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News from the Mayor

Congratulations to Village of Minoa residents. The New York Conference of Mayors, (NYCOM) in conjunction with the Empire State Report Magazine has awarded the Village of Minoa a Local Government Achievement Award for the "Municipal Building Project". Awards are given out each year at the annual NYCOM conference to recognize municipalities in New York State that have done an exceptional project. This award is only one of three given in the village category statewide.



I had the honor and privilege of receiving this award on behalf of all of you in front of over 250 elected officials from all over the state. In accepting this award I made it clear that this was a team effort, from the support of our taxpayers, my staff and all of the departments and groups that use the building. The award also recognizes the efficiencies of one common building, its' functionality as well as being a true community effort with 10 years of hard work and planning. I hope all of you are as proud of receiving this prestigious award as I am.

Congratulations also go out to the Minoa Volunteer Fire Department who won First Place at the Onondaga County Volunteer Firemen's' Convention (OCVFA) held here in Minoa on June 1, 2 and 3. This is the first time in convention history that Minoa has earned the top spot in this competition. The Convention was held in Minoa in honor of Minoa resident David T. VanMarter who is the outgoing President of the OCVFA. The "Mighty Yardbirds" and all the private citizens that helped with the convention are to be commended for a job well done in less than favorable weather conditions.

I would also like to acknowledge the donation of an electric car from the Town of Manlius. They received the car a few years ago as a donation. Because of the configuration of the town, it had limited use and Supervisor Chapman and the Town Board agreed to donate it to the Village for its use. You may have seen it in the Memorial Day Parade or being used by our DPW. It will be used by any staff or board member for ease of getting around the village, in particular, for community events. It will help in saving fuel as well as being an efficient mode of transportation in our daily activities.

Last, but not least, I would like to welcome our newest business to our village, Brad's Ice Cream Shoppe, next to the Sunshine Mart. As always, I encourage you to support our local merchants. We never miss them until they're gone, then it's too late.

Have a great summer.

**Public Informational Meeting
July 10, 2006 @ 7:00pm
Village to Lease Water System to OCWA**



Over the past several months, Mayor Donovan and Mike Hooker, Executive Director of the Onondaga County Water Authority (OCWA), have been talking about the possibility of leasing our water system to them. The term of the lease would be for forty years during which time OCWA would assume the total responsibility of the system from billing to repairs and replacement of infrastructure. With more and more regulations being imposed by both the State and Federal Government, it is becoming almost impossible for small municipalities to have the expertise or the equipment to test, treat and /or protect our water system. OCWA, whose sole business is the delivery of water to the consumer, already has the workforce and expertise to handle new requirements in addition to the day-to-day reading of meters, water testing, treating, infrastructure repairs and replacement.

Leasing our water system to OCWA for the most part would be business as usual with no noticeable changes for our residents. The only major difference would be billing four times a year instead of the current three times a year. However, the OCWA rate schedule is lower than Minoa's and the current capital charge that is on your water bill will go away as our debt will be taken over OCWA. For example, the total annual cost for an OCWA customer using 20,000 gallons per quarter would be \$191.24. That same customer being billed by Minoa every four months with a capital charge would be \$242.25 annually. Another example would be for the minimum user of 8,000 gallons. The total annual cost for an OCWA customer would be \$90.04. That same Minoa customer would be billed \$106.29.

Please join Mayor Donovan and the Village Board along with Mike Hooker of OCWA on July 10, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the Board Room of the Municipal Building where an Informational Meeting will be held to answer any questions you may have about this proposal.

A Word from our ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

With summer here and Minoa residents out walking their dogs, we have had several complaints on pets being allowed to deposit on private and public property in the Village of Minoa. This has become a major issue to many village residents.



All dogs must be on a leash when walking in the village.

All owners must clean up after their pets.

CARRY THAT PLASTIC BAG - AND USE IT

Do not extend that leash onto private property.

Our Village Code on regulations and restrictions of keeping animals within the village has to be enforced for all residents.

All pet owners are responsible for damages caused by their pets.

REMEMBER

Cats must have rabies shots and be licensed in the Village of Minoa.

Take responsibility for your pets and other people's property.

**RABIES CLINIC
(Bring those pets)**

August 7, 2006

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**DPW Garage - Kalin Drive, Minoa, NY
Donation appreciated per family**

**Minoa Days July 7 & 8, 2006
Activities 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

At the Municipal Building:

Time	Events	Sponsor
10-3	Book sale & refreshments	Minoa Library
11 am	Bake sale	Golden Age Club
11 am	Masonic annual chicken bar-b-que	Masonic Lodge at Fire Station
12 Noon	Dedication of clock	Village of Minoa
12-2	Children's fingerprinting	Manlius Police Department

At Lewis Park:

Activities

Roller Hockey game
Soccer
Hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks, etc.
Fire truck on display
Ambulance—free blood pressure check
Children's bucket brigade

Sponsors

ESM Youth Sports
ESM Youth Sports
Abbott Catering
Minoa Fire Department
Village of Minoa
Minoa Fire Department

10-2

Car & motorcycle display
Crime prevention information
Information on drug abuse
Safety issues such as-identify theft

Manlius Police Department
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	Event	Location
Fri-Sat	Garage Sales	Village-wide Garage Sales
Fri. 9-7	Rummage sale & bake sale	Methodist Church
Sat. 9-3	Rummage sale & strawberry shortcake	Methodist Church
9-11	Free coffee, donuts and Juice—display of banking services	JP Morgan Chase
9-12	Hot dogs, hamburgers and soda	St. Mary's Church
10 am	Open house, food, dance troupe, cultural display & bake sale	Bosnian Association (Formerly Masonic Lodge)
10-3	Book sale & refreshments	Golden Age Room
11 am	Bake sale	Minoa Fire Station
11 am	Masonic annual chicken bar-b-que	Minoa Fire Station
12 Noon	Dedication of clock	Municipal Building
12-2	Children's finger printing	Municipal Building

**Join in Minoa's 10th Annual Village-Wide Garage Sale
July 8th and 9th**

**Just place your stuff in front of your house
We advertise —you sell!
Good Luck and Enjoy the Day!**



Representatives of the Village receiving the NYCOM/Empire State Report Local Government Achievement Award are from left to right: Sean Foran, Construction Manager with Hueber Brewer, Trustee John Champagne, Trustee Ed Theobald, Mayor Richard Donovan, Clerk/Treasurer Karen Curulla, Deputy Mayor William Brazill, Attorney Steve Primo of Primo Primo & Kirwan, DPW Superintendent Thomas Petterelli and Trustee Ronald Cronk.



Latest addition to the Village's fleet of vehicles donated by the Town of Manlius is this electric



Our Memorial Monuments are now flanked by the following service flags: Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force, Coast Guard and POW/MIA flags.



DPW Employees Joe Abbott and Jim Landry seen laying the first engraved brick at the Municipal Clock. This brick is that of Don Crossett who served as Mayor from 1980-1988.

CLEAN VILLAGE / CLEAN STREAMS KEEPING MINOA CLEAN

By Robert Wolf, Stormwater Consultant

One of the things that people notice about Minoa is the cleanliness of its streets and homes. The vast majority of the residents and the Department of Public Works make an effort to keep it that way. We should be very proud of the appearance of our Village.



A hidden benefit of maintaining a clean Village is that the “Stormwater” runoff into Butternut and Limestone Creeks is, for the most part, clean. The Village operates a Sewage Treatment Plant that is doing an exceptional job of cleaning its effluent that is discharged to Limestone Creek. There are no “combined sewers,” as in Syracuse, and the Village has worked hard to maintain all of the sanitary entry lines and manholes to be clean, sealed, and intact.

The obligation of the citizens is to “Keep up the Good Work.” Under the “Clean Water Act,” the latest phase known as “Stormwater II” has been in effect for three (3) years. Minoa and 29 other Towns and Villages in the “Syracuse Suburban Area” were required to obtain Permits as “Municipal Separate Stormwater Systems” or MS4’s. One primary requirement of the permit is that all Village residents be informed of the proper disposal of common household chemical materials that can contaminate the local creeks and lakes. This section of the Quarterly Newsletter will be used for that purpose.

Message from the Village Clerk/Treasurer



**Karen A. Curulla
Clerk / Treasurer**

After twenty-two years as the Village’s Clerk/Treasurer, I will be retiring at the end of the year. The Village Board is accepting resumes for the position of Village Clerk /Deputy Treasurer and if interested, please send your resume to 240 N. Main Street, Minoa, NY 13116.

Just a reminder! Village Tax bills are due by July 5, 2006 without penalty. From July 6, 2006 through October 31, 2006 penalties will be assessed on all unpaid tax bills. On November 1, 2006 those tax bills still remaining unpaid will be turned over to Onondaga County for collection.

Summer Office Hours

**July 5 – September 2, 2006
Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am – 11:30 am**

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the Village Office.

We invite everyone to attend

CLOCK PROJECT DEDICATION CEREMONEY

July 8, 2006

12:00 Noon

PROJECT HISTORY

The clock project officially started on the day of the Grand Opening of the Municipal Building on August 6, 2005 with Mayor Donovan announcing a citizen's fund drive to raise \$15,000 dollars in donations to buy and install a street clock in front of the new building. The Mayor had some discussions with a few people before the event asking what they thought of the idea. The Minoa Golden Age Club stepped up to the plate with a \$1,000 donation which was presented to the Mayor at the Grand Opening to start the campaign. A few weeks and donations later, Mayor Donovan was approached by Tom Schepp to learn more about the clock project that his kids had read about in the newspaper. Once Mayor Donovan explained the project, Mr. Schepp offered to buy the clock and dedicate it to his parents. For some time, the Schepp family had been looking for a memorial to recognize his parents for their many years of service to the Minoa community. Both Mayor Donovan and Tom Schepp did not want to offend anyone who had previously donated to the project. After further discussion, it was agreed by the donors that their donations could be used to purchase the chimes for the clock. Mayor Donovan then approached Tom Schepp and the Minoa Golden Age Club about the concept of selling engraved bricks to surround the clock which would be dedicated to Russell and Gertrude Schepp and the engraved bricks would represent the Minoa community surrounding the two people who were leaders in this community for so many years. Mayor Donovan said we are very proud of what we've been able to accomplish in a short period of time on N. Main Street. It is very gratifying to have our whole community come forward and take part of yet another success in improving the heart of our community. To have the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) also recognize our efforts speaks volumes about our Village.



Calendar of Events



7/1/06 Water Billing – Section I
7/3/06 **4th of July Holiday observed for Village Employees – Village Office Closed**
7/4/06 **4th of July Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed**
7/5/06 Village Tax Bills due without penalty
7/6/06 Water Penalty Billing – Section IV
7/8/06 **Minoa Days – 9:00 am and continues throughout day**
7/8/06 **Minoa Days – 12:00 noon / Clock Dedication**
7/9/06 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:30 pm – Municipal Building
7/10/06 **Public Informational Meeting – Water System Lease to OCWA**
7/12/06 **Movie at Lewis Park – at Dusk – “The Zathura”**
7/13/06 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
7/17/06 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
7/18/06 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
7/19/06 Justice Court – 5:00 pm – Municipal Building
7/24/06 **Concert at Lewis Park – “The Bear Cat Jazz Band” - 7 pm – 9 pm**
7/31/06 Village Board Meeting/Abstract Meeting – 12:00 noon – Municipal Building
*Golden Age meets every Thursday at 11:00 am

8/1/06 Water Billing – Section II
8/1/06 Water Penalty Billing – Section I
8/1/06 Sewer Billing
8/2/06 Justice Court – 5:00 pm – Municipal Building
8/9/06 **Movie at Lewis Park – at Dusk – “Yours, Mine and Ours”**
8/11/06 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
8/13/06 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:30 pm – Municipal Building
8/14/06 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
8/15/06 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
8/16/06 Justice Court – 5:00 pm – Municipal Building
8/21/06 **Concert at Lewis Park – 7 pm – 9pm – “Dan Elliott & The Monterays”**
8/31/06 Village Board Meeting/Abstract Meeting – 12:00 Noon – Municipal Building
*Golden Age meets every Thursday at 11:00 am

9/1/06 Water Billing – Section III
9/1/06 Sewer Penalty Billing
9/1/06 Water Penalty Billing – Section II
9/4/06 **Labor Day Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed**
9/05/06 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
9/06/06 Justice Court – 5:00 pm – Municipal Building
9/10/06 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – Municipal Building
9/14/06 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
9/19/06 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
9/20/06 Justice Court – 5:00 pm – Municipal Building
9/18/06 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
*Golden Age meets every Thursday at 11:00 am

News from the Minoa Free Library

Books, Etc. Sale

The Minoa Free Library is having its Annual Book Sale on Saturday, July 8, from 10am – 3pm in the Golden Age Room at the Minoa Municipal Building, 240 N. Main Street.

Hardcover, paperbacks, records, videos and more!

