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News from the Mayor

Summer is upon us, how quickly time flies. Since our last newsletter a lot has happened. First off I am pleased to announce the appointment of Lisa DeVona, a village resident, to the position of Clerk/Treasurer. Lisa brings many years experience to the job having worked for all the municipalities in the Town of Manlius in various capacities, acquiring valuable experience along the way.

The Village was awarded a \$307,000 grant from New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation for the modification, expansion and improvement of constructed wetlands to further increase the capabilities of our efforts of education, research and sustainability at our Waste Water Treatment Facility which is already paying dividends in many ways. Students from ESM and SUNY ESF have provided many hours of research and construction of research equipment, at no cost to the Village, while building their resumes of work experience for their future in the workplace. Our first outside project came from Oswego County who is under a consent order for reducing the ammonia content in their landfill leachate. We were not only able to show them how to get within their limits we were able to demonstrate on how they could dramatically reduce those levels. The end result, the Village of Minoa received \$3,000 (outside money to help defray taxpayer costs) for doing the testing, Oswego County will save hundreds of thousands of dollars in un-needed construction costs and the environment in Oswego County will be much cleaner.

I'm also very pleased to announce that our Village received two awards at the Annual NYCOM Conference (New York Conference of Mayors) last month. We received a first place award for Public Management and Administration of our Cleanwater Educational and Research Facility. The second award was received from NYMIR (our risk management company) in recognition of a commitment to sound risk management, safety and training that makes a difference. Both awards are a tremendous achievement for our Village and a direct reflection of the men and women that work everyday to make Minoa a great place to live. NYCOM represents 590 Cities and Villages across the state.

We continue to work hard while evaluating what we do and how we do it. The efforts in our Waste Water Treatment Facility and our Cleanwater Educational, Research Facility are making great strides in turning waste products into energy, creating an income stream through research and educational opportunities for our youth. We just finalized an insurance evaluation which will save the Village approximately \$20,000 in this coming year.

We have also hired an outside management team (WAVES) to manage our ambulance service. This arrangement will allow us to have three supervisory personnel plus a physician to manage our current staff. The sharing of services agreement with WAVES replaces one staff supervisor position. This gives us a more flexible and comprehensive management team while reducing our employee benefit package by approximately \$15,000.



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Continued Mayor's Message.

In the next couple of months we will be restructuring the fire and ambulance end of the building to meet current and future needs for a bunk in program for both college students and current members. This program has proven to be very successful in other departments and is part of a continued effort to continue to be a completely VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. By remaining a volunteer fire department the savings to Village residents is substantial.

I'm also happy to announce that we have a Chinese Restaurant that has committed to establish a business in the former Brad's Ice Cream location. They hope to be open in the next couple months.

Minoa continues to be a leader for small Villages, a bedroom community we can all be proud of. Enjoy your summer.

Minoa Mayor Richard Donovan Elected

Second Vice President of the Conference of Mayors

At its recently concluded 102nd Annual Meeting, the New York State Conference of Mayors elected the following officers:

President – Mayor Diana Smith, Village of Seneca Falls; First Vice President – Mayor William Nelson, City of Ogdensburg; **Second Vice President Mayor Richard Donovan, Village of Minoa**; and Treasurer – Mayor Gerald Jennings, City of Albany.

"At a time when local officials are working cooperatively and innovatively to do more with less, Mayor Donovan will be instrumental in NYCOM's efforts to strengthen the partnership between the state and its local governments," stated Peter A. Baynes, Executive Director of the Conference of Mayors. "Our membership will benefit greatly from his experience and leadership."

The Conference of Mayors represents 590 cities and villages in New York State ranging from the smallest village to the City of New York. NYCOM has been in existence since 1910.



Tax Increase Explanation

As a follow-up to previous newsletter information regarding our Village tax increase please refer to the following examples to help you understand the tax shift that has taken place. If you remember last year the County Executive took sales tax away from Towns and Villages. A County grant program was instituted to replace less than half of what Villages were currently receiving, thus creating a significant shortfall for all Villages. In the case of Minoa our shortfall was in excess of \$240,000. The County Executive's theory was we as a Village could raise taxes to fill the gap and essentially not raise the total tax you pay for County, Town and Village. The Village Board worked very hard to not raise taxes to the extent of filling the gap and thus giving you the taxpayer some relief. The end result is laid out on four actual properties in our Village with and without exemptions. In every case, you the taxpayer are paying less for your total taxes to the County, Town and Village. I'm proud of the effort of everyone from the Board, to our staff for working hard everyday to try to do their job, efficiently, safely and cost effectively for you our customer.

A special thanks to our County Legislator Kevin Holmquist for his tireless efforts to get as much sales tax funding as possible for our Village.

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TAX INCREASE EXAMPLES AT \$8.95/PER THOUSAND

Tax ID:	005-01-08.0	Property w/ Exemptions		Tax ID:	006-01-39.0	Property w/out	
Property Owner:	xxxxxxx			Property Owner:	xxxxxxx	Exemptions	
Assessed Value:	\$182,000.00			Assessed Value:	\$97,400.00		
		\$8.30 per thousand				\$8.30 per thousand	
2010	COUNTY/TOWN	VILLAGE		2010	COUNTY/TOWN	VILLAGE	
County	\$293.06	\$1,510.60		County	\$156.83	\$808.42	
State Mandated Costs	\$1,051.27			State Mandated Costs	\$562.60		
Town Tax	\$544.97			Town Tax	\$312.24		
County Water	\$8.90			County Water	\$4.68		
	\$1,898.20	\$1,510.60			\$1,036.35	\$808.42	
TOTAL:		\$3,408.80		TOTAL:		\$1,844.77	
		\$8.95 per thousand				\$8.95 per thousand	
2011	COUNTY/TOWN	VILLAGE		2011	COUNTY/TOWN	VILLAGE	
County	\$0.00	\$1,628.90		County	\$0.00	\$871.73	
State Mandated Costs	\$942.28			State Mandated Costs	\$595.00		
Town Tax	\$560.25			Town Tax	\$320.99		
County Water	\$8.79			County Water	\$4.63		
	\$1,511.32	\$1,628.90			\$920.62	\$871.73	
TOTAL:		\$3,140.22		TOTAL:		\$1,792.35	
SAVINGS		\$268.58		SAVINGS		\$52.42	
Tax ID:	003-03-30.0	Property w/ Exemptions		Tax ID:	005-02-31.0	Property w/out	
Property Owner:	xxxxxxx			Property Owner:	xxxxxxx	Exemptions	
Assessed Value:	\$73,600.00			Assessed Value:	\$275,000.00		
		\$8.30 per thousand				\$8.30 per thousand	
2010	COUNTY/TOWN	VILLAGE		2010	COUNTY/TOWN	VILLAGE	
County	\$118.51	\$610.88		County	\$442.81	\$2,282.50	
State Mandated Costs	\$425.13			State Mandated Costs	\$1,588.46		
Town Tax	\$200.55			Town Tax	\$881.57		
County Water	\$3.54			County Water	\$13.23		
	\$747.73	\$610.88			\$2,926.07	\$2,282.50	
TOTAL:		\$1,358.61		TOTAL:		\$5,208.57	
		\$8.95 per thousand				\$8.95 per thousand	
2011	COUNTY/TOWN	VILLAGE		2011	COUNTY/TOWN	VILLAGE	
County	\$0.00	\$658.72		County	\$0.00	\$2,461.25	
State Mandated Costs	\$382.17			State Mandated Costs	\$1,679.92		
Town Tax	\$206.17			Town Tax	\$906.29		
County Water	\$3.50			County Water	\$13.06		
	\$591.84	\$658.72			\$2,599.27	\$2,461.25	
TOTAL:		\$1,250.56		TOTAL:		\$5,060.52	
SAVINGS		\$108.05		SAVINGS		\$148.05	

VILLAGE OF MINOA RECEIVES LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The New York State Conference of Mayors NYCOM and Empire State Report magazine have recognized the Village of Minoa for its Cleanwater Educational Facility.

The project was awarded First Place in the Public Management Administration Category of the 24th Annual Local Government Achievement Award Program. In commenting on the award NYCOM President Sam Teresi Mayor of the City of Jamestown stated, "the Village of Minoa is to be commended for this excellent project. This award recognizes that local officials are working diligently to improve their community's quality of life in efficient and innovative ways; I would like to congratulate Mayor Donovan for a job well done".



A Word from the Department of Public Works

Trash and yard waste and miscellaneous debris should be in compliance with the curbside collection policy. Just a reminder, trash and yard waste are better left in piles near the road instead of rows. **Do not put yard waste in plastic or garbage bags and do not place in the roadway.**

Please do not bring outside construction and/or side job debris into the Village for pick up.

Neighbors should call the Codes Enforcement Officer at (315) 656-3100 or the DPW at (315) 656-7574 to report any violators.

Remember, do not place trash or debris curbside for pick-up until noon the day before your scheduled pick-up day!



(L to R) Mike Murnane, Joe Abbott (standing), Jim Landry and DPW Superintendent Tom Petterelli, planted Rose of Sharon at the entrance of the Nature Trail at Minoa Farms. The Rose of Sharon were donated by Mayor Donovan and his wife Phyllis.

NEW CHINESEE RESTAURANT COMES TO MINOA

Look for our new Chinese Restaurant that will be opening in the next month in the former Brad's Ice Cream location.

NEXTAKE BAND PLAYS AT MINOA FESTIVAL

A special thank you to our local band NEXTAKE, who donated their time to play at our Minoa Days Festival at Lewis Park.

Chris Steinberger - Lead guitar/singer
Dylan Aird - Bass Player
Hunter Clark - Drummer

Guest players that joined Nextake for the event are:

Dan Volpe - Acoustic guitar/singer
George (88 Fingers) Steinberger – keyboard

CAT LICENCE

Remember all cats in the Village of Minoa must be licensed. If you have any questions please call the Village office at 656-3100.



Message from the Village Clerk/Treasurer

I am pleased and honored to join the Village of Minoa team and look forward to working with both the Village Board and the residents.

If you should have any comments, suggestions, or questions concerning the Village of Minoa and its operation please do not hesitate to contact me at (315) 656-3100 or by email: ldevona@villageofminoa.com.



Lisa L. DeVona
Clerk / Treasurer

Summer Office Hours
July 11, 2011 – September 2, 2011
Monday thru Thursday
8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Friday
8:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

**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@twcnny.rr.com

A Word from Codes Enforcement

A new local law for the Village of Minoa. This local law provides for the establishment of, and the administration and enforcement of restrictions relative to the erection, maintenance and alteration of signs within the Village of Minoa.

Section 160-17 of the Code of the Village of Minoa is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

§160-17. Signs

Intent – The purpose of the signage regulations in Sections 160-17, 17A, and 17B are to encourage the effective use of signs as a means of communication in the Village; to minimize possible adverse effects of signs on nearby public and private properties; to maintain and enhance the visual and aesthetic environment; to improve pedestrian and vehicular traffic safety; and to enable the fair and consistent enforcement of these sign regulations by the Village.

Please review on line. There are provisions about Political signs and Garage Sale signs in the law.

The Village of Minoa does not issue permits for “open burning”. “Open burning” is defined to be the burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber (**FC, Chapter 2 Definitions, Section 202 General Definitions**).

The Environmental Conservation Law of New York State prohibits the burning of garbage (defined as food-related animal and vegetable waste) or of household rubbish [**ECL Part 215: Open Fires, ¶ 215.2 Prohibitions, (a) & (d)**]. Further, the Code of the Village of Minoa prohibits the burning outdoors at any time or place of garbage, rubbish or trash or any other waste or discarded matter (**VofM §132-10**). Please note that “rubbish” is defined to be combustible and noncombustible waste materials, including residue from the burning of coal, wood, coke or other combustible material, paper, rags, cartons, tin cans, metals, mineral matter, glass crockery, dust and discarded refrigerators, and heating, cooking or incinerator-type appliances (**FC, Chapter 2 Definitions, Section 202 General Definitions**)

The outdoor burning of materials, other than rubbish, is considered a “recreational fire”. Such fires shall be contained in an enclosed pit, commercial fire pit, etc. A recreational fire shall -

- ❑ Not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material (**FC, Chapter 3 Precautions Against Fire, Section 307 Open Burning And Recreational Fires, ¶ 307.4.2 Recreation fires**).
- ❑ Not be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emission (**FC, Chapter 3 Precautions Against Fire, Section 307 Open Burning And Recreational Fires, ¶ 307.3 Prohibited open burning**).

We ask you to be a good neighbor and abide by these regulations.

If you have any questions, please call Richard Greene at (952-1493



Calendar of Events

August 2011

- 8/01/11 Sewer Billing
- 8/04/11 Onondaga Co. Health Dept. Rabies Clinic – DPW Garage – 5:00 pm – 7:00
- 8/04/11 *Golden Age Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building
- 8/17/11 Justice Court – 5:00 pm / Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 8/11/11 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (AS NEEDED)
- 8/15/11 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 8/22/11 Movie at Lewis Park – at Dusk- “Secretariat”
- 8/30/11 Village Board Meeting/Abstract Meeting – 12:00 Noon – Municipal Building
- 8/31/11 Sewer Bills Due Without Penalty

September 2011

- 9/01/11 Sewer Penalty Billing
- 9/01/11 *Golden Age Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building
- 9/05/11 Labor Day Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed
- 9/06/11 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 9/08/11 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building (AS NEEDED)
- 9/14/11 Justice Court – 5:00 pm / Doors Open at 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 9/19/11 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 9/30/11 Sewer Bills Due Without Further Penalty

*Golden Age meets every Thursday



The new passive park at Minoa Farms is open and ready for your enjoyment. Minoa Farms Park is a park with trails for walking and enjoying nature.