

SUPERVISORS MARCH REPORT 2020

COVID-19 Virus: I have attended several meetings at the local and county levels. Planning and preparation for the COVID-19 virus are ongoing. The Washington County Public Safety and Public Health Departments have emergency plans in place that can be activated if the need arises. Washington County and Greenwich has dedicated and well-trained professionals and volunteers that are prepared to meet this challenge and serve the citizens of Greenwich to the best of their ability. EMT Clayton Wren will do a presentation at the March Town Board meeting about “Common Sense” precautions for COVID-19.

NYMIR Risk Assessment: NYMIR risk assessment manager [RAM] reviewed the Highway Department, Town properties and programs for risk factors. The RAM reviewed forms for the summer camp and complimented our registration process and forms. Some minor areas of concern were raised and can be corrected with minimal cost or expenditure of time.

Susan B. Anthony Event: Over 50 people attended the event. Congresswoman Elise Stefanik had a Congressional Resolution done for the event honoring Susan B. Anthony’s birthday, her time in Greenwich and her efforts promoting women’s suffrage. Historian Sandy McReynolds assisted by Jeannie Pemrick and Evelyn Rybaltowski put together an outstanding program honoring “Our Hometown Heroine”. The Town is assisting in sponsoring an event on 8/18/2020 at Mowry Park with a musical event “Only the Message Matters” presented by Bob Warren honoring SBA and the suffragette movement.

Summer Youth Program: Working with the county, I secured 5 lifeguard certification training course positions for camp counselors at no cost to the Town. Having trained lifeguards will enable us to restore the swimming program at Lauderdale Lake, at least twice per week. We received the funding from the Greenwich School District.

New Lighting District: Meeting with National Grid on March 13 to discuss the installation of lights and National Grids time frame.

Code Enforcement: I have been working with Washington County Code Enforcement regarding issues with the gas station [old Mobil] on the circle.

Borex Solar Project: Borex is having an “Open House” concerning their project at “The Gathering” on Main Street, March 26, Thursday from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Light refreshments provided. It will be a good opportunity meet with the Borex people and ask questions.

Employee Training: Washington County is providing mandatory Sexual Harassment Training on March 27 at 7:00 PM. This is a NYS requirement.

Assessment Trends: Preliminary review of assessments reveals that approximately 11.2 % or 282 properties will have their assessments change [up or down]. New construction has not been reviewed. The net effect is tax revenues will remain relatively flat. Thus, Town discretionary spending will be impacted. This review is very early in the cycle, but I believe it's important keep the public abreast of the assessment trends. I will provide updates as the as the assessment process becomes sharper.

At the County: Assigned to the following committees: Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, assigned to Finance, Health and Human Services and Personnel. Sponsored a resolution supporting Assemblyman Dan Stec's resolution giving First Responders the same confidentiality as Police. This resolution was in response to requirements in the Bail Reform legislation. Also, worked with Sheriff Murphy to pass a resolution to requesting changes to the Bail Reform Bill. Both resolutions were passed by the full Board of Supervisors. Attended a meeting with the County EMS working group discussing funding and recruitment. The challenges facing the EMS units will have to be addressed in order [for them]to continue providing timely services to Washington County Communities.