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The Minoa News
will be published
on a continuing basis.

The Village
Board meets regularly
on the 1st and 3rd
Monday of each month
at the Minoa Municipal
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News from the Mayor



Every New Year I set new goals for the Village of Minoa and reflect on everything we accomplished the previous year. Last year we were very successful in obtaining over \$200,000 in grant money to help pay for upgrades to equipment and facilities. We received \$100,000 from NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority) to purchase energy efficient pumps and controls for our WTP (Wastewater Treatment Plant). We received \$50,000 from Senator DeFrancisco for upgrading the electrical and equipment for Lewis Park pole barn. We were also awarded \$50,000 from FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for installation of a new vehicle exhaust system for Minoa Fire Station II.

Deputy Mayor John Champagne worked closely with me in securing the \$100,000 grant for energy efficient upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. John also works closely with me on all the village's policies and contracts.

Trustee Greg Rinaldi has worked diligently in evaluating our DPW vehicle replacement program and has come up with a plan that will save the village tens of thousands of dollars in vehicle and equipment procurement. Greg has also worked diligently with Minoa Farms developer to find a way to bring back interest and growth for that development.

Trustee John Abbott continues to work closely with the Minoa Fire and Ambulance departments as Fire Commissioner to find ways to save money without jeopardizing services. Trustee Abbott is an active and voting member of the Town of Manlius Police Committee and assisted in the hiring of new Police Chief Michael Crowell.

Trustee Eric Christensen is in charge of all the village celebrations and works very hard setting up and organizing events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day Parade, Hope for Heather 5K and the Christmas Tree Lighting. Volunteers are needed to assist with these annual village events, if you are interested please contact Trustee Christensen at echristensen@villageofminoa.com.

The Village is fortunate to have knowledgeable, experienced and dedicated Trustees. I commend them for their devotion to the Village in addition to being employed full time. Serving as a village official is a part time job that requires a tremendous amount of time and dedication. The village board takes an average of 8 to 10 personal vacation days from their full time jobs to attend municipal meetings and conferences to further their education every year.

I continue having open communication with all village residents. "Pizza with the Mayor" held on the last Wednesday of every month at Trappers II, has been a huge success. I've enjoyed meeting all of you who have come out to share your ideas, concerns and suggestions with me. I would also encourage everyone to attend our board meetings. Please feel free to call me at 315-952-9941 or email me at wbrazill@villageofminoa.com.

Have a safe and Happy New Year!

Village Budget

The village budgeting process begins on February 8th and continues until adoption of the budget no later than May 1st. This is a very lengthy process involving submission of budget estimates by departments, preparation of the tentative budget, presentation to the Village Board, public hearing and then finally, adoption of the budget. These meetings are open to all Village Residents.

Special budget meetings will be held in the Municipal Building on the following dates:

Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please contact Eric Christensen
echristensen@villageofminoa.com or (315) 877-1115
if interested in volunteering for these upcoming events:

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 31st
10:00am at Lewis Park

Teal Ribbon Race, Saturday, September 22nd
Lewis Park



Village of Minoa Election

***Please remember to
come out and vote!***



**March 20, 2018
Minoa Municipal Building
12:00noon – 9:00pm**

Trustee (two) – Four year term each

Village Justice (one) – Four year term

A Word from your Trustees



Gregory A. Rinaldi
Trustee

After two years of service as a Trustee for the Village of Minoa, this is what I have learned: our mayor, Bill Brazill and the entire Village staff are **INCREDIBLE** people. Every person that works for our Village is committed, loyal and extremely **SMART**. All decisions made, are well thought out and always for the betterment of our Village, and I am happy to be part of it.

I also want to give a special thanks to our **FIRE DEPARTMENT**. It is a truly thankless job, until we need them. What we need to understand, all the men and woman of the fire department are **VOLUNTEERS** and the hours of work they put in to keep our community safe is incredible and they don't get enough credit. I am completely committed in keeping this village running at a high level of efficiency and would love to serve another term as village Trustee. If you ever have any questions or concerns I can be reached at grinaldi@villageofminoa.com



John M. Abbott
Trustee

I am proud to be serving as Fire Commissioner for the Minoa Fire and Ambulance departments as well as a member of the Town of Manlius Police Committee.

Congratulations to the following Minoa Fire Department officers sworn into office on January 8, 2018:

Chief:	Matthew McGarrity
Asst Chief (Car3):	Chuck Spratt
Captain Station #1:	Randy Capriotti, Sr.
Captain Station #2:	Jeremy DiBello
Lieutenant Station #1:	Tyler Talarico

President:	Pat Flannery
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Board of Directors:	

Dave Matthes, Jr
Jeremy Erard
Dave Giocondo
Scot Garland
Randy Capriotti, Sr.
Chuck Spratt
Andy Oot

The Town of Manlius Police hired a new Chief of Police: Michael J. Crowell, who took office in the fall of 2017. Chief Crowell is a former member of the Manlius Police force for over seventeen years. His most recent position was Chief of Police for the North Syracuse Police Department for the past four years. We wish him well in his new position.

Please come out to one the board meetings which are held on first and third Monday of every month. Check the village website www.villageofminoa.com for exact dates and time.

A Word from your Trustees



John H. Champagne
Deputy Mayor

I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Deputy Mayor. My municipal responsibilities include: Wastewater Treatment Plant, Cleanwater Education and Research Facility (CERF), Security Camera Systems, Critical Response Committee, NIMS Compliance Officer, Communications, Website, Employee Handbook and Emergency Disaster Preparedness Planner for WTP.

We have been able to complete some projects started at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, specifically the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) grant project. The plant upgrades will help us move forward towards our goal of sustainability.

As Mayor Brazill mentioned in his article, the village has been awarded \$100,000 through a NYSERDA grant which we will use to purchase four new pumps so our wastewater plant will perform more efficiently and cost effectively. The pumps are state of the art and we are the first to try this new technology that will enable the pump activity to be remotely monitored.

We continue to host ESM students doing "hands on" research under the supervision of ESM teachers John and Pam Herrington. *The ESM school district* was successful in obtaining a grant for the purchase of a new greenhouse which is now located at the wastewater treatment plant and last fall the village board dedicated the new greenhouse to former mayor Richard Donovan and ESM Superintendent Dr. Donna DeSiato for their hard work in pursuing the funding for the new structure. Although the greenhouse is currently being used by the students for their research projects in the near future we hope to grow *annual* flowers which will eventually be planted in the village flower boxes and park landscaping. We were successful in growing a small crop of pumpkins last year which we donated to the seniors of the Golden Age Club.

I would like to congratulate WTP Operator Eric Cushing on passing his test to get a 2A wastewater plant operator license; he is currently working on his 3A operator license. In November of 2016 the village hired Joshua Marko as WTP Laborer. Josh will be attending classes this summer working towards his 2A wastewater plant operator's license. Both Eric and Josh are ESM graduates and are being trained to operate our facility which requires a series of college classes and *work* experience before they can even apply for the certification examinations.

I would welcome any suggestions or comments you may have so please don't hesitate to contact me at jchampagne@villageofminoa.com



Eric S. Christensen
Trustee

It is an honor to serve as one of your Trustees in 2017 and it was an exciting year for the Village of Minoa. 2018 will be another exciting year as we will once again host the 10th Annual Teal Ribbon Run/Walk. Look for race and event details in future newsletters or village website.

I would like to give a special thanks to Tracy Callahan, Marlene Christensen and everyone who volunteered at the Teal Ribbon Run. We saw over 1,000 people participate and raised over \$70,000.00 which was given to Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance of New York City.

Some of my responsibilities as your village trustee include the annual celebration events with the help of Mayor Brazill, Deputy Mayor Champagne and fellow Trustee's Abbott and Rinaldi.

I am also the board liaison along with Deputy Mayor Champagne to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Cleanwater Education and Research Facility (CERF).

I would welcome any suggestions or comments you think will help our community be a better place to live. I can be reached at echristensen@villageofminoa.com