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Town Supervisor's News

I hope that all our residents enjoyed their summer. The season can be very short, but the activities can be endless. Activities within our own Town keep us in Victor and busy!

Our great start to summer events included the always-popular Parks and Recreation-sponsored Thursday night Summer Concert Series. Overall, we were blessed with great weather, food, desserts, drinks, and music. Thank you to the many residents who attended these concerts! Another wonderful event which is increasing in popularity is Taco Tuesdays over at Dryer Road Park. It is wonderful to see so many young families and grandparents experiencing these spring and summer events with their families.

This was year number two for the Town-sponsored **Climb Aboard Victor Event (see pages 29-31)**. In our first year the event was held at Eastview Mall, and this year it was held right here in the Village on September 16th. I can't thank Councilman Drew Cusimano enough for the number of hours he put into planning for this event. He had a vision of what this event could be, and wow, has it grown in only two years! I want to thank everyone who either volunteered their time or agreed to work at this event. The collaboration with all of the participating organizations and businesses was truly amazing. I do wish to thank the Victor Fire Department for the use of Fireman's Field, St. Patrick's Church for parking, and the Village Municipal lots. The weather, which is always a gamble, was fantastic. Observing families of all ages and the smiles on the faces of children at this event meant so much to me and the organizers of this event. This was a Community Event put on by **Community stakeholders-thank you everyone!**

I would like to thank the members of the Highway Department and the Highway Superintendent Mark Years for another productive year of road and drainage projects. We know they will now turn their attention to installing snow fences along some of our Town roads to minimize snow drifting. During the winter months I ask that you be aware of the snow removal equipment when they are out cleaning off our Town roads. We are committed to your safety and the safety of our Town employees-thank you!



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TOWN BUDGET 2024

The tax rate for 2024 will remain flat at \$1.71 per/thousand for the second year in a row. The Town is complying with the New York State imposed tax cap in 2024. The Town has been able to maintain this tax rate while still delivering the high level of services our residents expect. I wish to express my appreciation to our Budget Director, department heads, staff and Board members who worked hard to produce this budget.

Budget highlights:

- The Town will maintain our annual contribution to the Victor Farmington Ambulance at \$250K. VFA has utilized the additional money to enhance the level of service in 2022 & 2023. These services were achieved by adding additional staff, vehicles for coverage, and improving response times.
- Boughton Park share for 2024 is \$48,200, with an additional \$40,000 for engineering of the two dams. The DEC has new dam hazard levels that we are planning for with the assistance of our engineers.
- General road repairs and capital road projects next year, including engineering and design costs, are in line with what we budget for annually at \$1,950,000.

Five years ago, we made the decision to annually reinvest in our roads about \$2M. This dollar amount allows us to maintain an aggressive, but fiscally sound, maintenance program for our Town roads.

- To keep our fleet of vehicles updated and generally maintenance free, we have budgeted \$560,000 for 2024.
- We are also committing an additional \$500,000 to a Highway Capital Reserve Fund towards a future Highway Facility.
- Like most people, our health care rates have also gone up, but our increase was only 12% in comparison to some increases we have heard of.
- The NYS Retirement contribution for our employees is going up 13%.
- We are also hoping to work with our Highway Department and Parks staff to find the manpower and funding to pave Paparone Drive that leads into Victor Municipal Park.

Newsorthy Items:

- It was brought to my attention by a resident in the Gypsum Mills development that their community made National News. According to Golf Pass, Golfers' Choice 2023:

Top 25 short gold courses, the number one course was the Winding Creek Executive 9-hole par 29 Course, Congratulations Gypsum Mills Community and the Town of Victor!

- The Town Board joined the Village Board of Trustees, and both the Victor and Fishers Fire Districts Board of Fire Commissioners in voting to support Property Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Corp members. This is a small token of appreciation for the men and women who commit themselves to our safety.
- I would like to thank Bill Brown, a member of our Highway Department, for the last 25 years, for his service and dedication to our community, and wish him the very best on his retirement.

Please feel free to contact me at 585-742-5020 or at supervisor@town-victor-ny. us with any questions or concerns you may have. Please take advantage of our comment cards on the Town's website at www.victor.org to let us know how we are doing, or to offer suggestions on how to make Victor an even better place to live.