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News from the Mayor

It doesn't seem possible that another year is upon us and what a new year it promises to be! Given the state of the state I have had to start my part of the budget process months earlier than normal trying to figure out how we are going to manage the loss of over \$240,000 in sales tax revenue and an additional expense of \$50,000 in New York State Retirement funding, an increase that represents a 45.5% increase over last year. We are also experiencing double digit increases in health insurance and high fuel costs, as well as other expenses which presents the Village with over a \$300,000 disadvantage before we even start the normal budget process. How do we address these issues? We are always looking for more effective ways to deliver our services. Sharing staff and equipment with our neighboring Villages, the ESM School District and the Town of Manlius helps us all to keep our costs down. Currently we have a Town wide study which is evaluating the fire and ambulance service. As a Village, we have initiated a Request for Proposal for Ambulance services so we can evaluate that service as an individual department. The Codes Department is being evaluated to see if we can improve on the cost factors of our current Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Fayetteville and/or the Town of Manlius. With the help of my staff and Board members we are currently evaluating all of the services we provide to see if we can make any reasonable changes without affecting the services we provide.



On the positive side, our Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) and Cleanwater Educational and Research Facility (CERF) is progressing nicely in collaboration with SUNY ESF, SKD Environmental Systems, LLC, the ESM School District and other private, educational and municipal ventures, should start to produce energy to help us become sustainable at the facility through the use of green technology we are developing. The research side of the project, once implemented, will provide an income stream from research which will help us offset the shortfall we are faced with. The educational side presents a real life job experience for graduate and masters students from SUNY ESF and students from the ESM School District. These young people are our leaders of tomorrow and the education they derive from our project, no cost to the Village for their manpower for different projects, creates a win-win for all involved. Our Village will be one of the first, if not the first in the State of New York, to do such a project with the collaborative efforts of the private and public sectors involved. The Village will soon be testing anaerobic digesters that will use human waste from our facility and food waste from the ESM High School, saving both organizations money by reducing waste stream landfill costs.

County Executive, Joanie Mahoney, promised a substantial decrease in County taxes to village residents when she eliminated over half of our sales tax revenue. The idea was to give the villages the opportunity to fill the sales tax gap by increasing village taxes by a similar amount, better known as a tax shift. Unfortunately, the reduction from the County was considerably less than promised which means Villages throughout the County are looking at some large tax increases to make up the difference. I will do everything in my power to make sure that if our taxes have to go up, the increase will be reasonable so that you the taxpayer will receive some relief from the total taxes we pay in this County.

The Village Board will have tough decisions to make to reduce costs for the upcoming budget and the formal budget process begins on March 2, 2011. I trust that all of you will have a safe and healthy year.

A Word from your Trustees



John H. Champagne
Trustee

2010 certainly had a lot of challenges for the whole country and for the state of New York. We as a Village Board have taken every step possible to run the village in a more efficient way and still be able to keep all of the same services for the residents of our village.

We will continue to look at ways to become more efficient at the least amount of cost for the residents. I am hoping that in 2011 the economy will start to grow and bring us better opportunities. I would 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

This next year will be my last of twenty four (24) years of service to the Village of Minoa; I am not going to seek another term. It is time for my retirement and this will give the opportunity for someone younger with new ideas to take over. I have enjoyed my tenure and hope that in some way I have made life in the village a little better. I thank all of you for your support.

With the loss of sales tax revenue from Onondaga County and the increase of pension and health care coverage, it will not be easy to maintain the same tax rate that we are accustomed to, but we will certainly try.

The DPW is doing an excellent job of maintaining our eleven (11) miles of roads under extreme weather conditions. This is in addition to all their other duties of repairing sewers, trash removal and keeping up our parks. If I can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to contact me at rcronk@villageminoa.com.



Eric Christensen
Trustee

I'm very honored and thankful for the opportunity that the Village of Minoa residents have given me to serve them as a Village Trustee. In the future, I look forward to hearing any comments or suggestions that will help prosper our Village.

My wife Marlene and I have been married for 26 years and have lived in Minoa for the past 24 years at 61 Windebank Lane where we have raised our son Kyle.

I am currently a member of the New York Conference of Mayors and the Onondaga County Association of Mayors and Village Officials.

My Village of Minoa responsibilities include: Lewis Park sign, Street Lighting, Telephone System along w/ Clerk/Treasurer Snider and Celebrations with Trustee Brazill and Trustee Champagne

A Message from the Deputy Mayor



William F. Brazill
Deputy Mayor

It is an honor to serve as your Deputy Mayor and 2010 has been a difficult year for the Village of Minoa.

We have watched as Onondaga County cut our sales tax revenue and the State of New York continues to put the burden of retirement funding, health insurance and unfunded mandates on the villages and towns of our state.

As a member of the Town of Manlius Fire and EMS RFP Committee, we have a contract with RFG Fire and Rescue Consulting to conduct a study of our entire Towns Fire and EMS Service. The result will give us a compressive look at our four fire companies in the Town and a recommendation on what we can do better.

2011 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. I welcome your input and comments and encourage attendance at our Board meetings which are held on the first and third Monday of each month. I can be reached by email at wbrazill@villageofminoa.com

As always, I will continue to be fiscally responsible and always look for more efficient ways to run our government. As your Deputy Mayor, I will continue to work hard and resolve the issues that face our Village. Have a safe winter season!!!!



A Word from the Department of Public Works

Winter Time!!!! Please do not park on and/or block sidewalks in the Village. The Village plow cannot get through. When plowing out driveways and sidewalks, **please 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 tickets.

If you need assistance, please call Tom Petterelli, Superintendent of D.P.W. at (315)656-7574 or by email at minoadpw@twcny.rr.com

Message from the Village Clerk/Treasurer



Suzanne M. Snider
Clerk / Treasurer

I'd like to take this opportunity to let you know the timetable for the Village Budget process.

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 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 then finally, adoption of the budget.

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

Wednesday, March 2, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.



A Reminder to all Owners of Rental Properties

Chapter 120 of the Code of the Village of Minoa requires that all rental properties be registered before it is occupied. If you have not registered your rental property, please contact the Village Office at (315) 656-3100 and request a Registration Form.

Calendar of Events

March 2011

- 3/01/11 Sewer Penalty Billing
- 3/02/11 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 3/02/11 Budget Workshop Meeting -6:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 3/03/11 *Golden Age Club Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building
- 3/06/11 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 5:00 – 10:00 pm -Municipal Building
- 3/07/11 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 3/09/11 Budget Workshop Meeting -6:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 3/10/11 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building **(AS NEEDED)**
- 3/15/11 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 3/16/11 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 3/16/11 Budget Workshop Meeting -6:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 3/21/11 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building

April 2011

- 4/01/11 Sewer Penalty Billing
- 4/03/11 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 4/04/11 Annual Organizational Meeting – 6:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 4/04/11 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 4/07/11 *Golden Age Club Meeting @ 11:00 am – Municipal Building
- 4/11/11 Public Hearing – Budgets – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 4/13/11 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 4/14/11 Planning Board Meeting –7:00 pm – Municipal Building **(AS NEEDED)**
- 4/18/11 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 4/19/11 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 4/22/11 Good Friday Holiday for Village Employees –Village Office Closes at Noon
- 4/23/11 Village Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 am – Lewis Park – Ages 10 & Under

May 2011

- 5/01/11 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 5/02/11 Sewer Relevy – All unpaid sewer amounts added to Village Tax Bill
- 5/02/11 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 5/04/11 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 5/05/11 *Golden Age Club Meeting - 11:00 am – Municipal Building
- 5/12/11 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building **(AS NEEDED)**
- 5/16/11 Village Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 5/17/11 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Municipal Building
- 5/18/11 Justice Court – 5:00 pm/Doors Open 4:30 pm – Municipal Building
- 5/30/11 Memorial Day Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed
- 5/30/11 Memorial Day Ceremony – Parade at 11:00 am
- 5/31/11 Special Meeting – Year End Business – 12:00 Noon – Municipal Building

*Golden Age Club meets every Thursday

