

# Town of Gaines

## Welcome Winter



## From the Desk of the Supervisor... Carol Culhane

As the Holiday season wraps up and the dreaded tax season creeps in, I am pleased with the conservative spending as reflected by **lower town taxes** four years in a row.

The biggest responsibility of a town Supervisor is management. Every year when I put together the Supervisors Budget I understand what conservative spending means. It is essential to be a "hands on" Supervisor. My last 5 years have been spent training, researching, and implementing conservative practices burying myself into all financial aspects of the town. It has not been easy but the rewards have been big! The discovery of water loss, no

audits and many inefficiencies in spending have enabled me to right the ship, providing the best services you expect from your town government. We are now able to make big purchases such as two trucks, a tractor, road work, computers, software, doors, inside and outside improvements with money I have been able to place in reserve.

As we go forward in 2017, I will continue to do my best work for you, the taxpayer. I will look for more opportunities. Encouraging more growth in residences and business which in turn increases the tax base and

continues to keep your taxes down.

As Chief Financial officer, I am proud of the town board and how well we work together for the betterment of our community. As a board our goal is to continue the good work of the people. I am honored we are a "Right to Farm Community" that has incorporated all of our benefits of our history and assets that profit everyone.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve this community and live here. As always remember the coffee pot is on and door is always open. If I can help in any way, please contact me at any time.

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From the Highway Superintendent

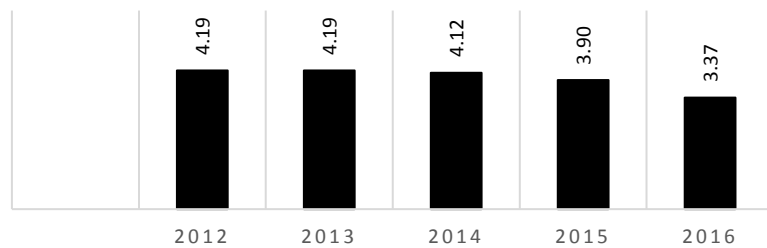
Direct Payments for Water Bills

More Good News!

From the Historian

Contact Info

TOWN PORPerty TAX RATE PER \$1000 ASSESSED



Town Porperty Tax Rate per \$1000 Assessed

## From the Desk of the Town Clerk...Sharon Harding

Town Clerk Sharon Harding and Deputy Clerk Debbie Mitchell are busy putting all of the minutes from 2012 up into hard bound copies with an electronic back up which were never completed. All records are required to have a hard copy and electronic back up according to the Association of Towns. Hunting and Fishing license are being issued.

Taxes can be paid during our office hours of Monday and Wednesday 9am – 3pm; Tuesday and Thursday 9am – 5pm and Friday from 9am – noon. Any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call.

## From the Desk of the Highway Superintendent...Ron Mannella

Mailboxes occasionally become damaged during snow removal. It is not done intentionally.

We do repair or replace if necessary with a standard box.

It should be noted that NO legal authority requires us to do so. Make sure your mailbox is secured to its post.

Slick roads can contribute to a collision, but drivers who fail to adjust generally cause accidents

their own driving to meet the conditions present.

DRIVE SAFELY



## Direct Payments for Water Bills

For those of you who hate to receive those pesky water bills or find yourself forgetting to pay on time, there is an option of "Direct Payment".

Simply fill out the "ACH Recurring Payment Authorization Form" (enclosed in this month's water bill) or download the form on our website.

[www.townofgaines.org](http://www.townofgaines.org).

Your water payment will be automatically deducted from your checking or savings account so you will never have to worry about missing your water bill payment or those late fees again.

## More good news...

Thanks to the hard work of Supervisor Culhane, the town of Gaines has been awarded a 75,000 grant for much needed building improvements. Our Goal is to improve the energy efficiency of the town hall to save cost on cooling and heating. It was through Senator Robert Ortt's office that Supervisor Culhane applied and was awarded a DASNY Grant.

Our goal is to begin construction work in the spring.

New security improvements are being completed as well as new entrance door with an automatic door opener providing safe a handicap accessibility.

The monies for this improvement was provided by the JCAP (Justice Court Grant).

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## From the Town Historian... Al Capurso

The next Historian Report will be available in the Town Hall by the Historian's Display Case. The original Centennial (1909) and Sesquicentennial (1959) booklets of Gaines are available while supplies last at the town building.

We are still looking to scan old photos and memorabilia of Gaines. Phone 590-0763. Al Capurso, Historian

The old folder contained the articles of incorporation for the "Village of Gaines" and when it was unincorporated plus the incorporation articles for the Gaines Academy. Priceless!!

