

**TOWN OF SENECA
LANDFILL STATUS REPORT**

January 21, 2025

Gas Infrastructure:

Gas field maintenance is ongoing. Planning for next year's well drilling and infrastructure upgrades completed.

Stormwater:

All stormwater controls are functioning as designed.

Operations:

Daily operations are going well with no issues currently. Blown litter clean-up continues from the last few wind events, contractors picking litter from tree's along County Road 5.

Regulatory:

Activities and events at the landfill (tours, collection events, etc.):

Transfer Station:

**TOWN OF SENECA
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 2025 MONTHLY REPORT**

Town of Seneca Highway Department report from December 16, 2024 to January 21, 2025.

- The buyer of the 2012 International 10 Wheel dump has taken it to its new home in New Hampshire where it will continue to plow snow.
- Replaced 3 hydraulic lines on the 2017 International Truck #1. We also had to put a new cutting edge on the front plow.
- Filled pot holes in the driveway of the transfer station.
- Replaced the Rilands Road Street sign that was destroyed by a hit and run driver.
- Removed 2 dead ash trees that had fallen down on Kidder Road.
- Replaced the sander chain and rear shaft on the 2016 International Truck #9.
- Replaced a circuit breaker that had corroded on the 2020 CV515 International Truck #7.
- Put up all of the snow fence stakes and have been trying to get the snow fence up in between the high wind events.
- After 46 days of being out of service, the 2024 Chevrolet has been finally repaired and the 2024 Dodge Ram has been returned to Enterprise Truck Rental in Canandaigua.
- Since the December meeting we have gone out 42 times on 23 different days and used approximately 560 tons of Salt, Sand, Magic Minus Zero Mix. ↘
- Pulled 150 tons of untreated Salt/Sand mix out of the salt barn to mix with Magic Minus Zero.
- Replaced the tie rod end on the righthand side of the 2016 Ford F550 Truck#12.
- Performed preventative maintenance inspections on all trucks and made repairs as needed.
- Pat and I completed the 284 agreement and turned it in for board approval.

Jim

TOWN OF SENECA WATER DEPARTMENT JANUARY 2025 MONTHLY REPORT

Town of Seneca Water District report from December 18th, 2024, to January 21st, 2025

- State Report for November has been completed and turned into the Health Department.
- Monthly samples taken and passed.
- Dig safe tickets as requested.
- Flushed dead end hydrants.
- Shoveled and salted where needed.
- Assisted highway in plowing and salting when needed
- Read and repaired water meters.
- Changed meter out at 4811 County Rd 5.
- Replaced leaking radiator and block heater on the generator at the EFI Building.
- Had an emergency water shut off at 2106 Route 5 & 20.
- Had an issue with no water at 2314 Charlton Rd. and found pipes were frozen inside the house.
- Changed meter out at 4086 Short Rd.
- Changed frozen meter base out at 2253 Co Rd. 4.
- Replaced broken pressure reducing valve out in the Town Hall.
- In 2024 we had 420 Dig Tickets that contractors called in and 36 we called in for a total of 456 Dig tickets
- Changed meter out at 2059 Buffalo St.
- Replaced the rear differential cover on the 1986 Van.
- Replaced mufflers and gaskets on 1986 Van.
- Reread meter at 4442 Wabash Rd
- Updated emergency contact lists
- Consult customer at 2130 Ferguson Rd about a water quality issue
- Serviced 2020 Chevy pickup, 2021 Ford F150 pickup and the 2022 Ford F150 pickup
- Reread meter at American Legion
- Investigate potential leak at 4381 Wabash Rd take samples and install pressure gauge in place of meter
- Working with the Town of Geneva on a water bill discrepancy dating back to 2021
- Re read meter at 1494 Lake to Lake Rd
- Cordell and I have put together servicing schedule for the upcoming year. When weather breaks, we will start exercising all 630 main line valves since they are the first line of defense on water main breaks. After main line valves we will continue locating curb boxes and operating curb stops. Servicing and flushing the 388 fire hydrants will take place late August through mid-October. Doing the hydrants after the construction season allows us to make sure that all hydrants are serviced and drained back before winter.

Jim and Cordell

Town of Seneca Zoning Office

3675 Flint Rd
Stanley, NY 14561

January 20, 2025

To: Town Board Members

From: Jerry Hoover

Re: Monthly report

Enclosed is my monthly report for your review.
Included for your review are the following:

- Highlights of activities for the month.
- Overview of collected fees for the month (payment detail report).
- Copy of the monthly permits issued report.
- Various attachments

Respectfully submitted,



Jerry Hoover

Highlights of monthly activities – Zoning Office:

You have a bill this evening from Shuttleworth flooring. They returned last week to correct the issue with the pavilion floor. Everything has been corrected and the floor looks great. This invoice can be approved.

As you are aware, Seedway and Ontario RNG were both approved for projects early last fall. Seedway for a new 105,000sqft warehouse and office and Ontario RNG for a new manure digester to natural gas facility. Neither project has commenced and we have not been made aware of any progress toward beginning them.

If you remember from early last year, a solar company requested the Town Board to change regulations to allow solar on active ag ground. This was for a project they wished to undertake outside of Hall. The same company has been in contact with me and will be meeting with the Zoning Board in a workshop session this month. They asked if they could apply for a use variance, which would be a variance to place a use where it is not allowed. As would be expected, these are very difficult to obtain. Under state law there are four questions that must be answered and if any are answered negatively toward the applicant the board is required to deny the variance. In this case I made them aware that at least two of the four questions would have to be answered negatively and likely lead to a denial. Their legal counsel feels they may qualify for an area variance. They would like to speak with the Zoning Board regarding this. As this is a workshop, the Zoning Board cannot and will not make any decisions. If the applicant desires to pursue this they will ultimately have to seek an interpretation of my determination from the ZBA. My determination has been and is that this is not a dimensional element that qualifies as an area variance. A commercial Solar Farm is not an allowed use on land that has been farmed within the previous 5 years, therefore it would require a use variance.

On a similar note we have received an application for a commercial solar project on land that was allegedly an abandoned apple orchard in Seneca Castle. That was set to begin processing this month. I was informed last week, and in turn spoke with a representative from the solar company, that this orchard was currently still active. The application process has been halted at this point.

Assessor's Report January 21 2025

Exemption renewals were mailed and are being returned, we like to time everything so folks can do everything at once. (Pay taxes, water bill, and bring assessment paperwork/exemptions) One stop plan, so the office has been very busy. Haley and I are an effective team and I'm grateful we work so well together.

No exemption income level changes this year, the county updated their income level on their Senior Citizen, Disabled Senior Citizen and Volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers property tax exemptions last year. Volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers can be claimed either as a property tax or an income tax credit. (Can only be one not both) Exemption is local option so each taxing jurisdiction would have to opt in to allow the property tax exemption.

Currently we have no town tax, so no impact right now. I will keep it on my list to keep an eye on and will review each year. We should be looking at and possibly considering an adjustment when it has an impact.

I have gone along with Jerry for some inspections, collecting that data. Working on the revaluation project, reviewing, updating, comparing. Winter is our slow sale season, those that are valid sales are still holding a strong sales price value. A friend who has been searching for over a year just put an offer in recently, on a house in Canandaigua, which is on a well with 4 out of the 5 acres wetlands and the seller received 23 offers total. They are still searching for their dream home. The Finger Lakes are in high demand and the inventory remains low.

Shana Jo

Town Clerk's Report

January 2025

→ In the month of ~~December~~ the office processed the following:

New Dog Licenses	0
Dog License Renewals	10
Dogs with changed status (<i>deceased, moved, lost, etc.</i>)	2
Unrenewed Dogs handed over to Dog Control	0
Marriage Licenses	1
DEC Total Sales	0
DEC State Portion	0
DEC Commission to the Town	0
Certified Copies	22
Other:	2

→ **OTHER ITEMS:**

- 2- Residents that rented for non-residents. The rules were not read, and a decent amount of trash was left behind in both instances. One person came and got their trash on Monday and the other did not. I gave half of the deposit back to the person who came to get their trash. The Water Department took the trash for the person who did not come get it.

→ **WATER BILLING:**

- Completed the January water bill and sent them out.
- Fixed a few bills that were incorrect.
 - The system calculates by the 1000s in some features and not others. Sometimes I'll add the 0s onto a reading and once I save it, the number I enter will get multiplied by the thousands. If I don't catch it, it throws the bills off. I've corrected 2 bills for people that received them.
- Completed a couple of deactivations and final bills.
- Helped straighten out an account that had the wrong manual readings.

→ **TOWN CLERK:**

- Completed a Marriage License
- Registered/booked a couple of death certificates.
- Returned Pavilion Deposits where needed.
- Sent dog licenses and renewals as needed.
- Wrote the minutes from the December and the Organizational Board Meetings.
- Received and entered payments as necessary.
- Received approval from the state for Local Laws 4 & 5 of 2024.
- Posted an invitation to bid on the Stanley Property.

→ **TAX COLLECTION:**

- Received, stuffed, and mailed taxes.
- Included a reference sheet/cover sheet for larger farms to give their grand total.
- Attended the annual pre-collection meeting/lunch that we have for the tax collectors.

→ **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Worked on the website as much as I could and added information where necessary.
- Changed the board meeting setup a bit so that all documents for each meeting are in one spot (rather than multiple spots). There are now separate pages for each year with Agendas, Minutes, and Reports all in one spot.

Respectfully,
Haley S. Eagley

Town of Seneca - Historian's Report

January 21, 2025

We began the review of the Robson Seed Farms collection and came across this jar. The contents are still in a liquid form.



“This jar of adhesive was given to me by Miss Harris, Joe’s Aunt in the late 1920s when we were having trouble in sealing seed packets. Miss Harris was a grand person. She operated Harris Seed Farms between the death of her brother and Joe’s graduation from college.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

December Hours: Volunteer hours were: Lisa 5

My hours were: 17 ½

*Kathy Mastellar
Town Historian*