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News from the Mayor

I trust that all of you had an enjoyable Holiday season. It seems like only yesterday that I was wishing you the same message, yet another year has passed. They say when you are busy time flies and in this case it has been a busy year in the Village of Minoa.

We, as a Village, have assumed the lead role in stormwater management and enforcement. All Board members and department heads have become NIMS (National Incident Management System) certified. It was a year for transition as well; Karen Curulla retired as Clerk/Treasurer after twenty-three (23) years of faithful service and Suzanne Snider has stepped in and has not missed a beat in taking over that vital post. We have continued to improve our Codes Enforcement Department by entering into an inter-municipal agreement with the Village of Fayetteville to share our current Codes Enforcement Officer, Richard Greene on a full-time basis. This agreement allows us to have a day time codes official available in both Villages with enough time to complete the job.

Key members of my staff and Deputy Mayor Brazill continue to work very closely with the Town CRC committee (Critical Response Committee) to ensure that we are collectively prepared for any disaster that might occur.

As a Village we continue to partner with the other municipalities in the Town, the Town of Manlius and the ESM School District to share equipment and manpower and/or expertise to complete some of our larger or more difficult tasks. This past year it was my pleasure to be involved with the Minoa Elementary School as they applied for, and received, a \$5,000 grant to promote reading. Minoa Elementary School became the first public school to be awarded such a grant in the nation. Handmade signs were placed around the Village of Minoa this past spring as part of the project which encouraged reading throughout our area. The strong support from ESM, parents and staff, our business community, National Grid and the Village of Minoa made it possible for a successful project by working together efficiently.

I, along with members of the Village Board, serve on several committees or advisory boards at ESM in a collaborative effort to improve upon the growing skills required in today's world. We hope to increase the local talent pool and encourage perspective employers to locate here, thus creating a job environment enabling our children to stay in the area after graduation. The fact that ESM is only one of eleven comprehensive schools in the state of New York strengthens our community and makes it an even more desirable place to live.

The developer of Minoa Farms, Elliot Lasky, recently announced an agreement with a major builder who will commit to a model home and a daily sales staff. This effort will promote our village and help develop the unsettled parts of the tract, including the park land. Growth in Minoa Farms has been slower than projected by the developer, which has had a direct correlation with assessment values and the tax rate. We look forward to seeing further development of this beautiful addition to our village.

On behalf of the Village Board and my staff, I wish all of you the very best in the New Year. I am sure that 2008 is going to be another busy year for all of us and I would encourage all of you to check out our website at www.villageofminoa.com for current information about the village, as well as many links to useful sites. Have a safe and happy New Year!



A Word from your Trustees



John H. Champagne
Trustee

It's hard to believe 2007 has come and gone already; what a year it has been for the Village of Minoa. We have had numerous interesting and great events this past year beginning with the Easter Egg Hunt held at Lewis Park in March, where over 300 children participated, the annual Firemen's Field Days held in June, the Minoa Days Festival in July and the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in December.

We have redesigned the Village of Minoa web-site to make it easier for village residents to navigate around the site. Added features include downloadable forms, minutes of the Village Board meetings, an updated calendar of events page, and a page dedicated to the history of the village. You can see the new web-site at www.villageofminoa.com.

I would like to thank everyone for their support in making all of these village events a huge success. I am looking forward to the great opportunities 2008 will bring us. I welcome any suggestions or comments you think will help our community be a better place to live. I hope everyone has a safe and healthy New Year.



Ronald L. Cronk
Trustee

It has been another productive year for the Village and I have enjoyed being of service to the Village of Minoa and our residents. I look forward to the coming year and the changes and challenges that we face on a daily basis.

Minoa Farms recently entered into an agreement with a local developer who will provide a model home at Minoa Farms for daily viewing. This is a welcome addition and should further the project significantly.

I wish everyone the best in 2008 and remember that I am here to be of service to you. I have enjoyed working with you in the past and hope to continue being helpful in the future. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Village Office at (315) 656-3100.



Edmond J. Theobald
Trustee

As a member of the Minoa Community for nearly 29 years and now having served as a trustee for four of those years, I would like to say that it has been rewarding and a tremendous learning experience. One of my responsibilities is organizing village celebrations and I have taken great pleasure watching our community come together. I especially enjoyed the Memorial Day Parade and it is one of my most rewarding moments.

In April, we had our first local business owner's group meeting to discuss what we can do as a village to help support our local businesses. Our first Minoa Day's Festival in July highlighted our local businesses, and finished off the event with an outstanding fireworks display.

Representing Minoa on the Town of Manlius Police Committee has also kept me up to date with the police department with their crime prevention and safety programs. Officers from our police department met with village residents in July to discuss these programs and explained to us how citizen involvement will help keep our village safe.

As always, I encourage open communications, especially regarding any concerns or comments you have to help keep Minoa the unique and special village it is. I want to wish everyone a prosperous and happy new year in 2008!

A Message from the Deputy Mayor



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***.

2007 has been a great year for the Village of Minoa. We have seen the continued development of Minoa Farms and of our attractive Village.

I continue to serve on various committees with the ESM School District, Town of Manlius and I am a member of the Board of Managers for the East Area Family YMCA. In doing so, I provide ideas and information that will benefit our Village and the surrounding communities.

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.

2008 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.

New and Improved Village Web Site

The Village of Minoa has updated and revised our web site. A special thanks to Trustee John Champagne and Clerk / Treasurer Suzanne Snider for their continued effort in improving our web site. Visit the web site at www.villageofminoa.com

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 them time in case of an emergency.

Minoa Fire Department Officers Installed

The Minoa Fire Department installed new officers in January. They are as follows:

Chief – Patrick Flannery	President – David Matthes, Sr.
Deputy Chief – Donald Greveling	Vice President –
1 st Asst. Chief – David Matthes, Jr.	Treasurer – Tom Czajak
2 nd Asst. Chief – Richard Sabin	Secretary – Al Tompkins
Capt. Station 1 – Jeremy Erard	
Capt. Station 2 – Matthew McGarrity	
Lieutenant Stat. 1 – Bradley Cretaro and Erich Schepp	
Lieutenant Stat. 2 – Jim Taft and Mike Nesci	

Mothers of Preschoolers

Minoa MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) will be meeting Friday, January 11th and 25th, February 8th, and March 7th from 9:30am-11:30am at the St. Mary's Rectory on the corner of Dorothy and Main St. Please join us for food, crafts and related "parenting topics". Childcare is provided. All Moms with children under the age of 6 (in Kindergarten) are welcome.



Calendar of Events

January 2008

- 1/2/08 Sewer Penalty Billing
- 1/6/08 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 5:00 – 10:00 pm – Community Building
- 1/7/08 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 1/10/08 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (**AS NEEDED**)
- 1/15/08 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11.00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 1/16/08 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 1/21/08 Martin Luther King Day–Holiday for Village Employees– Office Closed**
- 1/22/08 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 1/30/08 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building

February 2008

- 2/1/08 Sewer Penalty Billing
- 2/1/08 Sewer Billing
- 2/3/08 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 5:00 – 10:00 pm – Community Building
- 2/4/08 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building – 240 N Main St
- 2/14/08 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (**AS NEEDED**)
- 2/18/08 Presidents' Day Holiday for Village Employees – Office Closed**
- 2/19/08 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 2/19/08 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building – 240 N Main St
- 2/27/08 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building

March 2008

- 3/2/08 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 5:00 – 10:00 pm -Municipal Building
 - 3/3/08 Sewer Penalty Billing
 - 3/3/08 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building – 240 N Main St
 - 3/5/08 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
 - 3/13/08 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (**AS NEEDED**)
 - 3/17/08 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Municipal Building – 240 N Main St
 - 3/18/08 Village Election - Noon – 9:00 pm – Municipal Building – 240 N. Main St.**
 - 3/18/08 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
 - 3/19/08 Justice Court – 5:00 pm / Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
- *Golden Age meets every Thursday**

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 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.

Special budget work sessions will be held in the Village Office on the following dates:

Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Village Election

The Village election this year is on March 18, 2008 at the Municipal Building on 240 N. Main Street. The last day for an individual to file an independent nominating petition is February 12, 2008. The following offices will be filled and the terms of each are as follows:

Mayor (one) – Four year term

Trustees (two) – Four year terms each



Suzanne M. Snider
Clerk / Treasurer

