



# Words from the Mayor.....

Greetings from Village Hall! I hope you all had a Merry Christmas, and I wish you the best for a Happy and Healthy New Year! Winter is here upon us, but be assured we have the finest DPW around. I receive many compliments on how well our roads are plowed and their conditions. We have two full time workers: Rich Scavo and Charlie Harrison. Charlie was hired this summer after working for the City for many years. We also have part-time help when needed. We are so thankful for our first responders, our Fire Department, Village Police and NY State Troopers. These men and women keep our community safe and protected. We have three part-time Village Police officers. I am so fortunate to work directly with a wonderful office staff. Our Clerk Kris and Deputy Clerk Marie make everything work so smoothly. They are great ambassadors of our Village as they work with our residents. I am grateful for the outstanding conditions of our Village buildings

and all the equipment and vehicles we have. We have been very fortunate the past couple of years with applying for grants. We received a grant for the new fire pumper tanker truck. As you know, we received a 1.3 million dollar grant to construct all new sidewalks and curbs along Seneca Rd. The planning phase begins now with construction in 2019. We will all receive many updates on the project progression. The new hospital is coming along and an opening for 2019 is planned. All this and one of the lowest tax rates in the state! Once again, have a great 2018! Surround yourself with positive people - positive people bring positive results!

Best Wishes,

*Mayor John Falci*



Mayor Falci and some Friends!

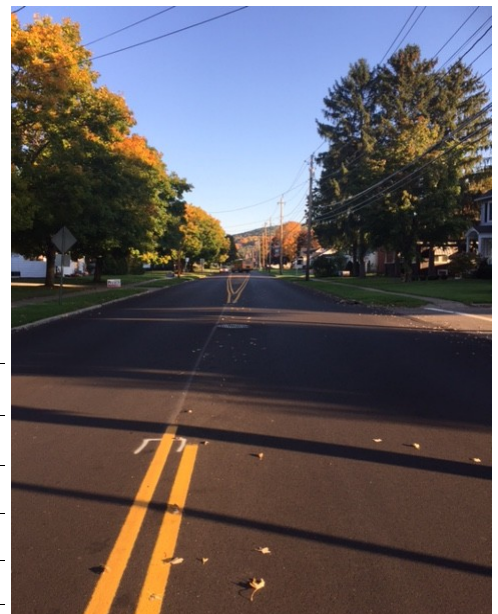


## Village Elections ....

This March 20th Village residents will have the opportunity to cast their vote for Mayor and two Trustees. As of this publication date there are no official candidates. Trustees Frank Libordi and Joseph Ingalls seats as well as Mayor John Falci will be on the ballot. If you are interested in running, watch for party caucus dates in January or pick up a petition for independent candidates. Election hours are 12:00PM to 9:00 PM.

### Dates to Remember

Regular monthly Village Board Meeting	Jan 8
Martin Luther King Day - Village Offices & DPW Closed	Jan 15
Village Budget Workshops—To Be Announced	Feb—Mar
Regular monthly Village Board Meeting	Feb 12
Presidents Day - Village Offices & DPW Closed	Feb 19
Village Elections	Mar 20



## Trustee Libordi on Policy.....

As the Village moves closer to the end of 2017 and toward the end of the fiscal year, the board will need to continue to focus on debt level and the fund balance of the Village. The Village Board recently met with Tom Lauffer from Wager CPA, for recommendations and Guidance in this area.

The Village's annual budget is approximately \$584,891. As a means of comparison, the proposed 2016-17 budget for the Hornell City School District is \$37,223,952, a 1.82 percent budget-to-budget increase from the 2015-16 school year, according to the HCSO newsletter. A school district is currently limited to carrying a maximum of 4% of its budget into the following school year. These unexpended excess funds, often referred to as a "fund balance," help school districts deal with unexpected costs, including special education expenses and emergency capital

The village fund balance is well above the 4% (the Village's fund balance would be \$23,395.64 under this system) mandated baseline of a school district. As said, village officials met with Tom Lauffer from Wager CPA to determine a proactive course of action.

The New York State Comptroller tells us that a reasonable level of unreserved, unappropriated fund balance provides a

cushion for unforeseen expenditures or revenue shortfalls. The Comptroller does not offer concrete numbers to municipalities as it does to school districts.

The Village Board will continue to be extremely careful not to commit the sin committed by several other municipalities, that of over taxation to over anticipate future fiscal challenges. Many municipalities have been caught in the comptroller's web. Departments will have their budgets closely scrutinized. Residents are welcomed to make recommendations during the process.

The Village Board is currently looking at creating or revising policies. Some of the areas where abuse, mistakes or a void exists that I feel need resolution are the following:

The personal use of Village property or equipment. NYCOM (New York Conference of Mayors) has opined that if an opportunity exists for one, it must equally exist for all. Public property is not for private use.

The Village is also in need of clarity on a property damage policy and personal injury policy to protect employees, residents, and the Village. Accidents must be properly investigated.

The Board must be immediately notified by the department head.

Another issue that has surfaced is that of disclosure. Any individual employed by the Village whose background contains a criminal offense should disclose that fact to the Board or face disciplinary action. This will serve to protect the Village from possible liability.

Any homeowner on Seneca St. that has a sidewalk that has become disjointed to a point of being a safety issue can call the DPW. The DPW has already repaired some sidewalks joints with blacktop to make them safer and less of an obstacle to travelers. That option is open to all homeowners that have uneven sidewalk joints. If your walk fits the above description, call the DPW to schedule the blacktop repair.

Trustee Libordi's email:  
trusteelibordi@gmail.com



## Fire Department Chief.....

As you are all aware the fire department was lucky enough to receive a grant from Senator O'Mara's office in the amount of \$215,000.00. This money will be used to offset the cost of the new pumper tanker and water rescue equipment that is being purchased by the village for the fire department. The pumper tanker is a much needed piece of equipment that will greatly enhance the fire protection of the village and the town. The truck will carry 3,000 gallons of water and will have the ability to be used as a pumper as well. It will also hold a good portion of fire-fighting equipment. The water rescue equipment that is being purchased is also much needed to enhance our abilities

at the Almond Dam and other small bodies of water in our district and the outlying communities. The new pumper tanker should be here by the middle of February and the water rescue equipment has been ordered and has been coming in. Thanks to the generosity of Senator O'Mara's office the tax payers have been saved a good portion of money to complete these projects. As always if anyone has any questions please feel free to contact me.



From Left: Senator Thomas O'Mara, Chief Michael Robbins & Mayor John Falci

# Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Project ....

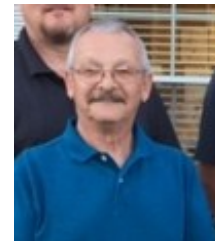
For those village residents who are unaware, the village has secured a \$1.1 million grant from the federal government to improve pedestrian and bicycle use on Seneca Road. This grant will enable the village to replace sidewalks, curbing and storm water grates.

Field reviews of Seneca Road found major deficiencies with deteriorated curbs, 47 sidewalk tripping hazards, 21 non-compliant traversable grates for cyclists, and 13 intersections that are non compliant regarding handicap accessible needs. This project will be designed to improve all of these issues.

Residents who live on Seneca Road may see surveying work being performed to collect data for this project. The actual work on this project will begin in the spring of 2019 and work is expected to be

completed by the end of the summer. The village consultant and the future contractor will work hard to minimize disruption to village residents and to the traveling public.

Investing in safer more comfortable conditions for pedestrians and cyclists will only enhance our village's landscape in the eyes of all travelers. If resident's have questions regarding this project, they can contact Joe Ingalls at 324-0265 or email: [lgalls.northhornell@gmail.com](mailto:lgalls.northhornell@gmail.com), Pete DiRaimondo: [padiraimondo@stn.rr.com](mailto:padiraimondo@stn.rr.com) .



Left: Trustee Peter DiRaimondo  
Right: Trustee Joseph Ingalls

# Town of Hornellsville – New Supervisor.....



Welcome and best wishes to newly elected Town Supervisor Dan Broughton. Dan and his wife Maureen have been long time Village residents on Cleveland Ave. Maureen has served on the Village Planning Board and is currently the Chairperson . Dan will be sworn into office officially January, but he is already hard at work updating and making changes to various town operations. There will be better tracking of spending and monitoring of budget line items. Monthly meetings will now have a Director of Finance report. He is also considering moving hourly employees to salaried positions, helping with the budget process. This past election also put a new Clerk, Tax Collector and Town Board member in office. New increased hours in the Clerks office will also be seen . Lots of changes happening and we wish them the best. Town meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month. You can also obtain information on Town website.

Visit the Village Website for Current Information...[northhornell.com](http://northhornell.com)

*Village Elections  
March 20th*

*No Parking on  
Village Roads  
2:00AM - 6:00AM  
During Winter Months*

*Brush Pick Up  
Second & Forth Monday  
Of the Month*



# Code Enforcement .....

Code enforcement covers many aspects of running a safe and orderly Village. When you plan on adding a room or a garage it requires a building permit. However, if you are repairing a porch or adding new posts to a porch, you will need a building permit. Code enforcement comes out looks things over and makes recommendations. However there are many other projects that code enforcement covers. Recently, a resident wanted to build a garage located on a corner lot. In most instances there would be no problem, but in this case the corner lot required consideration of location on two street sides. This became a Zoning issue and was handled by the Zoning Board of Appeals. An area variance was issued and the job was able to continue.

Listed are some examples of jobs that need a building application:

Remove and Replace Roof

New in ground or above ground pools

Sheds

Demolitions

Buildings

Sewer and Water work

Cutting into road for new or repair driveway

A resident picks up a building application at Village Hall. Once completed and returned, it will be determined what, if any, cost will be involved for the permit. Code Enforcement will visit your project and go over your plans from the beginning of the project to the end. This is a way of keeping a record of what you have done. The information is then added to your property file so that any changes or modifications to that parcel are available for the next owner.

Last summer we had several property owners who let their grass grow to an unkempt height. Village code requires that all property owners maintain their properties which includes mowing, weeding and keeping shrubs and bushes at a proper height. Village hall receives many calls regarding neighbors not mowing on a regular basis.

Another complaint from summer months related to burning in the village. There currently is no code that prohibits the use of fire pits. However, please be considerate of neighbors and make sure fire is out when you leave. Most complaints were from the smoke that was left from a smoldering fire.

In both cases, letters were sent and a specific amount of time given to remedy the situation. If request to remedy is ignored or not completed in the allotted time frame, an appearance ticket will be issued.

The Village Code Enforcement Officer is Bill Rusby. You can reach him at 607-382-5049 or [brusby@yahoo.com](mailto:brusby@yahoo.com).

Building applications are at Village Hall or you can print them from our website: [northhornell.com](http://northhornell.com).



Above: Code Enforcement monitors projects from start to finish

# Department of Public Works.....

The North Hornell Department of Public Works would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. We are asking for your help by adhering to the following laws and rules within the Village limits especially as the weather changes. Please feel free to call 324-7023 if you should need any assistance from our crew and leave a message on the answering machine. We will contact you as soon as possible.

*Rich Scavo*

and

*Charlie Harrison*

It is that time of the year again when you will be clearing the sidewalks and driveways of snow. It is very important to remember that it is illegal to deposit snow upon any public roadway.

Specifically, Article 1219 of New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law makes it illegal to put your snow into a street or highway. The law covers a number of other hazards to people driving in the street, and violating it could lead to a \$150 fine and even 15 days in jail.

Article 131-11 of the North Hornell Village code reads: No vehicle shall be parked on any public roadway within the corporate limits of the Village of North Hornell between the hours of

2:00 AM – 6:00 AM during the period beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> and ending March 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

This law is on the books to allow the Village of North Hornell Department of Public Works to adequately clear the roads of snow for the safety of all who operate motor vehicles upon them.

**No Parking on  
Village Streets  
2:00 AM – 6:00 AM**



**Pleas remember to  
shovel your sidewalks!**

**We have many walkers  
that use them for  
traveling and exercise**

# Banners& Lights.....

Our Patriotic Hero banners continue to be a well loved addition to Seneca Rd and Bethesda Dr. Every year we continue to add a new hero or two.

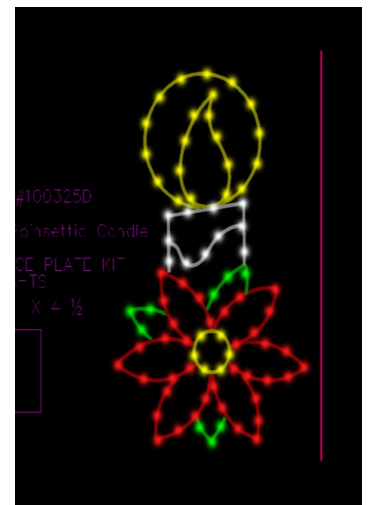
We are currently accepting applications for banners. If you are interested stop at Village hall and pick one up. We also have them on our website. Cost for a banner will be \$145 to \$175. The more banners we order, the lower the cost. We ask that you have your application and picture into the Clerk's office no later than March 15th. Please be sure to give us a clear picture. If the picture is fuzzy, the banner picture will be even

more so

Banners are usually up for our yearly Memorial Day service which starts at 8:00AM at Barillo Park.

Some of our banners have fallen down—we think from the larger trucks that use Seneca Rd. If you happen to find one, please return to Village hall or call us and we will pick them up.

Our new Christmas lights went up this past year. Hope you enjoyed them. We would like to add four more to this new years season. Any suggestions for decorations are always welcome.





## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Trustee Frank Libordi  
Trustee Peter DiRaimondo  
Trustee Joseph Ingalls  
Trustee Elise McCollum

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Mon - 9AM - 8PM  
Tues - Thurs 9AM - 5PM  
Fri - 9AM - 12PM.

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## Questions From our New Residents.....

**When are Village Board meetings held?** On the second Monday of every month. If it falls on a holiday, it will usually be on the following day. Changes are posted in the Evening Tribune Laser ads.

**Does the Village have leaf pickup in the fall?** Yes we do!

**What do I do if my water is dirty?** We recommend that you first call the City of Hornell water department. They handle all water issues. It is also a good idea to let us know if and where there is a problem in the Village.

**Do I need a building permit to put up a fence.?** Yes! Please call Village hall and we will give you all the necessary paperwork and put you in touch with the code enforcement officer. Not everything needs a permit, but it is best to check with us first. Remember to call and verify that your contractor is licensed to work in the Vil-

lage.

**Who do I call if I have a question about my assessment?** Call Katherine Deal at the Town of Hornellsville. She can answer all your questions and help to lower

your assessment if possible. If not, grievance day is the last Tuesday in the Month of May. Village hall mails out the Village taxes June 1st.

**Where do I get my dog licensed?** Dogs are licensed in the Town of Hornellsville, 1 Park Dr. in Arkport. **Cats** are licensed in N Hornell at Village Hall.

**When is trash picked up?** Every Thursday, unless it is a holiday then it is the following day. Recycling is once a month on the Thursday that falls in the week of the 21st. You can always take your recyclables to the City if once a month is not enough.

**Can I tap my sump pump into the sewer?** No. It is illegal according to Village, State and DEC to tap into sewer lines with a sump pump. Talk to the DPW if you have questions.



Barillo Memorial Park – October 2016