

Village of STAMFORD



“Queen of the Catskills”

October—December 2019

VILLAGE CONTACTS

Mayor

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Village Clerk

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Ext. **

Village Treasurer

Sandra Collins - 607-652-6671
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Public Works Superintendent

Joe Hornbeck - 607-652-4710
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Village Attorney

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Animal Control Officer

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Tax Assessor

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Village Historian

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Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman

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The Village Combines Water and Sewer Bills!

The Village of Stamford will be revamping its water and sewer billing system. In the past we have billed, water and sewer separately on a quarterly basis. This system, in the past, has created confusion. We will continue to bill quarterly but your bill will combine both the water and the sewer bills on one invoice.

The Village has determined that combining the water and sewer bill into one invoice, will improve the billing process. The new bills will be printed on a single post card, the rates will remain the same as will the due dates and late payment fees. We will continue to bill on a quarterly basis to follow local water and sewer laws. The account numbers will use an A instead of a G or F. The Village feels that this approach to billing will make paying bills less confusing for all.

Q&A:

- Will my account number change? Yes, you will have an A in front of your current number. The F & G accounts will be archived.
- Will I be billed quarterly still? Yes, you will still be billed quarterly. The only change will

be that the water and sewer payments will be due at the same time.

- Will my rates change? No, you will still be billed \$70/ unit for sewer and \$42.50/unit for the first 5000 gallons of water and 8.50/ 1000 gallons thereafter.
- Do I send one check for the entire bill? Yes, please send one check in, for the entire bill. We just ask that you put your account number in the memo section and continue to send half the stub back with your payment.
- Will my bill be itemized? Yes, your bill will itemize both the water and sewer utilities.

We look forward to bringing you this change starting January 1, 2020! Please contact the Village Hall should you have any questions or concerns about the new billing system.

Robert J. Schneider, Village Mayor
Village of Stamford Mayor

The Village office welcomes Trick—or—Treaters on Halloween! Gena and Sandie will be handing out candy. Please feel free to bring your little ones by the Village Hall from 1PM—5PM. We would love to see all the costumes!

Lots of new faces and changes at the Village of Stamford!

On April 30th of this year John Wilsey, HEO, of the Public Works Department retired after 26 & 1/2 years of employment with the Village. We wish him well in his years of retirement. John was dedicated to the job and never refused to work day or night. He was replaced by Wayland Jester, as an HEO. Wayland comes to us with a lot of experience and at a young and energetic age. He has added much experience to the crew. Jesse Calia has been promoted to Working Supervisor to follow in the Superintendent's foot steps, as I prepare for retirement sometime in 2021. Jesse has been with the Public Works Department for 3 years. He was hired as a temp and filled a vacant position later the same year at a full time status. Our latest change has come in the last weeks, prior to this newsletter. Greg Haggerty was hired part time to fill in for Bob Lane. Greg has now been hired full time as an MEO with the Public Works Department. He also comes to us with a lot of energy. We look forward to many years to come with this young crew! They have made my job as superintendent, with this transition, very easy. They are all eager and willing to learn new things. Please join me in congratulating all! -Joe Hornbeck

In April Pam Hladik decided to leave the Village after eight (8) years of being the Village Treasurer. We welcomed Sandie Collins in June. Sandie grew up in Prattsville and lived in the Village of Stamford for 10 years.. She has a degree in Business Administration. She has experience in Accounts Receivable as a Department Manager, experience with Payroll and managed the school activity fund at Gilboa Central School. Sandie is very eager to further her knowledge in Municipal Accounting. She has fit right in at the Village and we are glad to have her high energy and willingness/eagerness to learn and help out when needed!

We would like to bid farewell to John Bonhotal, former Deputy Mayor, and Reid Golden former Trustee. We thank them for their years of commitment to the Village. Joan Hinman came back to the Board as a Trustee to fill one of the vacancy's. The Mayor will be appointing one more Trustee. Jim Kopp has been appointed as the new Deputy Mayor. There will be two (2) Trustee positions available in the March elections!

The Village Acquires 82 Main St, former Madison building and makes improvements to our Village

The Village of Stamford has been actively engaged in mitigating some of the vacant buildings around town. 82 main Street, next to The Village Hall, was acquired back in July and will be partially razed. The current plan is to try to save and restore the oldest section of this building recently repainted by the Village Crew. The Village will be launching a fund raising effort to accomplish this goal and we hope the Village will pull together and save this historic landmark.

The former Madison Hotel on Lake Street was also acquired by the Village and sadly, must be razed. The building was allowed to deteriorate to such an extent that it is now unsalvageable. The cost of this project has yet to be determined and the building will be secured and posted for the near term. Progress is being made on other structures including the former Westholm Hotel but there is still much work to be done. To this end our Buildings and Codes Enforcement Officer will continue to issue warnings and repair orders.

The appearance of our Village is of vital importance not only to attract visitors and new residents but also

to maintain the collective value of our real estate and maintain the value of the Villages tax base. An improvement on one property spills over to adjoining properties as well as the Village as a whole. I am very encouraged by the progress thus far and have had many positive comments from Village residents.

Robert J. Schneider, Mayor



Village Clerk's Corner

All are welcome and invited to attend any and all Village of Stamford meetings!

Upcoming Village Board of Trustee Meetings:

October 15th @ 7PM

November 19th @ 7PM

December 17th @ 7PM

Water & Sewer Bills

Please Remember that your Water and Sewer bills are considered utilities. Although we understand mail can get lost or misplaced, you are still responsible for making your payments on time, so that there will be no interruption in your water service.

911

For many years now, the 911 system has proven over and over how valuable it truly is. Coupled with constant evolving technology, ambulances have become rolling clinics linked directly to a hospital nearby.

However, Small rural areas such as upstate NY have struggled to keep up due to a serious lack of internet, cell service, and community street numbering from days gone by. Stamford Village is coming of age with internet and cell service, but street numbering and pinpoint location needs to be studied if we want to advance to help the first responders.

Recently, a call came into 911 for a stroke victim. The address was given. The first responders arrived at the location, but after a combing of the address, the person could not be found. Another local person came in and directed the first

responders around the back of the building and up 3 flights of stairs to an apartment the fire department had no idea was there. This prompted the fire dept. officials to contact the Village Board with a plea to address the problem. A small committee consisting of members both the fire dept. and Village Board was formed in hopes to develop solutions to bring our community up to date and prevent any more delays in saving members of the community.

We are looking to advance the role of members. If any member of our community would like to participate with the group, please contact any fire dept. member, the Village Clerk or Deputy Mayor Jim Kopp.

-Jim Kopp, Deputy Mayor

NOTICE

*Due to combining the water and sewer bills, you will not see a sewer bill in December. You will be billed for September's sewer rent, in January 2020. Your bill in January will be:
Sewer rent: September—December
Water rent: October—December*

New Billing Schedule

January 1st—Water & Sewer (Oct, Nov, Dec)

April 1st— Water & Sewer (Jan, Feb, Mar)

July 1st—Water & Sewer (Apr, May, Jun)

October 1st—Water & Sewer (Jul, Aug Sept)

TAP Project for Village Sidewalks

Two years ago, Stamford Village Board applied for a funding project to re-build the sidewalks and re-place the street lights.

The project will be completed through a program called Transportation Alternatives Program or TAP. The Village Board, at that time, worked for two years to accomplish this endeavor which wasn't easy. Kudos to all their hard work. They were successful in getting approvals from the Federal Highway Commission and administered by NY State Dept of Transportation. The present Village Board then had to complete the application and acquire the local portion of the funding. The Mayor was successful in locating this final phase through a promise from the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation and the project is now ready to begin. The first phase will be a new survey of the slated area set to be complete later this year. Actual construction is targeted for spring of 2021.

- Jim Kopp, Deputy Mayor



Village Crew Hours:

*[All water emergency calls should be directed to
Joe Hornbeck @ (607) 221-7411]*

June - August
Monday - Friday 6:00AM - 2:30PM
September - May
Monday - Friday 7:00AM - 3:30PM

Make your Water, Sewer, and Tax payments
on our Website at: www.stamfordny.com

Village Hall Hours:

Monday - Friday
9:00AM - 1:00PM and by Appt. between 2-4PM
84 MAIN STREET, STAMFORD, NY 12167
OFFICE: 607-652-6671 FAX: 607-652-3567
WWW.STAMFORDNY.COM

*** Please be advised that our payment center does not work with Firefox Browser ***

Closed Holidays, Open Through Lunchtime
(Payments can be left in the outside drop box at anytime!)
[Street Parking with Handicap Access at the rear of the Building]



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