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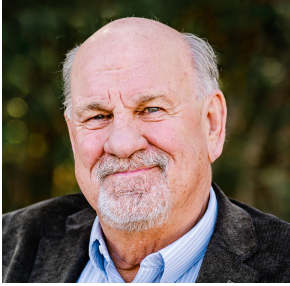
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Summer 2023

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TOWN SUPERVISOR



As I am sitting at my desk this morning I have a perfect view of one of the subjects of this article. For the past several weeks a pair of robins have built and maintained a nest on top of one of the gutter drain pipes next to the front door of Town Hall. Several people at "this end" of the main hallway in the building have taken note and expressed an interest in the lifestyle of the pair and their offspring (mom and dad are now working on their second clutch of eggs/chicks, the first group having flown away a couple of weeks ago). Of course, as with most "pets", the family needed to be named. Dad was named Roger and mom Rowena ROBINSON (go figure). At the moment, we are waiting for the second brood to hatch and then the feeding process to begin.

Next photo is of Greg ROBINSON, a town resident who unfortunately was involved in an accident late last year when his vehicle slid off one of our roads into a local stream. Fortunately for him a town volunteer firefighter passed by the early morning mishap and played a major role in extricating the man from the wreck and in all likelihood saved his life. Now ROBINSON is not all that uncommon a name but I felt that the mention of it in town yore, pretty much at the same time, was appropriate. Hope you agree!



-Tom Williams

Town Clerk's Office

Summer is in sight which means that wedding season is just around the corner! Did you know that an amendment was made to the New York State Domestic Relations Law §11-d that provides for a one-day marriage officiant license? In accordance with the law, town clerks are now required to issue one-day marriage officiant licenses. The authority is limited to applicants who want to marry a couple to whom the town clerk issued a marriage license. Anyone seeking a one-day marriage officiant license must apply at the same town clerk's office who issued the marriage license for the couple whose marriage they will be solemnizing. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and are not required to be NYS residents. Applications for a one-day marriage officiant license are available on the Town's website or at the Town Clerk's office. The application/license fee is \$25.00. For more information on the officiant license or how to obtain a marriage license, please contact the Town Clerk's office. We are always happy to help answer questions!

Conservation License Sales

Hunting licenses for the 2023-24 season are expected to be on sale on August 1, 2023.

- Regular and Bowhunting Deer Seasons 2023 (Southern Zone):
 - Early Bowhunting: October 1 - November 17
 - Crossbow: November 4 - November 17
 - Regular: (opens Saturday) November 18 - December 10
 - Late Bowhunting: December 11 - 19 and December 26 - January 1
- Muzzleloading Deer Seasons 2023 (Southern Zone):
 - Deer of Either Sex: December 11 - 19 and December 26 - January 1
- Youth Hunt (ages 12-15) - 3 consecutive days beginning on the Saturday of Columbus Day Weekend

Kristin Rocco-Petrella
Town Clerk/Collector

Did You Know? Cortlandville Fire Department

July is when the Cortlandville Fire District begins preparing the next year's annual budget. When thinking about a volunteer firefighter it is very easy to lose sight of what it truly costs to equip and provide the necessary benefits to a volunteer firefighter. One would think the word volunteer lends itself to nearly free service. We can tell you with absolute certainty the cost of emergency services does not come cheap. The Cortlandville Fire District's budget for 2023 is \$869,000.00. There is quite a bit of operational needs that consume that amount including our personnel.

We have a total of 52 members in the Cortlandville Fire Department; some of these are one-time costs in terms of their issued gear and uniforms. The annual cost for a single firefighter though is \$3,479.00 times 52 current members results in an annual personnel cost of \$180,908.00.

Most of our annual budget is already established through additional fixed costs. Some of those costs are contained in the next chart. When reviewing the next chart keep in mind these costs apply to two fire stations, our Headquarters Station located on Rt. 13 and our Station 2 located on Rt. 11 in Polkville, which house 12 fire trucks and four command cars.

Current Debt Load Principal and Interest Payments for our Fire Stations and Apparatus - \$233,605 Make no mistake, the Cortlandville Fire District takes the fiscal responsibilities bestowed upon us very seriously. We 100% support the services and costs it takes for our members to be properly equipped and insured so they may serve our

residents to the fullest extent. The Cortlandville Fire District has been in existence for forty-one years and over that time we have had to increase the number of fire trucks and equipment they carry to adequately and effectively respond to the needs of our residents. We take immense pride in that honor that has been bestowed upon us to serve.

Kevin Whitney
Fire District Chairman

Description	Cost
Firefighting Gear (Coat, Pants, Boots, Helmet, Gloves)	\$ 3,438.50
SCBA Mask	\$ 375.00
Pager	\$ 375.00
Dress Uniform	\$ 511.44
Annual Physical*	\$ 265.00
Group Life Insurance Policy*	\$ 350.00
Accident / Sickness Coverage*	\$ 100.00
Cancer Coverage*	\$ 204.00
Worker's Compensation Coverage*	\$ 660.00
Length of Service Awards Program*	\$ 1,900.00
Total Cost New Volunteer Firefighter	\$ 8,178.94
*Recurring Annual Costs	\$ 3,479.00

Description	Cost
Building Maintenance & Associated Service Contracts to Maintain the Infrastructure	\$ 156,321.00
Utilities (Heat, Electric, Phone, Internet, etc.)	\$ 47,600.00
Computer Software / IT Support (Required Reporting Software & Notification Systems)	\$ 35,495.00
Training / Recruitment & Retention	\$ 13,535.00
Fire & Emergency Medical Equipment Repairs and Supplies	\$ 23,200.00
Fire Equipment, Turnout Gear Updates and Replacements	\$ 39,592.00
National Mandated Testing of Fire Equipment & Apparatus	\$ 35,000.00
Fuel for Fire Apparatus	\$ 20,000.00
Apparatus Repairs - Which was already exceeded in 2023 due to our 1999 Heavy Rescue, that responds out of our HQ station, needing costly repairs.	\$ 39,000.00

Happy Retirement Patty O'Mara

After 32 years of dedicated service, Patty O'Mara, Aide to the Supervisor announced her retirement as of June 5, 2023. Her colleagues wish her well in her retirement and thank her for her years of service and friendship. During Patty's tenure she was instrumental in the success of numerous projects and helped the supervisors shine! Patty started her career as a Deputy Town Clerk under Pauline Parker and was later appointed as the Aide to the Supervisor under Raymond G. Thorpe, Richard Tupper and our current Supervisor, Tom Williams. Patty also served as the Fixed Asset Manager and was on the Security Committee. Congratulations Patty! Wishing you happiness and adventure in your retirement!

Welcome to the Team:

- Christopher Gulin joined the Town as a Motor Equipment Operator for the Town Highway Department on March 13, 2023.
- Abigail Albrow was appointed as the Recording Secretary for the Town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals effective March 16, 2023.
- Jacob Rivers joined the Town as the Full Time Parks & Recreation Maintenance Supervisor on June 8, 2023.
- Amanda Rainbow was appointed as the Aide to the Supervisor on June 7, 2023.



In Loving Memory of John B. Folmer

June 24, 1937-May 28, 2023

John B. Folmer was born June 24, 1937 in Cortland, New York, son of the late Louis and Elizabeth Butler Folmer. He graduated from Homer Central High School in 1955, graduated from Dartmouth College in 1959 and the Syracuse University College of Law in 1962 and was admitted to the practice of law the same year. After serving with the United States Army from 1962-1964, he began the practice of law on Wall Street in New York City before returning to Cortland in 1966 to join his father's law firm.

John's professional memberships included the Cortland County Bar Association and served as its President; the New York State Bar Association where he was a member of its House of Delegates and its Lawyer's Assistance Committee; former City Prosecutor for the City of Cortland; Estate Tax Attorney for Cortland County and Family Court Hearing Examiner for Cortland County and Tompkins County; Assistant District Attorney for Cortland County; Instructor for Commercial Law classes for the American Institute of Banking and Business Law and Paralegal Studies for Tompkins Cortland Community College; and Town Attorney for the Town of Cortlandville for more than 29 years from January 1, 1979 to February 2, 1983 and January 1, 1994 to December 31, 2018. After 55-years of practicing law, John retired from practice and retired as Town Attorney for the Town of Cortlandville.

John was active in many community organizations: was one of the founders of Cortland Workshop Incorporated (JM Murray Center); member and President of the Cortland Exchange Club; member of McGraw Lions Club; member of the Board of Directors of Cortland Overhead Door Company Inc.; President of Boards of Cortland Memorial Hospital, Cortland Rural Cemetery, McGraw School Board of Education; Past Exalted Ruler of Cortland Lodge BPOE 748; member of the Board of Directors of First National Bank of Cortland; President of the Board of Directors at Cortland Repertory Theater; member of the Cortland Old Timers Band and life member of the organization; Cortland County Republican Chairman and named Republican of the Year; Ordained Elder in the Presbyterian Church and a member of the Governing Board of Christ Community Church; Inducted into the Town Hall of Fame in 2018 as the first member; Chairman and Member of Town of Cortlandville Recreation Commission; and Chairman of the Town Hall of Fame Committee.

While John's accomplishments were many, his friends at the Town know that he would consider his lifetime achievement to be his family. John was predeceased by his wife Carol, and brother Richard Folmer. He leaves behind his children Todd Folmer, Jeffrey Folmer, Tiffany (Dewey) Lawrence, his grandchildren and his sister-in-law Ginger Folmer.

John's experience, knowledge, guidance, and above all his friendship will be greatly missed. We honor John for all he gave to the Town and to the community and will fondly remember his voice, his smile, and his big heart.

Town Board Updates

- Town Board adopted Local Law No. 3 of 2023
 - Amending the Town of Cortlandville's Chapter 178-76 Zoning Conditional Permit Additional Specific Requirements to update the Town's zoning code conditional permit requirements in conformity with Appendix D Fire Apparatus Access Roads (ingress/egress)
- Town Board adopted Local Law No. 4 of 2023
 - Authorizing a Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers. More information will be made available after the local law has been filed with the NYS Department of State.
- Pending Aquifer Protection Permit Applications:
 - Regan Development - 968 Route 13 - Mixed-Use Commercial/Residential Building
 - Triple Cities, LLC - Cook Brothers Truck Parts Co. - 3762, 3772 Route 11 - Warehouse Addition to an existing Commercial Building
 - Cortland Chrysler Dodge Jeep, Inc. - 3878 Route 281 - Construction of a new auto sales and repair facility
 - Cortlandville PV, LLC/RIC New York, LLC - 3023 Route 215 - large scale solar energy system (5,000 mwAC)
- Approved Aquifer Protection Permit Application:
 - Cortland Used Cars - 3600 Route 281 - for the construction of a new auto sales facility
 - Approved the 1-year Lease Agreement (renewal) with John Diescher for a portion of Town property located at Gutchess Lumber Sports Complex for farming purposes.
 - Accepted the 2022 Annual Financial Report (AUD) of the Town Supervisor (available on the Town's website)
 - Accepted the NYS Empire State Development Incentive Proposal in the amount of \$32,500 to conduct a strategic planning and feasibility study for the future phases of GLSC

The Town Board meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m. at the Raymond G. Thorpe Municipal Building.



- Kathy Smith -
Resident Artist for the
Town of Cortlandville

Her artwork is to be displayed at the Town Hall. The first installment in this series is a pastel work of the Blue Heron



Welcome New Business

Hyde's Diner relocated to 259 Tompkins Street (formerly Pizza Hut) in the Town of Cortlandville. Welcome to the Town! We wish you much success!

Kudos Korner

Happy 1-year work anniversary to Kathleen Timmerman, Deputy Town Clerk!
Happy 5-year work anniversary to Megan Johnson, Financial Advisor!
Thank you for being valued members of our team!

Parks & Recreation Department

Food Truck Business Opportunities: Cortlandville Parks and Recreation Department is seeking food truck vendors from June - October for various events and tournaments. Tournaments are typically held on Friday - Monday at various town parks. The food truck application can be found on the towns website in the parks information section. Applications and required documentations can be emailed to jmcnerney@cortlandville.org for review and approval.

Guthrie Sports Complex and Town Park Ribbon Cutting: "Let's Play Ball". The Town of Cortlandville celebrated the completion of the Phase 2 development recent expansion which include two additional turf fields with a ribbon cutting. McGraw Marching band kicked off the event with a performance that included 30 of McGraw's students. Sports and recreation are in Cortland DNA and provide a tremendous opportunity for growth in the economy. Town officials recognized Guthrie as the exclusive health partner at the new facility and thanked Guthrie representative for their sponsorship at the park. We are looking forward to seeing all the athletes and spectators enjoy this one of kind facility in our community.



Guthrie's Marie Darling and NewsChannel 9's Tim Fox threw out the ceremonial first pitches.



McGraw Marching Band



Ribbon Cutting

Yard Debris

Cortlandville residents may bring yard debris to the City DPW located at 19 S. Franklin Street, Cortland to be ground in the tub grinder. Items allowed:

- Brush & Branches (anything over 6 inches in diameter is not considered brush)
- Grass Clippings, Leaves, Twigs & Waste Plants from Gardens (no stones and no plastic bags)
- Please, NO TRASH!

Water Billing

Water Bills will be mailed by June 30, 2023 and are due by July 31, 2023 without penalty.

Dog License Renewals

Dog License Renewals are due by the 15th of the month following the expiration of the license without penalty. Thereafter, a \$5.00 late fee will/month will be added. Please note, the rabies vaccination must be valid and not expiring within 30 days of the license renewal date or we will be unable to license the dog.

Access Laserfiche from Cortlandville Website

- Click C'Ville Public Portal on the Homepage
- It will redirect you to the Laserfiche Portal
- If the page prompts you, click Sign Out
- It will then redirect you to a new page
- Be sure that the drop down menu for Repository says CortlandvillePublic
- Once you change the Repository it will autofill the other information
- Click Sign In

Water & Sewer Department

Unaccountable Water Loss

The Water Department has been focusing on unaccountable water loss (also known as leaks) since last quarter's billing in which we lost 13,199,938 gallons of water that did not reach the customer. That is equal to 18.77% of unaccounted for water. Last quarter included the winter months in which we had several water main breaks that took time to find, which is not unusual for that time of year. We also found several smaller leaks that were not caused by the changing temperatures, but were significant leaks in the system.

With that said, this quarter, in comparison to the amount of water that we pumped, the unaccounted for water has dropped to 8.36% or 6,897,363 gallons. Although that is still a lot of water there are many systems that have up to 50% of unaccountable water loss. It is our goal to keep the Town's water loss at a minimum. We continually look for and listen for water leaks every chance we get to reduce our water loss.

Brian R. Congdon
Water/Sewer Superintendent

Historian's Corner

Historical Marker

You may have read in the *Cortland Standard* a few months back that the Town has been working with the William G. Pomeroy Foundation to place a Historic Marker at the South Cortland Cemetery to honor at least two Veterans of the Revolutionary War. We will be having a Marker Unveiling Ceremony on Sunday, July 9th at 1:00pm at the South Cortland Cemetery. We would love to have the support of Town Residents! Hope to see you there!

Nick Alteri
Town Historian

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of

2023

Cortland High School - Cortland Christian Academy
- Dryden High School - Homer High School -
McGraw High School

Highway Department

During the late winter and early spring season there were some complaints/concerns about flooding from Town residents. Flooding can be caused by a few different circumstances. Here are some tips to consider:

- Clean out your footer drains.
 - Cleaning a footer drain helps prevent basement flooding and property water damage. They direct rainwater and excessive water away from the house's foundation and into the main drainpipe leading away from the building. Over time, the footer drains can become clogged, reducing their effectiveness.
- Inspect your gutters and the water being drained from your gutters.
 - Make sure the gutters are free and clear of debris. Have the downspout far enough away from your home so the water doesn't pool near the foundation.
- Be aware of landscape sloping.
 - The yard should slope away from the home. Settling over years can cause water flow change.
- Groundwater flooding occurs when the natural underground drainage system cannot drain quick enough, causing the water table to rise above the ground surface.
 - This takes longer to dissipate than surface flooding because groundwater moves much slower. It can also seep into basement walls through any cracks or cove joints.

Throughout the Town, there are multiple Detention Basins. Detention Basins are an excavated area that temporarily store storm water runoff, thereby reducing the peak rate of runoff to a stream or storm sewer. They help to prevent localized flooding and erosion.

Roads being paved this season:

Walden Oaks Blvd	Coventry Ln
Fairway Hts	Vernon Dr / Joseph St
Walden Pond Ln	Pendleton St
Wellington Dr	(from Ahren Rd to Blodgett Mills Rd)

Larry Drach
Highway Superintendent



drain spout should be far enough away from your home so water doesn't pool



detention basin



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Town Hall Holiday Schedule

The offices of the Raymond G. Thorpe Municipal Building
will be closed for the following holidays:

Juneteenth	June 19, 2023
Independence Day	July 4, 2023
Labor Day	September 1, 2023 (close at 12:00p) September 4, 2023

NOTICE

•• Important Dates in the Assessment Calendar ••

Final Roll Filed July 1, 2023

****FYI:** After the filing of the Final Assessment Roll on July 1st of each year, NO assessment changes or property tax exemptions can be made or granted until March 1st of the following year.



Skip the Trip

We are encouraging residents to "skip the trip" and do their Town business by telephone, email, regular mail, or by using the secure dropbox located curbside at the main entrance

TOWN OFFICIALS

Assessor

- David Briggs dbriggs@cortlandville.org

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- Kevin McMahon kmcmahon@cortlandville.org
- Desiree Campbell dcampbell@cortlandville.org

Highway Supt.

- Larry Drach ldrach@cortlandville.org

Historian

- Nick Alteri townhistorian@cortlandville.org

Planning & Zoning

- Bruce Weber bweber@cortlandville.org

Town Clerk/Collector

- Kristin Rocco-Petrella townclerk@cortlandville.org

Town Justice

- Hon. Robert DeMarco
- Hon. MaryBeth Mathey

Water/Sewer Supt.

- Brian Congdon bcongdon@cortlandville.org

Town Hall Summer Hours

June 2nd through August 25th

Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm



Friday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm