

TOWN OF SENECA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT JULY 2024 MONTHLY REPORT

Town of Seneca Highway Department report from June 13, 2024 to July 16, 2024.

- Finished the second round of roadside mowing and are more than halfway on the third round.
- Received the new 2024 Bush Hog 4110RR1 mower purchased from Empire Tractor Inc using Sourcewell Contract #070821-BHG. The boom mower has been taken off of the Case tractor and we have set this mower up to it.
- Bella Paving removed two dead deer, one from Wilson Road and one from Gorham Road. Bella Paving was hired using the Ontario County Contract for carcass removal.
- Pat and I worked and completed the 2nd round of funding re-imbursements for EXTREME WEATHER RECOVERY, PAVE OUR POTHOLE, PAVE NY and most of CHIPS. We then took them to the NYSDOT Region 4 office in Rochester where we met with our representative Lisa Coombs to review and submit them.
- Equipment Repairs: Truck #2: Repaired AC leak and had Seeley Motors recharge. Truck #1 have to go to Regional International after throwing a after treatment code.
- John helped Phelps oil and stone two days and Rodney helped them one day.
- Repaired a pipe crossing on Phillips Road near Gillette Road.
- Cleaned up a tree on Scoon Road on the 19th that had blown down from high winds.
- Removed the tool box, back rack, strobe lights, mud flaps, running boards, floor mats, rear under seat storage and 2-way radio out of the 2020 Chevy and installed on the 2024 Chevy.
- After several complaints of faded street name signs on state roads and the DOT saying that they belong to the town after they had installed them originally, Rodney and Kevin made a list of them along with 2 Ambulance ahead signs for the new Stanley Hall Gorham Ambulance station on Gorham Hall Road and sent them to the County sign department.
- The new Mack truck has been moved from Beam Mack to the Viking shop in Oakfield. Pat, Brian and I went up to Oakfield for the prebuild meeting the setting up the truck and the plow equipment. They have since started working on it and we could possibly take delivery of it sometime in September. I have not heard back yet from Viking on whether or not we can get the International moved from Harrisville to Oakfield.
- Helped Kevin and Cordell on a possible water leak on 5&20 after I received a call from the farmer that works the field next to it. They had previously tested it for fluoride before with staggered results. It ended up being in a service line to a house it the back. I also helped find a curb box to an old house that used to be on the west side of Sweet Sue's Diner.
- Also water related, I have been in contact with Tim Steed in regards to some issues with the new tank on Olsen Road.
- The 2020 Chevy pickup along with the other Bush Hog mower has been put up on Auctions Internationals online auctions start today and will run until July 30th.



- I have received notice that Cortland and Auburn YMCA's are hosting a bike tour July 23rd thru July 25th. They will be using roads in Ontario County during this time. The only road in the Town of Seneca that they plan on using is State Route 245.
- Villager Construction crushed 2502 tons of millings, asphalt, concrete and shot rock that we have collected over the past eight years. This will be used for the shoulders for Whitney Rd, Gates Rd, Fort Hill Rd, Short Rd along with other spots around the town. This was done using the Ontario County Contract.
- Sent the approved resolution of support that was approved in June to the Ontario County Soil and Water.
- On June 8th, there was an accident at Heidelberg Materials involving one of our trucks where half a load got dumped on the cab, windshield and hood. As a precaution, the driver was taken for drug and alcohol testing. Other than three days of careful removal of the asphalt, the only physical damage was a cracked windshield, two melted air horns and a dented in cab roof that the guys popped back out.
- Sent four trucks for two days to help the Town of Geneva Nova Chip Snell Road and Armstrong Road. Hauled the Nova Chip out of Heidelberg Materials in Oaks Corners.
- Hired Joe Gigliotti to fill the last vacancy in the highway department. He started on July 8th and is fitting in with the rest of the crew nicely.
- Moved top soil out of the salt barn and put it in the cold storage to keep it dry so that we can make room for the salt that was contracted for last year.
- We had minor damage from the storm that passed through the area on the 15th.

Jim

**TOWN OF SENECA
WATER DEPARTMENT
JULY 2024 MONTHLY REPORT**

Town of Seneca Water District report from June 19th, 2024, to July 16th, 2024

- State Report for May has been completed and turned into the Health Department.
- Monthly samples taken and passed.
- Dig safe tickets as requested.
- Mowed and weed whacked where needed.
- Flushed dead end hydrants.
- Finished Top soiling areas that we dug up.
- Fixed ditch at 5&20 Pit.
- Mailed out water bills
- Turned water off and back on Redman Rd. for a leak.
- Installed two new meters at a farm on Route 245.
- Installed a new meter on Gates Rd.
- Talked to homeowner on Wilson Rd. about a water issue they were having.
- Picked up grills for pavilion and getting them painted.
- Deactivated and shut water off on Johnson Rd.
- Started painting hydrants.
- Replaced Sump Pump at 5&20 Pit.
- Rebuilt valve and replaced needle valve on Vogt Rd.
- Talked to a homeowner on Orleans Rd about a water issue that she was having.
- Fixed Curb box rod on Route 5 & 20 and assisted homeowner with a leak that they had.
- Cordell Passed his Permit test for his CDL.
- Took Samples up at Olsen Tank Site.
- Installed new meter on Kashong Switch Rd.
- Installed new meter on Flat St.
- Installed new meter on Co Rd 5.
- Installed new meter on Lake to Lake rd.
- Talked to homeowner on Buffalo St. about water leak.

WATER PROJECT UPDATES

- **Kashong Switch Hot Box**
 - Still waiting on some of the Fittings to put the Hotbox together.
- **Olsen Tank Site**
 - Jeff Decker installed the rest of the pipe to the tank.
 - The Pipe was pressure tested and passed.
 - Bac- T samples were taken on Monday 7/8/2024 and they all came back negative.
 - The new tank is starting to be filled on 7/15. This will take about a little over a week to fill and test.
- **Kashong Switch Pumphouse**
 - Talked with Hunt to see if they have heard anything from the Health Department about the drawings. Tim Steed talked to Kendall and the drawings have been sent back to MRB for review.

Randy

Town of Seneca Zoning Office

3675 Flint Rd
Stanley, NY 14561

July 16, 2024

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:

As noted in past reports I am working on about 10 properties with violations. Violations range from high grass, to unlicensed vehicles, to junk stored. I have two that I am not receiving responses from. I will be speaking with Mike Roulan for guidance to move forward.

The RNG project on 5&20 has been referred to Ontario County and has been returned with primarily positive feedback. The project applicants will be in front of the Zoning board this month to attempt to secure two area variances. If they are approved, the full site plan will be considered by the Planning Board in August.

Seedway has submitted their application for approval to my office. It will be seen by the planning board in workshop this month and will be referred to the Ontario County Planning Board at the end of the month.

The Hall, Stanley, Gorham Ambulance company has closed on their property and received approval for the garage addition and parking lot. The garage is up and they are currently working on the extended parking area.

We have been working with the County and local farms to secure grants for upgrades to local farm housing through a NYS project. To date, two farms, Ivy Lakes and Lawnhurst, have secured funds. Lawnhurst is remodeling an attached garage into 4 bedrooms and laundry area for their workers. Ivy Lakes is replacing a single wide trailer with a 5 bedroom modular house on full basement.

Assessor's Report

July 16, 2024

Final Roll has been filed and placed on the Town's Website home page as required by law. We have received notification that our Final Equalization rate is 85%.

We have yet to receive notice of any small claims or Certiorari/Article 78 filings, but they have 30 days to file after our Final Roll notice is published so they have time. I am anticipating the solar to file as they have done in the past.

Drew and I have had some discussions on the best path forward for the town in these uncertain times and the real estate market. Last year was the first year in a very long time that our equalization rate was not at 100%. 2023 we were at 93%, and now in 2024 we are at 85%. Currently our plan for Cyclical Reassessment with the state has been a 4-year plan/cycle starting with a required townwide reassessment and ending with a required townwide reassessment, with a clause that we reserved the right to adjust annually as needed. I was able to do a townwide reassessment one year and adjust the Farmland value the next year, and that kept our equalization rate at 100% as the state would allow a non-Reappraisal Reassessment and would only measure the change in value of farmland. In 2023 the state no longer allowed a non-Reappraisal Reassessment and our equalization rate dropped to 93%.

Our current plan 2022-2025 ends with a 2025 townwide reassessment which in my professional opinion we should stay the course and do. Bearing in mind it has been three years since our last townwide reassessment, coupled with high sale prices, most buildings and land increases will be significant.

Moving forward with our new plan 2025–2028 I am proposing to move to an annual townwide reassessment cycle with the hopes of only having to move values slightly, as we would be adjusting to the market changes annually, if necessary, at all, each year. This I believe is the best way to maintain our 100% with hopefully a palatable assessment change each year. The state's equalization rate is designed to address the changing market, however once below 100 assessment chances can be considerably more to regain the 100, vs maintaining 100 with an annual hopefully smaller change.

As we have discussed we are living in a different world and even with higher interest rates, people still need housing. We all had hoped the market would even out, but that has not been the case and I do not see it happening any time soon. Affordable housing is in short supply in Ontario County. Our superior school districts and rural living close to major cities makes the Town of Seneca a highly desirable place to live. Sales reflect this and properties do not last long on the market and are continuing to sell high. Maybe after the elections things will change, or when the landfill closes, or for some other unknown reason, the beauty is if they do, we can adjust and change our state plan at that time.

Please feel free to contact me at any time for any questions or concerns.
Shana Jo

Town Clerk's Report

July 2024

→ In the month of June, the office processed the following:

New Dog Licenses	1
Dog License Renewals	14
Dogs with changed status (<i>deceased, moved, lost, etc.</i>)	8
Unrenewed Dogs handed over to Dog Control	15
Marriage Licenses	1
DEC Licenses	5
DEC Lic. Commission to the Town	0.28
Certified Copies	0
Other	1

→ Completed another Water Billing

→ Called Williamson to send us new water bills at no charge because the box I had was intermittently screwed up. This has happened more than once before and seems to be a trend this year.

- The new bills will have a line on them that advertises the Water Quality Report so that customers see that all year round.

→ Cleaned up my Dog License list and charged a few for “back years” who expired more than a year ago.

→ I was a bit late sending out the June dog license notices, so I gave a grace period as it was my fault. They still had a month to renew like normal.

→ Sent my expired dog list to Ontario County. It had 15 unrenewed dogs on it from February until now.

- Dog Control will take my list and go to the residences of those listed. They hand door tags that give the person 24 hours to respond to me before a court appearance ticket is presented. I've never had to go as far as a court order because the 24-hour notice usually gets the proper attention. This notice follows 3 prior notices sent by me.

→ Assisted CEO Hoover in getting the Final Draft of the Short Term Rental Regulations done and put on the website.

→ Assisted the American Legion (2 more times) with waiving the 30-day notice for their Tavern License. This is in addition to the 1 time last month. NYS is not being very helpful to the individuals that are trying to complete this task.

- Once approved, all patrons be able to go there for dinner and drinks without being accompanied by a member.

→ Returned Pavilion Deposits as needed for renters.

- 1 Issue this month: Everything was cleaned besides (very noticeably) the toilets or bathrooms after a party and Jim had to clean the toilets on his own.

Respectfully,
Haley S. Eagley

Town of Seneca - Historian's Report

July 16, 2024

We are updating our Veteran's book (not the died in service recognition). If anyone has information on a veteran related to the Town of Seneca (worked, lived, buried-past or present, etc.) we would be happy to add any information to our records (such as pictures in a uniform or information about their service). We can make copies of photos or any information and then it can be returned.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

May Hours: Volunteer hours were: John 0
 Lisa 6 ³/₄

My hours were: 20 ¹/₄

*Kathy Mastellar
Town Historian*