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## News from the Mayor

Happy New Year!

2005 promises to be another exciting year for our Village. The new Municipal Building is progressing well. We still expect to be open in July. If the weatherman continues to be on our side for this time of year, we should be in good shape.

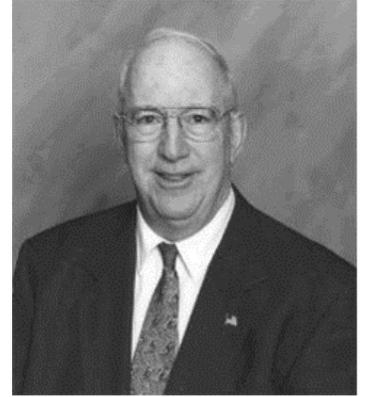
Later this month we will greet the newest addition to our Village, Sunshine Markets. This will be a long awaited neighborhood market that will be a great addition to our Community. Next door to the market there will be a small liquor store run by the same owner. Those two businesses, along with the Movie Galleries store that opened last month, will bring new life to the corner of Costello Parkway and Hulbert Street. The Minoa Farms project continues to be ready for a spring building start-up with the Parade of Homes scheduled for September.

Thanks to Trustee Ray Highbrown our website is up and running. We will continue to upgrade and add to it as the weeks go by. Ray's technical knowledge has been invaluable and it has saved our Village a lot of money that we would have otherwise had to spend on an outside vendor. This medium will allow us to continually update you on what's going on in our Village and it will give each Board member and Department head a chance to let all of you know what is going on in their area of responsibility. Your constructive comments are welcome.

In closing, I would like to encourage all of you to patronize all of our businesses in our Village. It is not easy competing against the large outlets that we have available in our area. Yet, we enjoy the convenience of being able to purchase goods and services in our own community. If you want these people to continue to invest in our community, we need to support them.

On behalf of the Village Board, I hope you have a great New Year.

Richard J. Donovan  
Mayor



## Bulletin Board

### Web Site is Up and Running

The Village of Minoa Web Site can be found at [www.villageofminoa.com](http://www.villageofminoa.com) Please visit our web site and find out everything you would want to know about your Village.

### Minoa Fire Department Officers Installed

The Minoa Fire Department installed new officers on Monday January 10, 2005. Fire Commissioner and Deputy Mayor, Bill Brazill officiated the ceremony.

Chief – Pat Flannery

Deputy Chief – Don Grevelding

Asst. Chief – Dennis Erard

Asst. Chief – Richard Sabin

Capt. Station 1 – Dave Matthes, Jr

Capt. Station 2 – Matt McGarrity

Lieutenant Stat. 1 – Brad Cretaro and Ron Pollard

Lieutenant Stat. 2 – Jim Pollard and Mike Andreis

President – Ray Matthes

Vice – President – Dave Matthes, Sr.

Treasurer – Pete Cipriano

Secretary – Maxine Pollard

## *A Word from your Trustees*



**William F. Brazill**  
Deputy Mayor

2004 has been a great year for the Village of Minoa. We have seen incredible development in our Village. The new Minoa Municipal building on Main St. will be the home of our new Library, Village Offices and Fire Department, due to open in July. Minoa Farms has started adding 240 homes to our Village in a beautiful new setting off of Baird St. The Smiths project will bring new businesses and commerce to our Village.

As a member of the Town of Manlius Critical Response Committee we are constantly involved with the schools, CSX and local governments to provide training and understanding of all situations involving our safety and security in our Village.

It is a pleasure preparing the Minoa News and being able to communicate and update our residents on the events that are occurring in Minoa. In the New Year I will continue to work hard and resolve issues in a thoughtful and responsible manner and always communicate with you.

2005 promises to be another year full of challenges, but also full of opportunities to make our Village an even better place to live. In looking ahead to the New Year I'm very excited at how our community is growing.

I wish all of you to have a safe and Happy New Year.

William F. Brazill



**RONALD L. CRONK**  
TRUSTEE

I am very proud to be part of the 2005 Village Board. The Movie Gallery is now open, with the Sunshine Grocery Mart and Sunshine Liquor Mart soon to follow.

In February and March we will see the completion of two new bays at the DPW Garage and a four bay garage for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

In July our new Municipal Building will be completed. Our residents will have a beautiful new Library and Village facility to enjoy.

This fall Minoa will be proud to host the Parade of Homes in our new housing development Minoa Farms.

How could we possibly live in a better place? I hope each of you enjoy 2005 and make use of all of our new businesses and facilities available to you.

Ronald L. Cronk

## *A Word from your Trustees*



**RAYMOND F. HIGBROWN  
TRUSTEE**

Here it is, the year 2005 already, and it's amazing all that has been accomplished over the past year. We have a new movie rental store and soon a grocery mart and liquor mart. We have the apartment complex started and Minoa Farms under way. Our new Village Hall is going up quick to provide us with new village offices, a new library, fire station, and more room for other community facilities. And what a year 2005 is going to be as all these things are completed.

All these are good for Minoa as growth and revitalization of our community is healthy as long as it doesn't compromise who and what we are and the overall atmosphere of our village. I don't feel these things do and realize that they will help our village survive and continue to grow in a manner that serves the residents of Minoa.

I have enjoyed serving as your Trustee for the past 10 months and have learned much about our village. Most of this time has been a learning experience but I have had the opportunity to create a web site for our village, help in the production of our newsletter, and work on the communications systems for the new Village Hall. I've been involved with decision-making on many issues within the village and have had to research different topics as to be able to make the proper choices.

My goal is to continue to find ways to save our village money without compromising service to the residents and the integrity of our village. I hope to continue to provide technical assistance to the Village Board. It is important to me to be able to find ways to provide more services to our community and at the same time save money wherever possible. I hope that the community of Minoa will continue to support my efforts in the future, as I will continue to do all that I can for the Village and its residents.

Raymond F. Highbrown



**EDMOND J. THEOBALD  
TRUSTEE**

As a resident of Minoa for over 25 years and because of my involvement with many local organizations, I have come to know many residents in Minoa as well as those in our surrounding communities. Over the years I have found that we all have the same thing in common, and that is, we want what is best for our families, and businesses in our communities. We also want to see our small community and village grow and be prosperous, but at the same time maintain our status as one of the best-kept secrets in Central New York.

These are exciting times in Minoa, and since serving my first year as a Village Trustee; I have witnessed great foresight by our current and past board members. With our current projects underway, and which I am now a part of, we are seeing the progress which is taking us towards our desired goals in a way which is fiscally responsible. Also as a community, we take time to celebrate together the many holiday's and the villages' traditional events which take place each year in a strong community spirit.

I hope to continue to work diligently on our current programs and those in the future, and with our law enforcement (as police committee representative) to keep Minoa a great place for people to live and feel safe while bringing up their families in this wonderful community.

Edmond J. Theobald

## ***Calendar of Events***



1/3/05 Water Billing – Section III  
1/4/05 Water Penalty Billing – Section II  
1/3/05 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Community Center – 213 Osborne St.  
1/5/05 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Community Center  
1/9/05 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:30 pm – Community Building  
1/13/05 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Community Center  
**1/17/05 Martin Luther King Day–Holiday for Village Employees–Village Office Closed**  
1/18/05 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Community Center – 213 Osborne St.  
1/18/05 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Community Center  
1/19/05 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Community Center  
\*Golden Age Meets every Thursday @11:00 am

2/1/05 Water Billing – Section IV  
2/1/05 Water Penalty Billing – Section III  
2/1/05 Sewer Billing  
2/2/05 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Community Center  
2/6/05 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:30 pm – Community Building  
2/7/05 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Community Center – 213 Osborne St.  
2/10/05 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Community Center  
2/15/05 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Community Center  
**2/21/05 President’s Day Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed**  
2/22/05 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Community Center – 213 Osborne St.  
2/23/05 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Community Center  
\*Golden Age Meets every Thursday @11:00 am

3/1/05 Water Billing – Section I  
3/1/05 Sewer Penalty Billing  
3/3/05 Water Penalty Billing – Section IV  
3/2/05 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Community Center  
3/6/05 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – Community Center  
3/7/05 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Community Center – 213 Osborne St.  
3/10/05 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Community Center  
3/15/05 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Community Center  
**3/15/05 Village Election – Polls Open 12:00 noon – 9:00 pm – Community Center**  
3/21/05 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Community Center – 213 Osborne St.  
3/23/05 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Community Center  
\*Golden Age Meets every Thursday @11:00 am

## ***Message from the Office of the Village Clerk/Treasurer***



**Karen A. Curulla**

I'd like to take this opportunity to let you know some major happenings during the first three months of the calendar year.

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

**We will have a Village Election this year to be held on March 15, 2005. The office to be filled at the general village election is for Village Trustee for a one (1) year term. The last day for an individual to file an independent nominating petition is February 8, 2005.**

The polling place for Village elections is at the Community Building on Osborne Street.

If you have any questions regarding the above and any other topic, please feel free to call me at the Village Office.

Karen A. Curulla



