

TOWN OF TORREY BOARD  
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Newsletter  
May 1- August 31, 2020

*The Torrey Town Board is sending this newsletter to bring residents up to date on some of the issues the town has considered and/or is working on since the last newsletter (January 1 - April 30).*

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Dwight James (Code Enforcement Officer) [torreycodes@gmail.com](mailto:torreycodes@gmail.com)  
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**From the Desk of Town Supervisor (*Pat Flynn*)**

- Town of Torrey continues to work with the Village of Dresden in finalizing a water agreement for the Perry Point Water District (WD2)
- Easements necessary for WD1 have been reviewed by the Town Attorney and sent to the affected homeowners with a reply date by June 30th. This date has been extended because of the COVID-19 pandemic. There were 23 easements requested, 11 have been signed and returned to date.
- Clark Patterson Lee (CPL) is working with 5 owners on revising their respective easements for WD1
- Clark Patterson Lee (CPL) has negotiated the cost (\$7,900 each) for 5 easements under their tracks for WD1
- Entered into a contract with CC Environment & Planning to provide a wetland delineation map and summary for WD1 at a cost of \$2,750.

**From the Desk of Town Board:**

- The Town Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Town Building on Geneva Street, Dresden, NY.
- Continues to monitor the WD1 Project Budget. At this date the total cost remains at \$1,576,000.00 with the funding source being a rural development loan of \$892,000.00 and rural development grant of \$684,000.00.
- At the August 11, 2020 meeting a public hearing was held on a proposed Local Law to **override** the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law subsection 3-c. This is a precautionary

measure because of possible consequences from COVID-19. After the closing of the public hearing, the Town Board approved the law.

- At the September 9,2020 meeting a public hearing was held on a proposed Local Law to establish a **moratorium** on kennels in the Town of Torrey. After the closing of the public hearing, the Town Board approved the law.
- Accepted the resignation of Daniel Hoover from Town Planning Board with regret
- Appointed Robert Miller to the Town Planning Board
- Town budget dates:
  - September 22 at 7:00 Budget Workshop
  - September 29 at 7:00 Budget Workshop
  - October 13 at 7:30 Regular Board Mtg (set date of Public Hearing on Budget)
- Approved the Select insurance contract with the Stork Insurance Agency for \$17,769.92 running from October 1,2020 to September 30,2021

**From the Desk of Town Clerk (*Betty Daggett*):**

- Town Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am - 4:00pm. Call 315-536- 6376
- Notary Public - No Fee
- Fee collection such as building permits,fines & fees issued by Code Office, Watershed Inspection for property sales
- Registrar of Birth / Death Certificates Vital copies - \$10.00 fee.
- Handicap Parking Permits
- Hunting / Fishing Licenses are now of sale
- Marriage License Requirements: Bride/Groom/Spouse must be present to obtain a license. The license is good for 60 days. There is \$30 fee. Evening or Saturday appointments are available.
- Dog Licenses: State Law requires all puppies to be licensed at 4 months. At time of licensing, a rabies certificate and neuter/spay

certificate must be presented. Licensing Fees: Unspayed/Unneutered \$18 and Spayed/Neutered \$10.

(It is NYS Ag & Market law- **ALL dogs** harbored in the Town of Torrey must be licensed yearly at the Town Clerk office.)

**From the Desk of Town Highway Superintendent (*Tim Chambers*):**

- Off hours emergency callout number: 315-729-2706
- Town will soon take possession of a new truck from International
- Reviewing the insurance quotes on Town Highway equipment, some of which may be over insured.
- Using Consolidated Local and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs) funds Jensen and Serenity Roads were oiled and stoned twice in June and July in order to improve wear.
- CHIPs money has been used to pave Hopeton Road.
- Normal highway, shoulder, and drainage ditch work is ongoing.
- An erosion issue on East Leach Road continues to be monitored
- A sinkhole on Arrowhead Beach Road was repaired by the homeowner with the Town responsible for approximately 10 feet in the right-of-way.
- As a **safety** precaution, as we approach the time of year when snow plowing is possible, trash cans should **not** be placed on Town Roads, but rather on the right-of-way.
- *Reminder according to NYS law:*
  - + throwing trash, garbage, rubbish, litter or refuse on Highways and adjacent lands is prohibited
  - + the town superintendent of highways shall sue for and recover a penalty not to exceed \$100 from any person depositing ashes, snow, ice, stones, sticks, etc. upon a highway or on grass or loose stones adjoining a town highway

**From the Desk of Town Code Enforcement Officer (*Dwight James*):**

- Call the Town Office at 315-536-6376 (cell 315-730-3291) or

email at [torreycodes@gmail.com](mailto:torreycodes@gmail.com) to inquire about permits.

*When in doubt ask!*

- Building permits are required for any electrical, plumbing, insulation, or structural work undertaken.
- Construction or alteration of any accessory structure, addition, or new construction requires a permit.
- Reminder all short term rentals must be registered with the Town
- Year-to-Date there have been 77 permits issued and \$7514.20 permit fees collected
- Working with the owner of Torrey Station on a special use permit

**From the Desk of Town Planning Board (*Dave Granzin*):**

- Meets the third (3rd) Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Town Building
- Reviewing Greenidge's plans for a Data Storage Facility
- Reviewing the Town of Torrey's dog kennel requirements

**From the Desk of Town Judge (Hon. George Thompson)**

- Court is held each Tuesday at 2:00pm on the West side of the Town Building. The phone number is 315.536.5655
- Criminal court is held the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm
- Town Court is applying for a **JCAP** Grant (up to \$30,000) in the 2020-2021 cycle for the installation of a security system for the building and court essentials.

**From the Desk of Town Watershed Inspector (*Yates Cty Soil & Water*)**

The Town's inspectors can be contacted at the Yates County Soil and Water Conservation Department 315- 536-5188.

The Yates County Soil and Water Conservation District provides the watershed inspection services for the Town of Torrey and Village of Dresden. Educating homeowners on the function of their wastewater treatment systems has proven to be a tremendous benefit.

District staff have conducted 406 watershed inspections since the inception of the Town's Wastewater Law in 2015. Of the 406 total inspections, 44 resulted in failures. Failures ranged from something as simple as an alarm float to an entirely new absorption area.

Zone 1 inspections occur every 5 years on properties whose components are within 200 feet of Seneca Lake or a DEC classified stream. Round two of Zone 1 inspections will begin in 2020. The District sent letters to homeowners in April as a reminder that their system is due for inspection. Home owners may then let their septic pumpers know that they are in need of a Zone 1 inspection and the pumpers will arrange a time with our office for the inspection.

There are 14 past due properties remaining to be inspected to complete the second round of Zone 1 inspections. Systems that are past due for inspection receive a letter stating the required procedure with a date by which to comply. If there is no response in the given timeframe then a notice of violation is issued, giving the homeowner 30 days to comply. The next step is the issuance of a summons and court action is taken, though it rarely comes to this extreme measure.

If any residents have questions regarding the watershed inspection program, they may call the office at 315-536-5188.

Soil & Water also continues to interact with all of our local farmers utilizing NYS's Agricultural Environmental Management program. This program has been utilized in the county since 1997. We have worked with local farmers on a suite of practices including soil erosion and field runoff, manure storage, barnyard runoff, and manure and nutrient management.

**From the Desk of the Mayor of Dresden (*Bill Hall*):**

- Mayor Bill Hall (Term: March 2019 - March 2021)
- Village Trustees
  - Brian Flynn (Term: March 2020 - March 2022)
  - Bret Siegrist (Term: March 2019 - March 2021)
- Village Board meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm
- Colleen Riviello is the Village Clerk. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 2:00pm, phone number 315-536-2477
- Village Elections were held September 15th which had been postponed due to COVID-19. One trustee position was open. Brian Flynn ran unopposed.
- The Water Project at the Water Tank has been completed and the aerator that was installed is working perfectly.
- The 2019 Dresden Water Quality Report is available. Copies are available at the Village Office or can be viewed by visiting the Village website at [www.villageofdresden.org](http://www.villageofdresden.org) and clicking on the link 2019\_Dresden\_Water\_Quality\_Report
- The Village would like to thank village resident, Adam P., for offering his time and supplies to paint the white lines on the basketball court. It looks great!
- The Village Fire Department Drive-thru Chicken BBQ was a huge success. Thank you to all that volunteered and those that purchased a dinner!
- Village of Dresden Fire Department Sunday Morning Breakfast fundraiser are on hold because of the Pandemic until next year.
- Installed SPEED HUMPS at the intersection of Charles Street and Bogart Street in June. They will be removed in November, then reinstalled again next Spring.

**Community Events**

- **Memorial Day Observance** for the Town of Torrey was canceled due to COVID-19
- **Town of Torrey Beach** was open from July 1st through August 14th.
- **Anthony Road Twilight 5k** for the benefit of the Friends of the Keuka Outlet and the Geneva Cross Country was canceled due to COVID-19
- **Torrey Cleanup Day** was held August 15th. There were 7 dumpsters filled with household items, 1 recyclable “metal only” dumpster, 1 dump truck full of tires, and 1 garage stall of electronics.
- **Auction to Benefit Haiti** was held on August 8th. It was limited to one day only because of COVID-19.
- **Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association** (SLPWA) started monitoring Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) on August 2nd by local volunteers and will continue through Columbus Day weekend. Check their website [www.SenecaLake.org](http://www.SenecaLake.org) for additional information or to volunteer!
- **Friends of the Keuka Outlet** (FOTO) check their website [www.KeukaOutletTrail.org](http://www.KeukaOutletTrail.org) for details of events to be held the remainder of the year.
- **Yates Transit Services** provides public bus service throughout the County including a route from/to Dresden and Penn Yan. Call 315.694.7700 or go to their website- [yatestransitservice.com](http://yatestransitservice.com) for additional information.

**From the Desk of the Newsletter Editor** (*Grant Downs*):



- The response to the town newsletter continues to be very positive. Additional feedback and/or comments are welcome and can be submitted by either calling 315-536-6376 or sending an email to: [townclerk@townoftorrey.com](mailto:townclerk@townoftorrey.com)
- A number of you requested you would like subsequent newsletters to be sent via Email. We have attempted to accommodate this request.
- Newsletters will also be posted on the Town of Torrey website: <https://townoftorrey.org>
- We continue to make the transition from a hardcopy newsletter to electronic copy **only**, this issue is being sent via email to those who have signed up. There will be a limited number of hardcopy newsletters available at the Town Office
- Those wishing to have future newsletters sent by email should provide the following information and send it to the town clerk:

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_