

TALK OF THE TOWN

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TOWN SUPERVISOR

I hope this issue of the Town's Newsletter finds you well and looking forward to the warm weather and summer months. On behalf of the Town, I want to recognize two notable events since our last issue.

After 34 years of dedicated and respected service as a Councilperson (1988-2022) and Deputy Supervisor (1990-2019), Ted Testa retired from his elected position in March 2022. We thank him, beyond measure, for his service and for the impact he had. Ted's loyalty, honesty, integrity and his passion for parks and recreation will not be forgotten. Thank you, Ted!

At the end of March, the Town Board appointed David Donlick as a Councilperson to fill the vacant position. David grew up in Groton, NY and has been a Town resident for 22 years. He has a B.A. in Political Science and a Master's in Public Administration. His professional experience includes: 27 years as a Licensed Real Estate Broker; 26 years in the auto industry working for dealers in the management of dealership operations; 3 ½ years as a small business owner (CNY Autohub, LLC – Groton, NY). When asked why he was interested in a position on the Town Board and serving his community, he said: "1. Affordable taxes and maintaining the awesome level of Cortlandville services; 2. Protecting the small-town values of Cortlandville – a place I raise my family; 3. Long-term sustainable economic growth when approaching development." Welcome David!

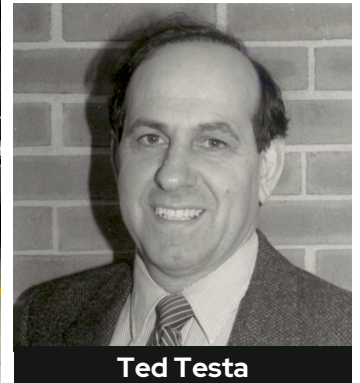
The Town Board resumed in-person meetings which are held at the Municipal Garage on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 5:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend in-person but would like to be involved and informed, please join us remotely via Zoom. Links to register for the meetings are posted on the Town's website along with the meeting agendas. Recordings of the meetings are also available and are posted to our public document portal shortly thereafter.

As always, we encourage you to reach out with any questions. It is our pleasure to assist you!

-Tom Williams



David Donlick



Ted Testa

Town Clerk's Office

A Day in the Life of a Deputy Town Clerk...

I am a Deputy Town Clerk, which means I am appointed by the elected Town Clerk/Collector to perform a variety of administrative duties in the Town Clerk's Office. My day starts with opening the office, which includes checking emails, voicemails and the drop box. Once the office is open a large majority of my day is spent at the counter helping the public. Depending on the time of year that consists of tax collection, water & sewer billing/collection, issuing dog licenses, disability parking permits, hunting/fishing licenses, vital records, and collecting fees for a variety of things such as building permits and fire inspections.

During the summer months the office is busy issuing marriage licenses. I enjoy seeing all the happy couples during the busy wedding season. July 1st marks the beginning of the second quarter water & sewer billing and on August 1st the sale of hunting licenses begins. When I am able to step away from the counter and spend some time at my desk I work on Town Board meeting minutes, Registrar/Vital Records filing, Planning & Zoning files, records management utilizing Laserfiche, and FOIL requests (Freedom of Information Law).

The Town Clerk's office is a very busy office. There is always something to work on and always something new to learn. I enjoy being a Deputy Town Clerk for the Town of Cortlandville.

Abbi Albro

Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Registrar

Gutchess Lumber Sports Complex & Town Park

Home-Field Advantage Equals Success

When you mix good players, excellent coaching and a top notch facility it results in success. Cortland High School and Homer High School varsity baseball teams has successful regulars season while playing all home games at Gutchess Lumber Sports Complex this spring. Both teams were crown league champions with Cortland winning the Salt City Athletic Conference with a 13-1 (overall 17-2) record. Cortland also won the 2022 Section 3 Class A Championship and will be moving onto the NYS Regional Play-offs. Homer won the Liberty Division Championship with a 14-5 record.

In addition to the the varsity teams success at GLSC both schools JV teams played the majority of games at the complex. The state of the art facility allows teams to play and practice on sports turf fields while many local CNY High School teams are unable to play due to poor field condition. This creates an early season advantage for our local players. Congratulations to both varsity teams and best of luck in the sectionals playoffs and beyond.

John McNerney
Recreation Director

Congratulations Cortland High Varsity Baseball Team 2022 Section 3 Class A Champions



Congratulations Homer High School Varsity Baseball Team Liberty Division Champions



Water & Sewer Department

Water Loss in Gallons

Leak this Size	Loss Per Day	Loss Per Month	Leak this Size	Loss Per Day	Loss Per Month
.	120	3,600	●	6,640	199,520
•	300	10,800	●	6,964	209,520
•	693	20,790	●	8,424	252,720
•	1,200	36,000	●	9,585	296,640
•	1,920	57,600	●	11,324	339,720
•	3,095	92,880	●	12,750	361,600
•	4,295	128,880	●	14,952	448,560

The chart above is a great way to show how much water is lost daily and even monthly from different sized leaks. This chart is a good way for any homeowner to see how just a small leak in your home can drastically affect the water usage on your bill if left unchecked. Most homeowners who we've shown this chart to in the past were amazed how the numbers add up over time for even the smallest leaks.

Brian R. Congdon
Water/Sewer Department

- Welcome -

Kathleen Timmerman

Deputy Town Clerk – started May 19, 2022

Robert Brown III

Town Highway Department – started May 23, 2022

- Congratulations -

Daniel Head was appointed

Deputy Highway Superintendent April 25, 2022

Highway Department

Updates on Road Work & Streetlights

Road construction is underway in the Town. However, due to rising costs of fuel and blacktop the paving scheduled for this season is limited. Our crew has successfully completed the paving of Ely Road. Paving will commence on Stupke Road and Lime Hollow Road on June 20, 2022. Please watch out for our flaggers and road crew!

The Town's LED Streetlight replacement project is progressing. We have experienced delays due to the availability of product and shipping. Our apologies to all those who have been "in the dark" due to bulbs that have been out. We understand your concerns and are working with our subcontractor to have the bulbs replaced as soon as possible. We look forward to the completion of the project and cost savings to the Town.

Larry Drach
Highway Superintendent

Town Board Updates

- The moratorium on large scale solar projects has been lifted as the Town Board adopted 3 local laws concerning Solar – effective May 4, 2022
 - Local Law No. 2 of 2022 – Solar Energy System PILOT Law
 - Local Law No. 3 of 2022 – Battery Energy Storage System Law
 - Local Law No. 4 of 2022 – Amending the Town of Cortlandville’s Zoning Code to Permit Solar Energy Systems in the Town of Cortlandville
- The Town has gone out to bid for Phase 2 of the Gutchess Lumber Sports Complex, which will include the construction of 2 new turf ball fields. Bids are due June 21, 2022.
- The Induction Ceremony for the 2021 and 2022 Town Hall of Fame will be held Friday, June 24, 2022. The recipients will be featured in the next Newsletter.
- The Town Board designated \$60,000 of its awarded ARPA funds to the following 13 Not-For-Profit Organizations:
 - Disabled American Veterans Post 153
 - Catholic Charities of Cortland County
 - CAPCO Adult Education Program
 - Cortland County Historical Society
 - Lime Hollow Nature Center
 - The Chapel
 - Seven Valleys Health Coalition (SVHC)
 - Access to Independence
 - Lamont Memorial Free Library
 - 4-H Camp Owahtha – Cooperative Extension of Cortland County
 - Josie’s Journey – Canine Comfort Service
 - CNY Living History Center
 - McGraw School Marching Band

Code Enforcement Office

New Projects in the Town

Happy Summer everyone! As we find ourselves in the beginning of the swimming season, everyone needs to be aware of the safety issues surrounding pool and hot tub ownership. NYS Codes address these with mandatory permitting through the municipality to ensure proper installation of fences, alarms, removable ladders and other items specific to having structures that can hold water with depths in excess of two feet. It’s important to know that even the collapsible pools sold by retailers are also subject to these regulations.

Please contact this office for more information as we need to be cognizant of the fact that drowning is a leading cause of death amongst children ages 1-4, second only to birth defects: Drowning Facts | Drowning Prevention | CDC

In other news, we’re busy here in the Code Office with permits, plan reviews and inspections for everything from Property Violations, Fire and Safety, home renovations, additions, decks, garages and new homes, along with many expanding commercial projects for additions, remodels, and new buildings.

The Town of Cortlandville is excited to welcome some new businesses opening soon, including but not limited to: “Route 13 Discount Liquor and Wine” store (located behind Moe’s) with the final finishing touches being completed at the time of writing this letter.

There’s a new “Zoom Tan” almost ready for opening next to the Metro Mattress out in front at the Grand Union Plaza offering both UV and spray tan booths, so keep watching!

Also, in the same plaza a new “Pet Supplies Plus” store is currently being remodeled and, if I’m not mistaken, will become another welcome and much needed addition to the stores here in town!

We will continue to be available to our residents as a resource for projects, planning and home or business-related building and safety issues. With many new projects in the works, it’s stacking up as another busy year! Feel free to contact us anytime with questions or concerns.

Kevin J. McMahon
NYS Code Enforcement Officer



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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 (observed)	June 20, 2022
Independence Day	July 4, 2022
Labor Day	September 5, 2022



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

Talk of the Town

The *Talk of the Town* is a quarterly newsletter distributed to Town Residents via mail/email/website. If your business or organization has something community related they would like to contribute to the newsletter, please email Nick Alteri at nalteri@cortlandville.org for more information.

If you know someone who would like to receive *Talk of the Town* via mail or email have them visit cortlandville.org and fill out the Newsletter Form under the Newsletter tab!

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Town Hall Summer Hours

June 2nd through September 2nd

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