TOWN OF PARISHVILLE

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

**SUPERVISOR:**

 I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and enjoys a wonderful New Year. As we close out 2023 and look ahead to 2024, here are a few highlights of things we continue to work on.
As many of you may already be aware, we will continue through the first half of the year with our data collection and revaluation of all property in the Town of Parishville. Our Assessor, David Burl, along with the St. Lawrence Real Property Office, will be out assessing all property and collecting data for our projected revaluation in 2025. This project, long overdue, was started in 2022 and will continue until all property has been properly assessed and values adjusted according to current standards. Collecting the property data first will allow us to adjust property assessments for everyone at the same time, making our tax assessing process more fair and more equitable in the future. We continue to make plans for demolition of the old Fire Station located on Catherine St. here in the hamlet. We will be sending out a request for bids early 2024 and hope to have the project completed sometime this summer. With this building removed, the Town Board recognizes the need for a community center in the Town of Parishville and welcomes the community’s thoughts and ideas regarding such a project. Work at the Museum continues as we try to maintain the integrity of the building and its contents. Along with continued repairs and maintenance, a new heating system is being installed to prevent issues caused by extreme fluctuations in seasonal temperature changes. The Historical Society does an amazing job maintaining and caring for the wonderful collection of items in the museum. Make sure you set aside some time to stop in and check it out! You will see some maintenance being done on the water system, in particular the line crossing the State Hwy. 72 bridge here in town. Unfortunately, there may be traffic delays while this work is being completed. Other maintenance projects will be completed at the water plant itself to keep equipment up to date and working as efficiently as possible. A reminder to all Water District #1 account holders, you can pay your bill online at parishvilleny.us by clicking on the “Pay your water bill online” link at the top of the page. We welcome you to stop in and check out our newly renovated courtroom, recently dedicated to the Honorable Lester Gale. Judge Gale served as Judge for several years and was instrumental in securing grants for the courtroom renovations. He will always be remembered for his dedication and commitment to our community.

 As always, I welcome your thoughts and would be happy to schedule a time to meet with anyone regarding Town business. Please feel free to contact me (315-265-2131 ext.2) or email (supervisor@parishvilleny.us)

**Rod Votra-Town Supervisor**

**TOWN CLERK:**

Here is to a Happy and Healthy 2024! As a reminder, there is a drop box on the side of the Town Hall facing the AMVETS if you wish to avoid the cost of postage. January as usual, is time for the Town and County Tax bill. Tax payments may be paid in full without penalty until January 31st. After that time, a penalty for each month will be assessed. If you wish to pay in 3 installments, the first one **must** be received or postmarked by January 31st. All payments made through May are payable to my office. Tax receipts are mailed if you request one, by checking the receipt box on the payment stub. With postage going to .68, it saves a great deal of money if it is not wanted or needed. Receipts are automatically mailed if your taxes are escrowed through a financial institution. The Town Clerk’s Office also handles dog licenses, hunting and fishing licenses, marriage licenses, birth certificates and death certificates for folks who are born or die within the township. My office also handles FOIL requests and Disabled Parking Permits and I am also a Notary Public.

**My office hours** are: Monday-8:30 to 5; Tuesday-8:30 to 4; Wednesday- **CLOSED**; Thursday-8:30-4; Friday-8:30 to Noon. (I am closed on Fridays in June, July and August.) I am more than willing to make arrangements to come in and meet you after hours if needed. Call 315-265-2131 ext. 1 and leave a message and I can check messages from home, so I am always available. Check our Facebook page for changes or announcements as well as our website: www.parishvilleny.us.

**Connie Maguire- Town Clerk**

**Office of Code Enforcement**

The Town of Parishville requires Building Permits for additions, garages, decks, roofing, pools, woodstoves, chimneys and all structural work (changes) made to the building structure. Any interior renovations of 50% or more of your home. Outbuildings greater than 144 sq./ft. will also require a building permit.

Please be sure to maintain the fire protection system in your home. Batteries should be changed at least once a year even if your system is hard wired. Smoke detectors should be replaced after 7 years of service, while carbon monoxide alarms should be replaced after 5 years of service.

**David Burl, Code Enforcement Officer**

**Assessor’s Office**

The Town of Parishville has started a two-year reevaluation project for **all** properties within the township. The Town wide revaluation collection of property data is 70% complete. I want to thank property owners for their cooperation. Collection of inventory is important to achieving fair and equitable valuations for all property owners in the Town of Parishville. Please be cooperative when you see the Town owned vehicle out and about and feel free to contact the Town Offices if you have questions.

As of March 1st 2015, all **new** Basic Star and Enhanced Star Applicants need to register with The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance to receive a Star check. Visit [**WWW.tax.ny.gov**](http://www.tax.ny.gov/) or call (518)457-2036. Register by July 1 to receive your Star check in September. If you register after July 1, you will receive your check later. Current Basic and Enhanced Star recipients will keep their exemptions as long as they continue to own their current home. Current recipients of the Enhanced Star exemption who aren’t enrolled in the income Verification Program, must continue to file a renewal application with their Local assessor. Please call my office if you are having trouble contacting the Tax Department in registering for Star.

 As always, my job is to make your assessment Fair and Equitable for all property owners in the Town of Parishville.

**David Burl, Assessor**

**Highway Department:**

It’s wintertime and while the plows are out plowing and sanding the roads to make them as safe as possible to travel on, I encourage everyone to give themselves extra time to reach their destination. Traveling too fast for the road conditions, is the number one cause of accidents in the wintertime.
This past summer, the Highway Dept rebuilt the seasonal section of the Lenny Road in West Parishville making it wide enough to be plowed in the winter and safer for when 2 cars meet. We also paved part of the Old Potsdam Parishville Road.
The summer of 2024, we are going to finish paving the White Hill Road and a couple of other streets in the hamlet. Each year we were able to pave approximately four miles of road. The cost of paving is reimbursed to the town from the State in a program called “CHIPS” (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program)

**Steve Hart-Highway Superintendent**

**Dog Control Officer:**

New York State law requires **ALL** dogs over the age of 4 months to be licensed and vaccinated against rabies. You will need a current rabies certificate and if your dog is spayed or neutered, that proof will also be needed. The cost for a license in Parishville is $5 annually for a dog that is spayed or neutered and $15 for an unneutered male or an unspayed female dog. You may license your dog up to 3 years at a time depending on the expiration of the rabies vaccine. You may be **fined up to $25** for each unlicensed dog. Visit the St. Lawrence County website to get a current list of free rabies clinics that will start in the spring. Please be sure your pets have adequate food, water and shelter and they **MUST** be under your control and not allowed to leave your property without you.

**Robert Phillips- Dog Control Officer**

**Parishville Historical Association/Museum/Historian**

During the past year members of the Parishville Historical Association have completed some interior painting, purchased 6 UV protection shades for windows on the second floor, and rearranged and updated some exhibits. A grant was secured from the Parishville Amvets to purchase mannequins to display military uniforms. The association gave two scholarships to seniors at PHCS, hosted school tours, and toured an historic Parishville home. The Hillcrest Cemetery gravestone inventory has been updated. Inventory of the contents of the museum continues. In collaboration with the town, steps have been taken to be able to heat the building. Members are working on applying for grants for assessing the house and the collection, as well as creating a strategic plan and goals for the future. The Association participated in the “Trunk or Treat” event at Halloween and raised funds through research, family tours and the Holiday Memory Tree. The museum was open on all but two Saturdays during the summer. Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month (subject to change) from February to October. New members are always welcome. Donations are appreciated. For more information, contact Joe McGill, Town Historian, or Jo Ann Zenger, Association President.

**Transfer Station**

The Parishville Transfer Station is available for use by residents of Parishville or taxpayers only. A reminder that all Parishville residents using the transfer station should have a sticker on their vehicle. These can be obtained at the Town Clerk’s Office or Transfer Station at no charge.

 If assistance is needed, the Transfer Station attendant will be more than happy to help. Glass and plastic containers and aluminum cans that are rinsed out are placed in the same compactor as

cardboard and CLEAN paper for recycling.

Residents are doing a great job helping the Transfer Station run smoothly. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

**Transfer Station Hours:**

**Wednesday** – 7:30 am- 5pm **Saturday** – 7:30 am to 5pm  **Sunday** - 7:30am to Noon

**Parks and Recreation Update**

A reminder that Parishville Park will be open for skating this winter as weather permits, as it is an outdoor rink. The bathrooms and warming rooms will be open. The rink has skates of all sizes available for public use for no charge. The rink offers hockey hours and free skating hours. Please call the park for hours-315-265-8308. There are some cross-country skis available for use on our nature trails.

The Park will be opening on Memorial Day weekend for use of the picnic area. You can reserve the rink or one of the pavilions for a small fee. Please call Ryan to reserve your date. You can also email him at:

park@parishvilleny.us

**2024 Town Board Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 PM- JANUARY 24, FEBRUARY 27, MARCH 26, APRIL 25 (Thursday), MAY 28, JUNE 25, JULY 23, AUGUST 27, SEPTEMBER 24, OCTOBER 22, NOVEMBER 26, DECEMBER 23 (Monday)**