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News from the Mayor

Happy New Year, 2007 promises to be another busy year! It seems like everyday the Village of Minoa receives a letter from the State of New York informing us of another function that we have to perform. At times we are unprepared for these requirements in the form of manpower, financial responsibility, or both. The common term for these requirements is "unfunded mandates". Hopefully, our new Governor will follow through on his promise to bring relief of these mandates to local government. I have spoken to many of you regarding Village taxes and you have heard my frustration as it relates to this subject. Our State government has a habit of informing us that they are cutting taxes at the State level, but what they do not tell us is that the programs they were originally funding with their tax cuts are now the responsibility of the local government to fund the programs. As we prepare to start our budget sessions for this year, it is our responsibility to anticipate the costs involved in our newly acquired mandates. I can assure you that I, along with your Village Board, will work very hard to manage these costs and still provide the services you're accustomed to without raising taxes. In February, the Board and I, along with a group from the Onondaga County Association of Mayors and Village Officials, will attend a legislative conference in Albany. We plan to partner with New York Conference of Mayors to present a unified voice to the Governor and the Legislature by asking for mandate relief. As your Mayor and President of the Onondaga County Association of Mayors and Village Officials, I will do everything I can to try and gain the reforms needed to bring back the prosperity this state used to enjoy.

The Village Board and I hope that you had a great holiday and that you enjoy the rest of the winter.



VANDALISM IN LEWIS PARK

Our facilities at Lewis Park have recently been vandalized with graffiti. We spent five years and almost \$200,000 getting the park to where it is today. We would appreciate every citizen keeping vigil on our park and helping to prevent further events of this type by calling the police anytime you see anyone that looks like they don't belong there or they are doing something wrong. If anyone can provide information on the current incident, please call the Town of Manlius Police at 682-2212. The clean up will be difficult and expensive. Wouldn't it be nice to have the person or persons responsible for this vandalism pay for what they did?

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 in the roadway or on the sidewalks.** Failure to comply with this request will be subject to violation notices and/or your car will be towed.

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

A Word from your Trustees



John H. Champagne
Trustee

I am very thankful and honored for the opportunity you have given me to serve as a Village Trustee. It's hard to believe that it's almost one year now since I have been elected. I am learning something new everyday. We have had a lot of interesting things happen in 2006 from the Easter Egg Hunt in April, the Onondaga County Volunteer Firemen's Convention in June, Minoa Days in July and the Tree Lighting Ceremony in December. I would like to thank everyone for their support in making all of these Village events a huge success. I am looking forward to seeing what kind of great opportunities 2007 will bring us. I welcome any suggestions or comments that you think will help our community be a better place to live.



Ronald L. Cronk
Trustee

It has been another productive year for the Village and I have enjoyed being a part of it. This past year we put an addition on the DPW garage that will enable us to better service the larger DPW vehicles, as well as those of the Fire Department. We also added a new barn for the Waste Water Treatment Facility. The DPW fleet now includes a new street sweeper and a new stake rack truck.

I look forward to serving the residents of the Village of Minoa this coming year. If you have any concerns, especially with regards to the DPW or WWTF, please feel free to contact me.



Edmond J. Theobald
Trustee

Once again our Village experienced another exciting year.

Since a part of my responsibilities includes celebrations, we look forward each year to bringing you new and exciting events. Last year we reintroduced the Easter Egg Hunt, thanks to newly elected Trustee John Champagne who chaired this successful event. We also made a transition from "Old Minoa Days", which was originally established in honoring the old Minoa High School, to a new "Minoa Days" which is now the full responsibility of the village. We have plans this year to make it more of a festival type atmosphere for the whole Village (stay tuned). Our first "Minoa Days" last year, celebrated our new Community Clock Dedication, on behalf of Russell and Gertrude Schepp. We also celebrated, for the very first time, the Tree Lighting Ceremony on our own property with our young Christmas tree at the south end of the municipal building...

As your representative on the Town of Manlius Police Committee, I will continue to work with our local law enforcement agency to help keep our village a safe place to live. One example of this was their successful "Targeted Aggressive Driving Enforcement Program" they implemented last year, controlling areas which were targeted as having traffic related problems.

It is an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Trustee and, as always, I welcome your input of ideas and suggestions to help keep Minoa a successful and prosperous Village.

A Message from the Deputy Mayor



William F. Brazill
Deputy Mayor

It is an honor to serve as your Deputy Mayor. 2006 has been a great year for the Village of Minoa. We've seen the continued development of new businesses in our community, Brad's Ice Cream Shoppe, Main Street Express and the continued development of Minoa Farms. I have been working with ESM Youth Sports in the development of Rees Field and their new equipment building.

As a member of the Town of Manlius Critical Response Committee I'm always working hard to find better ways to prepare our community in case of an emergency. As member of the Board of Managers for the East Area Family YMCA, I represent the Village of Minoa in helping the YMCA to recognize the needs of our Village.

2007 promises to be another year full of challenges and also full of opportunities to make our Village a great place to live and raise a family. As always, I welcome your input, comments and attendance at our Board meetings

I will continue to work hard and resolve the issues that face our Village. Have a safe winter season!!!!



Heaven's Pantry

Heaven's Pantry appreciates all that people and organizations of the Minoa, Kirkville area do to feed those who are in need through donations of food. We have been blessed over the years by this generosity; we would like to say a big Thank You!!!! **We would also like to make everyone aware that as a Food Pantry we can purchase food through the Food Bank of CNY at drastically reduced rate.**

If you like to donate for those in need, you may do so by sending monetary donations to:

Heaven's Pantry, 240 N.Main Street, Minoa, NY 13116

Food distribution for income eligible recipients is the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am and 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the pantry.

CLEAN VILLAGE / CLEAN STREAMS KEEPING MINOA CLEAN

On the night before Christmas in Minoa, it was a pleasure to drive through the neighborhoods. Along with their neatly cleaned front yards and bright holiday decorations there were hundreds of white paper bags shining brightly, lit by burning candles. Congratulations to the ladies of Eastern Star and the Boy Scouts of the community for a job well done.



Minoa is a Village of clean, well maintained neighborhoods. Community pride shows in our bright, new Village Municipal Building complete with its impressive Fire Department, Ambulance Service and Library. The Minoa Elementary School with its new roof and sharp blue trim looks like a new building.

It is my belief that civic pride is infectious. When the vast majority of the residents maintain their homes in a clean, orderly and caring manner, all of their neighbors will be strongly motivated to follow their lead. In Minoa, we are witnessing this example of civic pride.

People that care about the appearance of their community, also care about clean streets and clean Stormwater runoff into the creeks and lakes. As the "Stormwater Representative" of the Village, I am confident that the residents will continue to do their best to keep our storm drain system clean of all pollutants.

Robert Wolf
Village Stormwater Consultant

Calendar of Events

February 2007

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- 2/1/07 Sewer Penalty Billing
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 - 2/1/07 *Golden Age Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building
 - 2/4/07 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 5:00 – 10:00 pm – Community Building
 - 2/5/07 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building – 240 N Main St
 - 2/7/07 Justice Court – 5:30 pm – Municipal Building
 - 2/8/07 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (AS NEEDED)
 - 2/19/07 Presidents' Day Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed**
 - 2/20/07 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
 - 2/21/07 Justice Court – 5:30 pm – Municipal Building
 - 2/21/07 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building – 240 N Main St**
*Golden Age meets every Thursday

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*Note changed dates for Village Board Meetings in **BOLD***

Message from the Village Clerk/Treasurer

I'd like to take this opportunity to let you know the time table for the Village Budget process which begins in the first quarter of the calendar year.

The village budget 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.

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



Karen A. Curulla
Clerk / Treasurer