

TOWN OF TORREY BOARD
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Newsletter
May 1- August 31, 2021

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).

Town Officials -

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Betty Daggett (Town Clerk) townclerk@townoftorrey.com
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Tim Chambers (Hwy Supt.) townclerk@townoftorrey.com
315.729.2706 Term: January 1,2020 - December 31,2021

George Thompson (Town Justice) townclerk@townoftorrey.com
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Dwight James (Code Enforcement Officer) torreycodes@gmail.com
315.536.6376 (cell 315.730.3291)

Patricia Brede (Town Assessor) assessor@townofbenton.us
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From the Desk of Town Supervisor (*Pat Flynn*)

- All easements necessary for WD1 have been obtained by the Town of Torrey and properly filed at the Yates County Clerk's office.
- The Town of Torrey has received from the Village of Dresden two proposals for a Water Contract for WD2. One is for the wholesale price of water while the other includes services as well as the water cost.
They will be reviewed by the Town Attorney.
- The Town of Torrey signed a contract with Mengel Metzger Barr & Co. (**MMB**) to provide accounting and audit services for the year ended December 31, 2021 at a cost of \$13,700.

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 a rural development grant of \$684,000.00.

- Approved a resolution to authorize **CPL** (formerly Clark Paterson Lee) to advertise for Bids for Water District 1.
- On July 13,2021 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.
- Announced Samantha Conley as the winner of the Town of Torrey Logo Contest (see logo at the top of the page!)
- Approved a bid by Kathy Gernold for a sign on the Town Building dedicating it to Supervisors P. Henry Flynn and Patrick H. Flynn for their many years of service to the Town of Torrey.
- The severe rain storms of July impacted the completion of improvements to the Torrey Town Park, although a Labor Day finalization is anticipated.
- Awarded a bid for a sign at the Torrey Town Park to Kathy Gernold for \$850.00
- Reappointed David Granzin to the Town Planning Board and Audrey Riesenberger to the Board of Assessment Review.
- Appointed Deanne Lamborn to the Zoning Board of Appeals
- Town Budget dates:
 - September 21 at 7:00 Budget Workshop
 - September 29 at 7:00 Budget Workshop
 - October 12 at 7:30 Regular Board Mtg (set date of Public Hearing on Budget)
- Approved the Select insurance contract with the Stork Insurance Agency for \$20,251.05 running from October 1,2021 to September 30,2022. This is a \$612.13 increase over the previous year.

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

- The 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 on sale
- Marriage License Requirements: Bride/Groom/Spouse must be present to obtain a license. The license is good for 60 days. There is a \$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
- Will investigate with Town Board members Peter Martini and Colby Petersen the purchasing of a new excavator.
- Assisted the Village of Dresden in storm cleanup from the July 13th storm in addition to areas outside the village especially the Hopeton Cemetery
- Truck #2 needed to have its box raised to allow the hook up of the spreader at a cost \$5930.88.
- 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.
- Consolidated Local and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs) monies were used to oil and stone Hopeton Road.
- Town Highway Department completed work at the Torrey Town Park
- *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 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 73 permits issued and \$ 12,145 permit fees collected
- Pursuing with the owner of Torrey Station on the expiration of its special use permit
- Identified the need of Emergency lighting in the Town Building
- Arranging with the Town of Benton to have both towns' Planning and Zoning Boards attend a required training session

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
- Finalizing the Town of Torrey's dog kennel requirements
- Approved the subdivision and site plan for Norbut's Solar Farm project
- Considering the impact of the new New York State Cannabis Law
- Dave Granzin announced his resignation from the Planning Board as he is moving out of the area.
- Robert Miller was named as chairman of the Planning Board to

replace Dave

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
- Yearly audit of Town of Torrey Court's accounts was done on September 20th by Town Board members Peter Martini and Colby Petersen

From the Desk of Town Assessor (Patricia Brede)

- The last revaluation was done in 2019. New York State requires a revaluation to be done every 4 to 5 years. This last year has seen a significant increase in selling prices. So it is hoped to delay the revaluation until 2024, to give prices a chance to stabilize.
- Grievance Day was held May 27th at the Town Building
- Pat will be retiring at the end of 2022, so it will be necessary for the Town of Benton and Town of Torrey to find a replacement.

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.

In November of 2014, the Town of Torrey passed a local Wastewater Law effective January 1, 2015. Under the new law, any onsite wastewater treatment system within 200' of Seneca Lake or a DEC classified stream is required to be inspected every 5 years. The cost of the inspection is borne by the Town of Torrey (unless

this is a property transfer). However any pumping of the septic or repair is a cost to the homeowner. We are now in year 7 of these inspections.

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.

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
- Held "MUSIC at the Gazebo" the first Tuesday of the month starting in June through September.

- Installed SPEED HUMPS at the intersection of Charles Street and Bogart Street in June. They were removed just after Labor Day to allow for the repaving of Charles Street in this area.
- The Mennonite Community has volunteered to clean up Village land adjacent to the Torrey Town Park on September 25th at 8:00 am. A community picnic will follow.
- Dresden Fire Department meets the first Monday of the month. There is a need for volunteer firemen in Dresden. All residents of the Town of Torrey are encouraged to volunteer.

Community Events

- The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) puts out a weekly bulletin each week detailing proposals and actions throughout the State.

The Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB) is available at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html>

Yates County is in Region 8

- **Memorial Day Observance** for the Town of Torrey was held at the Dresden United Methodist Church with a ceremony at the Evergreen Cemetery as well. This was the 99th year of this observance.

- **Town of Torrey Beach** was closed to make improvements to the Town Park through monies (\$9300) obtained from Yates County's Natural Resource and Recreation Grant Program
- **Assessor Opening for the Towns of Benton and Torrey.** There is actually an acute shortage throughout Yates County as many assessors are planning to retire.. Anyone interested in applying for an assessor position is strongly encouraged to contact Pat Brede at 315.536.7551 or email assessor@townofbenton.us
- **Torrey Cleanup Day** was held July 31st. 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. The Town collected \$1060 in metal and \$566 in TV, Mattresses, and Tire fees.
- **Auction for the New York State Haiti Benefit** was held on June 18 -19. It was held at the Finger Lakes Auction site in Penn Yan..
- **Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association (SLPWA)** started monitoring Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) on August 1st by local volunteers and will continue through Columbus Day weekend. Check their website www.SenecaLake.org for additional information or to volunteer!
- **Friends of the Keuka Outlet (FOTO)** will hold a "Celebration of Cascade Falls on Sunday September 26th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Check the **FOTO** website www.KeukaOutletTrail.org for details of this event as well as other 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

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
- Newsletters will also be posted on the Town of Torrey website: <https://townoftorrey.org>
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- A number of you requested you would like subsequent newsletters to be sent via Email. We have attempted to accommodate this request.
- Delivery of the Town Newsletter will be electronically only.
- Those wishing to have future newsletters sent by email should provide the following information and send it to the town clerk:

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