

Supervisor's Report, September 13, 2017

- Tompkins County Shared Services Panel. The Panel's report (Correspondence File) was endorsed by the county legislature and unanimously approved by the panel of 16 mayors and supervisors on September 6th. The plan identified six opportunities:
 - 1) creation of a TCCOG Training Academy to provide trainings for local governments,
 - 2) Service Modernization Plan (Lasefiche software to facilitate records management),
 - 3) creation of a purchasing pool for financial software for local governments,
 - 4) development of a county-wide mass notification system,
 - 5) creation of a purchasing pool to facilitate conversion of streetlights to LED fixtures, and
 - 6) expansion of GTMHIC with addition of Newfield and Homer.
- Caroline was designated as a Clean Energy Community on September 5, 2017 with completion of our four High-impact Action Items: completed a community Solarize Program, established a Benchmarking Policy for town buildings, adopted New York State Unified Solar Permit, and completed Energy Code Training for new construction with Code Officer Kevin McMahon. By being among the first municipalities to accomplish designation, we have qualified for a \$100,000 NYSEDA grant. We now have 90 days to submit a proposal for the grant. Guidelines: produce greenhouse gas reductions, transferable to other towns/communities, innovative, effective. We invite ideas. I've proposed a Revolving Green Fund - an endowment that would fund energy improvements that would pay for themselves through the energy savings. Terry Carroll and I met with Cheryl Chernikoff at Alternative Federal Credit Union to discuss mechanisms. Energy Independent Caroline will be meeting on Thursday September 21 to discuss proposals.
- Work proceeding on review and revision of Subdivision and Site Plan Review Laws with goals of timely greenhouse gas reductions and water conservation. Two public meetings have been held. We will immediately be posting a page on the town website under Current Topics with key documents and meeting minutes. The third public meeting will soon be announced.
- Buffalo Road Creek II engineering document and RFP near completion: will bid this fall and commence work in spring.
- Additional town hall parking and ev-charge station. Permit completed with Tompkins County. Site preparation estimate from Pleasant Valley Electric.
- Visited Crispell Garage with Mr. Snow, Mr. Fracchia, and Mr. McMahon on 7 September to assess as possible site for Caroline Highway. Alton Ainsley and Dan Walker from LaBella joined us. Impressive, with opportunities for additional highway units, maintenance and repair facilities, office space, conference room with kitchen, and many bathrooms. Will require further research and discussion with the county and Dryden as the property is in Dryden and is oversized for us.