

## Supervisors November Report 2020

**Stan Mattison Retirement:** The Town Board thanks Stan for his years of dedicated service to the Town. Stan enjoy your retirement. The Town has a retirement plaque and a resolution honoring Stan.

**Greenwich 2020/2021 Budget:** Projected revenue loss from the 2020 and 2021 budgets is \$54,345. In order to keep the budget for 2021 and keeping the tax rate the same in 2021, several budget areas had to be trimmed. One position was eliminated, and the Budget Office salary was reduced saving \$6650. Contractual accounts were reduced by \$20,500. Totaling \$27,150. Discretionary funding was reduced \$29,700. The total reduction in spending is \$55,850. Thus, equaling our shortfall in revenue. Also, a 2004 snowplow truck has to be replaced. The capital reserve fund was supplanted with \$23,000 to maximize the down payment on the truck to reduce the BAN payment. I had a meeting with Library President Jim Nolan to discuss funding. We discussed the limitations of both budgets and the financial position burdens we are both experiencing due to COVID 19. We discussed the need to have a contract between the library and the Town for library services.

**Power Outage:** There was a power outage on Ryan Rd, Brophy Rd and Route 29 effecting 196 customers. National Grid [NG] advised that a reclosure unit locked out and blew the regulator on the line causing a voltage serge. National Grid's initial response was excellent. Within 24 hours NG had visited on the effected homes and checked the meters, electrical boxes and other areas effected by the voltage surge. NG is responsible to replace and/or repair any items damaged by the surge. The issue for many homeowners is they must pay for the repairs and request reimbursement. Working through the bureaucracy is difficult. I spoke with NG about the homeowners concerns and they would work on making the response to homeowners in a more expeditious manner.

**Mining Permit:** T&L Sand and Gravel had their permit renewed by NYS DEC to 10/14/2025.

**Greenwich School House Ryan Road:** I attended an award ceremony given by the Adirondack Architectural Heritage to Gramps old school. Jill and Rick Tefft accepted the award for their renovation of the schoolhouse. The property is available on Airbnb for rent.

**Battenkill Park:** The new playground equipment has seen a lot of use and is a popular addition to the park.

**Slic Network Solutions:** Slic Network [SN] has the franchise from NYS to provide internet services to portions of Washington County. SN provides a hard wire service to homes. SN has portions of the following roads: McClay, Hartshorn, Mill, Ferguson and Bunker Hill roads. Questions if you are in the future service area can be made to SN customer service at 877-754-2266.

**HCP DASNY Grants:** I have contacted DASNY regarding grants 8973 [outside improvements] and 7766 [building improvements. DASNY is reviewing contract 7766 to ensure funding is available to start the project. DASNY advised that new estimates are needed for grant 8973. I will work on those estimates with Councilman Whitehouse. Grant 7766 must be completed by 1/8/2022. There is no completion date for grant 8973 because the project has not been officially approved.

**Constituency Contact Information:** In September, The Town Office had In-person contacts 361; Phone contacts 489; Emails 489 = 1614 **Contacts**

**NYS Response to Speed Reduction County Route 49:** Several residents made a request to NYS DOT to reduce the speed limit on CR 49 from Mill Rd to west of Riddle Road. DOT conducted a study in 2017 and conducted a recent review and determined that the existing speed limit is appropriate for the conditions in this area. DOT recommends continued enforcement rather than a reduction in the existing 40 mph speed limit. I will contact the Washington County Sheriffs Office and NYS Police concerning additional traffic safety enforcement in that area.

**Washington County:** I have been working with Sheriff Murphy concerning Executive Order 203. Order 203 requires local law enforcement to conduct a comprehensive review of deployments, strategies, policies, procedures and practices. Washington County Sheriff's Office is an accredited agency that meets many of the Order 203 prerequisites. The plan includes outreach community stake holders to provide input into the comprehensive review. The plan must be completed by April 1, 2021.

Department of Safety advised that NYS updated disaster declaration thresholds by county for all of NYS FY 2021. Washington County has to reach \$245,910 in damages for disaster relief consideration. BUT in order for Washington County to qualify for disaster relief NYS must reach the NYS threshold of \$30,036,058.