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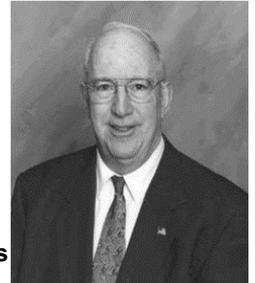
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News from the Mayor

2005, what an incredible year this has been. Words cannot describe the man-hours and the energy expended to complete the projects we under took. With that in mind, I thought a picture is definitely worth a thousand words when it comes to trying to capture one of the most successful and exciting years in Village history. In the following pages you will get a snippet of our year in review. Enjoy!



I have a very dedicated Board that enabled us to enjoy such an ambitious year. Recently I encountered a couple people that didn't realize that our positions are part time. All of my Board members with the exception of Ron Cronk (retired) have full time jobs. Our positions require at times meetings every night and sometimes multiple meetings in a given night. That comes about with the Board assignments where each Board member must meet with department heads, attend seminars on different subject areas or meet with other government officials outside of our Village concerning issues or problems concerning our community in general. Every one of my Board members has gone over and above the call of duty this year and their dedication and focus has created a great management team. A management team is only as good as the people it employs. We are fortunate to have a hard working and creative group of employees and volunteers that make things work on a daily basis. We all look forward to serving you in the New Year which promises to be another busy one.

Our plans for the former Village Office building located on Osborne Street include demolition of the building, the creation of off street parking in that plot, a playground for the north side similar to what was accomplished in Lewis Park and maintaining the playing fields that are currently there. We have a five year plan to get all of this accomplished with the financial help of Community Development. Once all of this is accomplished, the area will be a great space for community use by our residents. The addition of off street parking will make the area a lot safer and more pleasant for the neighborhood. 2006 projects will include the development of the Adams Street property for parking purposes as well as a small park, selling of the Minoa Library on Willard Street thereby returning it to the tax rolls, continued development of Minoa Farms, dedication of our Village Clock which will be held during Minoa Days in July. This Board will also be working with other government agencies to be as efficient and productive as possible while dealing with higher costs and unfunded mandates. As Vice President of the Onondaga Mayors Association, I will again be in Albany in February for the Legislative Session to lobby for relief from the State mandates and the burden they place on local government.

I hope you have all enjoyed our clock and hearing the chimes during the holiday season. We are continuing our brick sales for the clock project and any money over and above the cost of the chimes will be used for maintenance of the clock and the purchase of park benches, landscaping, etc. for the front of the Municipal Building. **Maybe the most important issue we'll bring to the table in 2006 will be on the March ballot. The State of New York has authorized local governments with service award programs for their volunteer fire departments to increase the yearly benefit from \$480 a year to \$700 per year. This is a retirement benefit for volunteer firefighters who qualify on a points system each year and satisfy the vesting requirements in order to receive the benefit.** With the training that is now required of them and the risk they under take to protect us we feel that this is a small price to pay. Keep in mind that each one of our firefighters is a volunteer. We hope this will encourage people to participate by volunteering with our fire department. By the way, how would you like to help? Call 656-9204 and volunteer today.

In closing, I would like to thank Norma Jenner, Village resident, for making our wall of Presidents and Mayors complete for the first time in Village history. Please feel to view them in our Board Room. I hope you all have had a great Holiday and behalf of the Village Board and our staff, have a safe and wonderful New Year.

A Word from your Trustees



William F. Brazill
Deputy Mayor

It is my honor and pleasure to serve as your Deputy Mayor. I'm proud of being able to communicate and update our residents on events that are occurring in Minoa through the *Minoa News*.

2005 has been a great year for the Village of Minoa. We have seen the development of our new Municipal Building, transforming the heart of our Village.

I proposed at a November meeting to adopt a new Local Law to give our Volunteer Firefighters a real property tax exemption up to 10% of the assessed value of their property. New York State, Onondaga County and the Town of Manlius have also adopted this tax exemption. We are very fortunate to still have an all Volunteer Fire Department and anything we can do to support them is very important.

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

This year I was honored to be asked to become a member of the Board of Managers for the East Area Family YMCA. I represent the Village of Minoa in making the YMCA an integral part of our community.

2006 promises to be another year full of challenges, but also full of opportunities to make our Village an even better place to live. As always, I welcome your input, comments and attendance at our Board meetings.

In the New Year I will continue to work hard and resolve issues in a thoughtful and responsible manner and always communicate with you.

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



RONALD L. CRONK
TRUSTEE

This has been a year of progress for the Village of Minoa and I am proud to have been a part of it. The Sunshine Minoa Food Mart, The Sunshine Liquor Mart and Movie Gallery have all started their business in our Village.

A new addition to our D.P.W. Garage will accommodate the length of our fire trucks for repairs. A garage to house equipment for our Waste Water Treatment Plant has also been constructed. Now all of our equipment can be stored inside.

Last, but not least, is your new Municipal Building. It is nice to see how much it is being used. We welcome you to take advantage of our new facilities. I look forward to seeing you in the coming year and wish each of you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.



**RAYMOND F. HIGBROWN
TRUSTEE**

I am nearing two years of serving as a trustee for our village. We have accomplished a great deal during that time with the construction of the Municipal Building, the addition of the Village Clock and Chimes, the Parade of Homes at the new Minoa Farms housing development, the addition of the convenience and liquor store and video store.

My role in the construction of the Municipal Building was in the technology area. I was responsible for all of the phone and data components of the building. We were able have a T1 line installed for our phone and internet service which we found to be cost efficient. This T1 line is the first one in our area. The Municipal Building is now n the 21st century and going forward we will be better served by this new technology.

I am currently working on the new and revised Village Website that will be up and running the end of January 2006. Please visit our website at www.villageofminoa.com.

I plan to continue to find ways to save our village money without compromising service to the residents and the integrity of our village. I enjoy working with every one on the Board as well as the outstanding staff that we are fortunate to have. Every Department worked together through the construction of our Municipal Building and through this process has made us a stronger unit.

I have enjoyed serving as your trustee and thank each and every one of you for this great opportunity. I hope the community of Minoa will continue to support my efforts in the future as I continue to do all that I can for the Village and its residents.



**EDMOND J. THEOBALD
TRUSTEE**

It seems like only yesterday when we stood under a tent, on that rainy day in July 2004 for the groundbreaking ceremony of our new municipal building. What a contrast in weather celebrating the Grand Opening on a hot and sunny day in August 2005. How tremendous our new building looked during the holiday season decorated in white lights while the addition of our clock chimes added a festive atmosphere to our village.

2005 was a tremendous year of transition and growth moving our village from one of the "Best Kept Secrets" around, to becoming a village of growth and prosperity. We have gone from being known as the village near the railroad, a sleepy little bedroom village, to a "New Minoa", a busy and productive community with the addition of the Minoa Farms development, as well as our new shops, including a convenience store, liquor store and video, all conveniently located.

The question is, are we done yet? No, we have so many more things on the horizon which should only add to our community development. I am hoping to see more businesses in the community and continue to beautify areas of our village. We must remember though, that the growth we have experienced in the last two years were just ideas and dreams years ago, and which over time, careful planning, and careful implementation became what we see today. Controlled growth is what we try to achieve while at the same time maintain our village's uniqueness.



The Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce presented the Mayor and the Village Board with a plaque honoring the Village of Minoa's new Municipal Building and our continuing efforts to serve the residents of Minoa.



The Greater Manlius Chamber of Commerce held its annual Holiday Market in the Minoa Municipal Building on November 19, 2005.



In November our Community Clock was delivered and installed in front of the Municipal Building. It is located on the corner of N. Main Street and East Ave.



Minoa's DPW decorating for the Holidays.

Minoa News Year in Review



**MINOA
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Dedicated August 6, 2005

MAYOR RICELARD J. DONOVAN

<p><i>William F. Brazill</i> <i>Trustee</i></p> <p><i>Raymond F. Hightstown</i> <i>Trustee</i></p> <p><i>Karen A. Corulla</i> <i>Clerk/Treasurer</i></p>	<p><i>Ronald L. Cronk</i> <i>Trustee</i></p> <p><i>Edmond J. Threshold</i> <i>Trustee</i></p> <p><i>Steven J. Pryma</i> <i>Attorney</i></p>
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QPK Design - Architects
 Hubert Brewer - Construction Managers

**VILLAGE OF MINOA RESIDENTS
CURBSIDE COLLECTION POLICY**

The Village will pick up trash/garbage/recyclables/brush/wood/grass/leaves and hard fill generated in the Village only that is placed in neatly separated piles within 6 feet of the curb (not on road) noon on the day before the collection day. Any of the above listings put out any other time is prohibited.

PICK UP GUIDELINES:

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. The last few pages of the phone book's yellow pages have all the current recycling information.

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. Any trash, metal, concrete etc. will not be picked up until separated.

GRASS/LEAVES/YARD WASTE: Shall be placed at the curb, separate from any other materials in a paper yard bag or cardboard box. No plastic bags, loose piles or mixed garbage will be accepted.

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.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION: Is the only time that leaves and grass can be put at the curb loose for pickup. Leaves/grass shall be placed at the curb clean of brush/branches and free of posts, poles or any objects in the way of pickup. No leaves on the road.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS: The Village will not accept tires, motor oil, liquid paint, large amounts of sheet rock, roofing shingles or any appliances containing refrigerant. (Refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers etc.) Contact Operation Separation Hot Line at 453-2870 for disposal information.

Special requests for pickup at residences need to be approved by the Department of Public Works Superintendent before anything is put to the curb.

**If you need assistance, please call Tom Petterelli, Superintendent of D.P.W., @ 656-7574.
Email - minoadpw@twcny.rr.com**

News from the Minoa Fire Department

Minoa Fire Department Officers Installed

The Minoa Fire Department installed new officers on Monday January 9, 2006. Fire Commissioner and Deputy Mayor Bill Brazill officiated the ceremony.



Chief – Patrick Flannery
Deputy Chief – Donald Grevelding Jr.
1st Asst. Chief – David Matthes, Jr.
2nd Asst. Chief – Richard Sabin
Capt. Station 1 – J. Patrick Meehan
Capt. Station 2 – Matthew McGarrity
Lieutenant Stat. 1 – Bradley Cretaro and James Pollard
Lieutenant Stat. 2 – Jeremy Erard

President – Ronald Pollard
Vice President – David Matthes, Sr.
Treasurer – Peter Cipriano
Secretary – Maxine Pollard

Adopt a Fire Hydrant

Please help the Minoa Fire Department by *adopting a Fire Hydrant* close to your home. Keeping it accessible and free of snow will save us time in case of an emergency.

Visit the Minoa Fire Department

Stop by and see our new fire house. We are always looking for volunteers, either in the fire service or in our support group.

Look for information in our next Newsletter on the upcoming County Convention which will be held this year at our Field Days.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Public Information Officer Scot Garland at 656-9204.

A Word from our Justice Court

Happy New Year from Judge Janet Stanley, Acting Justice Jeanette Zacharias and Brigid Lindsley, Court Clerk.

A reminder that the Town of Manlius Police are enforcing the Village's law regarding "No Overnight Parking" and issuing tickets throughout the winter months.

We're very pleased that my application for a \$1,500. New York State grant to purchase a photocopier was approved and received in December, at no expense to our budget! A new computer and printer will also be arriving soon from the same grant. These items will replace our out-dated equipment and allow us to be much more efficient.

Hope you all enjoyed your Holidays!



JUSTICE JANET STANLEY

Calendar of Events

- 1/1/06 Water Billing – Section III
1/4/06 Water Penalty Billing – Section II
1/4/06 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
1/4/06 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Municipal Building
1/12/06 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
1/16/06 Martin Luther King Day–Holiday for Village Employees–Village Office Closed
1/17/06 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
1/18/06 Public Hearing/Village Board – 7:15 pm – LL #1 for 2006/RE Storm Water Management
1/18/06 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
1/18/06 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Municipal Building
*Golden Age meets every Thursday
- 2/1/06 Water Billing – Section IV
2/1/06 Water Penalty Billing – Section III
2/1/06 Sewer Billing
2/1/06 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Municipal Building
2/2/06 *Golden Age Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building
2/5/06 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
2/6/06 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building – 240 N Main St
2/9/06 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
2/15/06 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Municipal Building
2/20/06 Presidents' Day Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed
2/21/06 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
2/21/06 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building – 240 N Main St
*Golden Age meets every Thursday
- 3/1/06 Water Billing – Section I
3/1/06 Sewer Penalty Billing
3/1/06 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Municipal Building
3/3/06 Water Penalty Billing – Section IV
3/5/06 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 7:00 pm - Municipal Building
3/6/06 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building – 240 N Main St
3/9/06 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
3/15/06 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Municipal Building
3/20/06 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building – 240 N Main St
3/21/06 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
3/21/06 Village Election – Polls Open 12:00 noon – 9:00 pm – Municipal Building
*Golden Age meets every Thursday



Message from the Village Clerk/Treasurer

Some highlights during the first three months of the calendar year are as follows:

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 adoption of the budget. The Village's fiscal year is 6/1 thru 5/31.

We will have a Village Election this year to be held on March 21, 2006. The offices to be filled at the general village election are for two (2) Trustees for a term of four (4) years each and for one(1) Justice for a term of four (4) years. The last day for an individual to file an independent nominating petition is February 14, 2006. Additionally, there will be a proposition on the ballot increasing the maximum defined contribution from \$480.00 to \$700.00 for the Minoa Fire Department Service Awards Program. The polling place for Village elections will be at the new Municipal Building.

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

My best wishes to you for a Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous New Year!



Karen A. Curulla
Clerk / Treasurer