farms, the Smith store project and the apartment complex are private commercial projects of which the Village oversees from a planning, zoning and codes enforcement stand point. We can not control completion dates, store occupancy or building use as long as they meet the aforementioned Village codes area. I have and I will continue to seek and encourage the addition of a much-needed convenience store. The new construction activity taking place in our community as well as our Communities investment in itself with the new Municipal Building is a strong positive for our area and it has encouraged renewed interest of commercial investors. The investments that are being made will increase the tax base for our Village. What that means is that our tax burden is going to be shared by more individuals and commercial establishments.

The new Municipal Building project is finally out of the ground. That means that all of the foundation work, underground infrastructure (drains,wiring,etc.) are completed. Now you can visually see the building come together. We are on schedule, hopefully the weather will cooperate and allow us to have the complex completely enclosed by bad weather. That will keep the project on a tentative completion date of July 1.

It's an exciting time in our Village. I look forward to the New Year and I thank you for your trust in me to be your Mayor. On behalf of the Village Board and all of our employees, I would like to wish each and everyone one of you a safe and joyful Holiday season.

Richard J. Donovan  
Mayor



## A Word from Codes Enforcement

**Remember that from November 1, 2004 through April 15, 2004 there will be no overnight parking on Village streets or Village owned parking lots between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.**

**Remember the fine is \$20.00 and your car will be towed at owner's expense.**



### ***A Word from the Department of Public Works***

**Winter Time!!!! Please do not park on or block sidewalks in the Village.** The Village plow cannot get through. When plowing out driveways and sidewalks make sure the snow is not placed on the road or on the sidewalks. Failure to comply with this request will be subject to violation notices or tickets. If you need assistance, please call Tom Petterelli Superintendent of D.P.W. @ 656-7574. E-mail - minoadpw@twcny.rr.com

### ***Bulletin Board***

#### ***Bill's Big M Reunion***

A reunion for employees of Bill's Big M of Minoa will be 3 – 6 p.m. Nov. 14 at JR'S Bar-B-Que on Taft Road. For information please call Chuck Butterfield at 656-3350 or Jim Champlin at 687-3452.

#### ***It was Only a Test!***

The Town of Manlius Critical Response Committee tested its ability to respond to an emergency in the CSX yards in Fremont on October 30, 2004. The Village of Minoa and 10 area departments responded to a drill at the rail yards along Central Ave. and Fremont Road. The exercise simulated an actual emergency. Rescuers and along with the Mayor were summoned to the rail yard and responded to the scenario as it played out. Afterwards the participants in the drill reviewed their performance.

*Deputy Mayor / Fire Commissioner Bill Brazill* is a member of The Town of Manlius Critical Response Committee and helped plan the event.

#### ***Web Site [www.villageofminoa.org](http://www.villageofminoa.org)***

**Our new Village Web Site will be up and running as of December 1, 2004. Special thanks to our web master *Trustee Ray Highbrown*. Ray has been working tirelessly to develop our new web site. Thank you Ray!!!!**

#### ***Thank You***

Thank You to Minoa Fire Department and the Village of Minoa for sponsoring a successful Halloween in front of the Masonic Temple. Also thanks to *Trustee Ed Theobald* for his great ideas in setting up this event. A special "Thanks" to the Village's office staff for coordinating the event.

#### ***New DPW Addition***

The two bay garage for the DPW is under construction. The new garage will be needed for our mechanic and service area. *Trustee Ron Cronk* worked with Tom Petterelli to get this project underway. The new recycle truck has arrived. The new truck has a compactor so there will be fewer trips to the recycle plant. It is easier to load which is a safety factor for our men.

#### ***Minoa Ambulance Welcomes New Employees***

Minoa Ambulance welcomes two new additions to our staff. Pat Lynch F/T Driver Messenger, he is currently a volunteer with Mattydale Fire Department. Richard Goodson P/T Driver Messenger, he is also a volunteer with the Lyncourt Fire Department.

#### ***OCWA Increases Water***

Due to an increase charge to the Village from OCWA, you will see an increase in your next water bill.



## Meet Your Village Office Staff



**Karen A. Curulla**

### Message from the Office of the Village Clerk:

Many Village residents already come to the Village Office to pay bills or seek assistance and although some of you know the office staff, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce all of us to you and let you what our job duties are.

As for myself, I have been Clerk/Treasurer of the Village for twenty years and I am proud to say that I have served three Mayors during my tenure. Working for the Village has been a very rewarding and enjoyable experience. My responsibilities as Clerk are custody of books and records, responsibility for minutes, local legislation, order to pay claims, transmitting funds, production of books and records, notice of defects, and oaths of office. As Treasurer, I am the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Village and my duties include accounting, bank deposits, signing of checks, payment of claims, and filing of the Annual Financial Statement.

Please feel free to call the Village Office with any questions you may have. It is our privilege to serve you.

Karen A. Curulla  
Clerk - Treasurer



**Linda Welch**  
Deputy Clerk – Treasurer  
Date Hired: 3-2-98

**Duties:**  
Accounts Payable  
Accounts Receivable  
Maintain Fuel Master  
Clerical  
Customer Service  
Co-ordinate Community  
Celebrations  
Schedules Training &  
Workshops for  
Fire Dept, Ambulance  
and DPW personnel



**Terry Edwards**  
Deputy Clerk – Treasurer  
Date Hired: 6-30-03

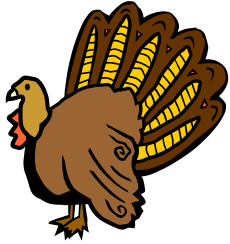
**Duties:**  
Payroll  
Sewer Billing &  
Receivables  
Water Billing &  
Receivables  
Cat License Billing  
Customer Service  
Clerical



**Ann Hallahan**  
Clerk – Part Time  
Date Hired: 3-13-04

**Duties:**  
Secretary – Zoning  
Board  
Secretary – Planning  
Board of Appeals  
Accounts Receivable  
Data Input  
Clerical  
Miscellaneous Office  
Duties as Required

## ***Calendar of Events***



11/1/04 Water Billing – Section I  
11/1/04 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Community Center – 213 Osborne St.  
11/3/04 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Community Center  
11/7/04 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:30 pm – Community Center  
11/11/04 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Community Center  
11/11/04 Veterans Day – Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed  
11/15/04 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Community Center – 213 Osborne St.  
11/16/04 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Community Center  
11/17/04 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Community Center  
11/25/04 **Golden Age Meeting Cancelled**  
11/25/04 Thanksgiving – Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed  
11/26/04 Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed  
\*Golden Age meets every Thursday @ 11:00 am – Community Center\*



12/1/04 Water Billing – Section II  
12/1/04 Justice Court -6:30 pm – Community Center  
12/5/04 **Children's Christmas Party – 5:00 pm – Masonic Temple**  
12/5/04 **Tree Lighting Ceremony – 6:00 pm – Outside Masonic Temple**  
12/5/04 **Christmas Cantata – 7:30 – First United Methodist Church**  
12/5/04 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:30 pm – Community Center  
12/6/04 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Community Center – 213 Osborne St.  
12/9/04 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Community Center  
12/15/04 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Community Center  
12/20/04 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Community Center – 213 Osborne St.  
12/21/04 Food Pantry – 10:00 -11:00am, 6:00-7:00 pm – Community Center  
12/23/04 Floating Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed  
12/24/04 Christmas Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed  
12/31/04 New Years Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed  
\*Golden Age meets every Thursday @ 11:00 am – Community Center\*

## ***News from the Minoa Fire Department***

### **The Minoa Fire Department will be selling Lotto Calendars once again this year.**

The Calendars are numbered from 000 to 999 and are based on The New York State Daily Numbers drawn nightly. The cost is a \$20 donation to the Minoa Fire Department. The prizes range from a minimum of \$25 to a maximum of \$150 dollars. The amounts are listed on the calendars and the checks for winners are mailed out the following month. If interested, please contact Peter Cipriano at 656-8097 or leave a message at the Fire Station 656-9204.

**Annual Santa Detail** - The Fire Trucks will be going out on Sunday, December 19, 2004 carrying Santa's helpers throughout the Village and the fire district. They will leave the Fire Station at approximately 10:00 am. Santa and his helpers will be giving out candy canes to children of all ages.

**The Fire Department is raffling off a 2005 Harley Davidson Fat Boy** - Tickets are now on sale and there will only be 350 tickets sold. The tickets cost \$100 and can be bought by either paying in full or in (4) four installments of \$25.00 each. Any questions, please call the Fire Station at 656-9204 and someone will get back to you.

**The Department is always looking for new members** - You can be as young as fourteen (14) years of age with your parents written permission (Explorer Scouts). All necessary training and equipment will be provided. If you are interested you can call 656-9204 and leave a message and someone will get back to you. **You can also access our web site at [minoafire.com](http://minoafire.com).**

