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Everything but..... the Kitchen Sink

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A Year in a snap shot



Your elected officials have been working hard this year to bring you a more responsible, efficient and transparent government in the town of Gaines. Your taxes for the last three years have continued to go down because we have shopped for the best services at the lowest price spending your money wisely.

We decreased the

health care stipend for two elected officials and lowered the stipend for the two union employees.

We are untangling the inconsistencies from the past, making changes as we moved forward, using proper procedures.

Remember we are working for you – the taxpayer. We want you to be informed so we made sure this

newsletter has everything we could fit into it but the kitchen sink.

This newsletter is posted online at www.townofgaines.org. Just click on the newsletter tab.

The website also contains the minutes from the meetings as well as budgets and any other pertinent information.



What's with the Water???

We have 10 water districts in the Town of Gaines. Water District 1 is our oldest and largest.

The big word to understand is **levy**. The Water Levy is like a mortgage payment on your home. It is the amount noted as **levy** on your County tax bill, which pays for the construction of your water district. Each water district has a **levy** until the cost of the water district's construction is paid off.

The **only** water district in the Town of Gaines that does **not** have a Levy is Water District 1. Last year Supervisor Culhane was finalizing the town budget when she discovered some documents she felt needed to be investigated. She alerted our new accountants who verified that water districts 2,3,4,5,6,7,9 & 10 were being overcharged with their **Levies..** Water district 8 was being

undercharged. Our Supervisor addressed the issue, bringing it to the Town Board's attention.

It is now being corrected. A resolution to pay down the water districts and pay off Water District 4 can be found in the September 9, 2014 Board minutes posted on line. You can also foil those minutes at the town hall.



WE HAVE CALLED THE PLUMBER!!!

“Wendel Engineering” came in because Gaines had a very large water loss. To give you an idea how big this loss is picture a football field made into a fish tank 143 ¼ feet tall filled with 60 million gallons of water. A thorough Audit and Analysis of our water system found that our

pipng is in excellent shape. Wendel” has given us some direction to correct some of the problems. Thus far Meters have been upgraded and we are working on a G.P.S for curb box locations. Rural Waters also came in and examined our piping and found a

couple of minor leaks but our systems and pipes are in excellent shape. It is unclear at this point where the water loss is.

To find out more on this situation you can read the full report on our website at www.townofgaines.org or foil at the Town Hall.

LOCAL BUSINESSES IN THE TOWN OF GAINES

“Rocking R Ranch”:
2011

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The Old Goat
Collectables Store”
September 2013

“Fair Haven Treasures”
May 2014

“Cobble –Ridge Co- Op”
March 2014

“Tillman’s Historic
Village Inn” adding on

Intergrow Greenhouses
Inc.” Adding on

Lake Ontario Fruit, Inc.
Thriving and growing

Clean and Shiny!!

Three Audits were conducted in the Town of Gaines. The first Audit, conducted in 2013 for the fiscal year of 2012 by the “Bonadio” group was unable to be completed due poor record management,

so we had to move forward with a Forensic Audit. The Forensic Audit was conducted in the summer of 2013 and the report is posted on our website. The third Audit for the year of 2013 is

complete and has found your town was financially solid and needed closer management.

As We Move Forward.....

Your roads have been repaired, trucks and machinery are in good shape, and the Salt Barn is saving you money.

The Cobblestone Museum is busy, local businesses are growing.

Young families are moving in, people are building, and we have a good harvest!

Coming Events..... See what’s happening in YOUR Town.

October 14th 7:30pm Regular Town Board Meeting and Public Hearing regarding senior citizen’s property tax break by annual income.