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SUPERVISORS NOTES

I am sure that by now most people have heard that the New York State Comptroller is now monitoring all local governments for signs of fiscal stress. As the economy of upstate New York has been struggling to keep up, so have local governments been struggling with financial pressures. Although the property tax cap in the state is a good thing, it greatly limits the ability to maintain services that have ever increasing costs. The comptroller has ranked local governments by a number that represents whether the local government appears to be able to handle the pressure. The Good news is that Berkshire has a ranking of 3.3, which in essence means we are in the best financial position of all local governments in Tioga County. As your Supervisor, I am constantly monitoring all expenditures and revenue sources to make sure that we continue as number 1, allowing us to keep Town property taxes as low as possible. We have no control over County or Fire tax. There has been much talk about the Natural Gas future, and that is not a local option. We do have input into how it could affect our Town roads; Not State or County roads. Our Planning Board has been reviewing several options and has approximately 7 different variations of how this is being handled in other municipalities. This will be presented to the Board as work progresses. I am aware that there are 2 sides, those for gas exploration and those against. In my opinion, not speaking for the Town Board, the biggest issue is whether or not this can be done safely. I am not an expert on that issue and therefore defer judgment on safety to the experts. I am however not in favor of anyone in local government telling landowners how he or she can or cannot use their private property. For Berkshire to remain a family orientated community it is important that we all work together and not allow ourselves to be torn apart by one side or the other of this issue. Everyone is certainly entitled to an opinion, just not imposed on others to the point of becoming a detriment to our community. Speaking of community, last quarter I mentioned that the Board was working on updating a consolidated plan for Berkshire. We have now included the Planning Board to work with us on this important issue for the future of Berkshire. As I have said in the past, it is important to have a plan for the future years for the providing of services and improvements as well as possible means of funding other than property taxes. If there are any individuals interested in volunteering to help with this project please contact any Board member or myself. We strive to cooperate and share services within our community. As an example of this; the Fire District, Highway Department and the Berkshire Community Association shared in a cost saving measure during the final phase of the new fire station. As always follow the town activity on our Web site www.BerkshireNY.net and now you can follow the fire department at www.BerkshireFireDepartment.com where there are photos of the progress of the new station. Until next time, I hope you get a chance to come see us at the Board meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00PM in the Town Hall.

Your Supervisor *Ron McEwen*

NEW FIRE STATION NEWS

Well as I'm sure you all know the new station is almost complete. We can definitely see the light at the end of the tunnel. The last major item is the blacktop and that will be going in soon. USDA has done an inspection of the building and it went very well. They have a few small requests that have to be changed and done but that is to be expected after the inspection of any new building. We should be able to move in by the middle of August. All of the contractors and the officials have worked very well together making the project run smoothly. Some of the highlights of the new station are, a larger room for meetings and events, a decon room with emergency shower for responders, a modern and up to code kitchen, fully accessible rest rooms, more

office and storage space for members and officers, and room for all the apparatus to fit The building will meet the needs of the fire company for many decades to come.

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We would like to thank all that have supported us during this adventure, and we hope those that did not before, can now see the need was there and the new station is a modern and usable building that will provide both the members and the community with what they need now, and in the future. For those of you on Facebook there is a page with pictures posted on it. The page is New Berkshire Fire Station, like it and you will get updated pictures. The new station has been a long time coming but the end is in sight. Once the station is complete we will be having an open house and showing the community's new building. *Bret Welch, Chief*

BERKSHIRE PLANNING BOARD

We are happy to report that the Manufactured Housing Law (formerly Mobile Home) recently updated has been passed by the Town Board. This law governs the installation and replacement of manufactured homes (formerly referred to as mobile homes) in the Town of Berkshire. The law does NOT cover factory manufactured homes (often referred to as pre-fab homes or modulars) which follow different manufacturing standards than a "mobile" home. The law outlines the requirements for permitting for the installation of a new manufactured home or for the replacement or removal of an existing manufactured home. Among the requirements set forth by the State, a manufactured home must now be a minimum of 900 square feet, with minimum requirements for entries, skirting, etc. A permit is required to install, remove, or replace any manufactured home. An electronic copy of the law can be found on the town web site at www.berkshirenny.net. The membership of the Planning Board has had a number of changes recently. Wayne Antal, who recently was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Jim Lacey's departure, had a sudden change in jobs and has had to resign from the board (and subsequently move away from Berkshire). We are sorry to see him leave as he was a valuable member of the group during his short tenure. Joe Palmeri has also resigned from the Board after a number of years of service. Again, we are sorry to see him leave and appreciate his many contributions over the last 8 or so years. That leaves us with just three regular members and one alternate. If you would be interested in serving on the Planning Board as a regular member or as an alternate, please contact Ken Ceurter, Planning Board Chair, at 657-2831. Serving on the Planning Board is a good way to become involved with and serve our little community. Other members of the Board are: Sarah Albrecht, Tim Pollard, and Marty Matrazzo (alternate). We are excited to be starting a new project working with the Town Board on a consolidated plan for the Town of Berkshire. The Planning Board is to develop a questionnaire within the next few months that will go to all town residents for their feedback on town issues, concerns, and priorities. Once collected and analyzed, the Town Board wishes to use the information in developing and planning a direction for the town. A small committee of interested residents will work with the Planning Board to develop the questionnaire. The committee will be carefully selected to ensure appropriate representation of all corners of town; it is important to both the Town Board and Planning Board that the questions and the results be representative of the entire town. If you would be interested in membership on this committee, please contact *Sarah Albrecht, Planning Board Secretary, at 657-8331.*



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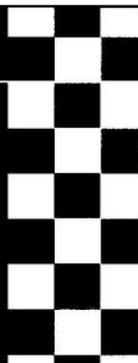
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HIGHWAY NEWS

An extremely wet month of June caused some delays in our roadwork schedule but July weather is helping us to get back on track. The heavy June rains caused some minor washouts which have now been repaired. The rubber tired excavator that we purchased recently is working very well for us. It does a great job on ditches and we are rapidly cleaning up some of the worst areas. The gravel portion of Akins has been rebuilt as has Brummage Rd. We plan to do a lot of repair/rebuilding of the south end of N. Ketchumville Rd. The paving and repaving schedule is still indefinite and depends on late summer funding availability. The good news is that I just received confirmation from NYS that we will receive CHIPS money this year and they have actually increased Berkshire's share to \$94,000. Equipment is holding up well. We bought a late model Ford 350 pickup with 9 foot plow from the Town of Richford. The truck is in good shape with low mileage and will replace the similar but older model that we have had since 2008. Gary Brigham officially retired on July 2. We hired Steve Rozelle who has been with us for many years as a part timer. Bill Leonard has been helping the crew this summer and is working out very well. Even though we went through a lot of sand last winter, we now have a pretty good stockpile for this season. We acquired about 80 loads of cinders at a fraction of the price of sand which helped our snow removal budget. I thought we would be able to get quite a few more loads but it turned out that were fewer available than we were previously told. We are starting to think about replenishing our used oil supply for heating the highway barn this coming winter season. You can drop off containers at the garage, or if you have large enough quantities, we will pick it up.

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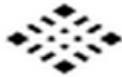
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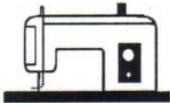
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HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY

In these tough economic times, we are seeing an increase in families utilizing the emergency food pantry. Perhaps you have been wondering how to help. Here are a few ideas for you to consider. Throughout the year, there are assorted food drives hosted by various organizations, such as area churches, USPS, and Boy Scouts. NBT in Newark Valley ran a food drive through the month of July to benefit both the Berkshire and Newark Valley food pantries. You can make a tax deductible contribution to the food pantry, either directly to our food pantry. Simply write out a check to "Helping Hands" and mail it to HH Food Pantry, PO Box 196, Berkshire, NY 13736 or via the internet. Go to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier's website (www.foodbankst.org). There is a "Donate Now" tab on the upper left side of the home page. If you use the website, please be sure to let them know your gift is intended for the Berkshire Helping Hands Food Pantry. Another way to help is by bringing extra veggies or fruits you have grown in your own gardens. We can distribute those extra zucchini or tomatoes or apples or whatever you grew "too many" of to our clients. Bring those items when we are open or call Emily or Joan to drop them off at a different time. Could you possibly make a couple trips to Owego each month to pick up bread products for us to distribute? John Stoughton has details for that. You might also consider helping during our monthly "Senior Pantry." We need people to help our seniors carry boxes to their cars. Although we try to keep the weight of the boxes (or bags) less than twenty pounds or so, some of our seniors are just not as strong as they used to be. If you can spare even just one hour a month, our senior clients would be grateful. We do this on a Saturday morning once each month, except November and December. These will be explained in the next newsletter. The Pantry is located in the lower level of the Berkshire Community Hall at 11 Jewett Hill Road, Berkshire Regular hours: Mondays 6:30 to 7:30 and Thursdays 2 to 4. For more info, please call Emily @ 657-8158 or Joan @ 657-2501 *Emily Shelton*

TOWN OFFICIALS & MEETINGS

Town Board Meetings 3rd Monday, 7:00 pm

Supervisor: Ron McEwen 657-8678 h 657-2531

Town Board: John Stoughton, Fraser Williams, Lillian Hoffmier, Ron Sharp 657-8678

Planning Board Chair: Ken Ceurter 657-2831 Meetings
- 1st Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

Highway Superintendent: Karl Spoonhower 657-2705
Town Clerk: Connie Liddington 657-8131 12421 St.
Rt. 38. M-Thur 6-8pm, Sat 10 am – 2 pm

Justice: Charles Brundza, 657-8286 Court 3rd Monday-
5:00pm

Assessor: Michael Maxwell 315-391-8323, 657-8635
18 Railroad Ave.

BERKSHIRE FIRE COMPANY NEWS

We are very excited to soon be getting into our own home. As the construction of the new station nears completion we are planning our move in. We hope to have everything organized and moved into the station by early September. If we make this deadline the plan is to schedule two open houses. We plan to have one in September and a second one in October during fire prevention week. By having two hopefully everyone in the community will make it to at least one of them. At the open house we will be showing off the community's new building. We will also have food, drinks, snacks, and items to give away. There will be no charge for either event and we hope the entire community will join us. The dates will be posted as soon as they are finalized; we need to get moved in first. Once again we would like to thank Karl and his highway crew for putting us up, and putting up with us. Also, thank you to the Congregational Church for allowing us to meet there.

Town Code Enforcement: Lee Virtue 657-8635 c 760-5551
Thursdays from 1 to 7 pm

Dog Control Officer: Ron Raab 426-4567

Berkshire Fire Commissioners: Don Liddington, Chair,
Bob Waite, Donny Liddington, Butch Ceurter, Rodney
Russell
Meetings 4th Wednesday, 7 pm

Fire Chief: Bret Welch

Berkshire Fire District EMS Squad Captain: Darlene Wait

CODE ENFORCEMENT

I have been in this position for 5+ years and during that time a lot has changed as far as Code Enforcement goes. I have gone to all training sessions and have never set in one that I have not learned from. The key to all the training is the safety of people, be it the home owner or renter, building a ramp for handicap, a new deck, new house, installation of a single wide, modular home, or double wide. It is my job to see that it is built correctly. This is the reason for the Building Permit. The Building Permit is designed for the Code Officer to review prints before anything is built, and with the new regulations on energy conservation it is the Code Officer's job to make sure new building or renovation will reduce cooling and heating cost. I'm here to protect you. For those of you who have more than one unlicensed vehicle, old trailers or junk/garbage on your property, get rid of them because you will be taken to court and fined. These are all State and Local Laws that are being enforced. The Code Officer by NYS Exec Law Title 19 Section 381 gives me the power to make you tear down anything requiring a building permit if one is not obtained, so it is your job to find out if you need one before you begin work. We are updating the web site so look there if you have a question or call. Remember CALL ME if you have an issue and we can come up with a solution but if you ignore me or the letters I cannot help you. If I do not follow up bug me. My phone number is 607-760-5551 or email:

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Lee Virtue, Berkshire Code Enforcement Officer

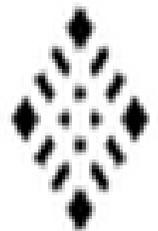
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It may seem to many that during the absence of the station we have not been busy. This is not true; the members are still giving up much of their time to support the community. We spent four weekends this summer cooking and selling food at four different motorcycle races. The money raised there was used to help with projects at the new station. Members also spent time putting in the septic and the new sidewalk in front of the station. These projects

were done with money earned by the members as well. Although training has been more difficult without a station, we have continued to train during this time as well. Most importantly, we have responded whenever someone in the community has called. So even though you don't see us in the middle of town we are still here volunteering our time for you. For those that are interested we are currently having a raffle with the prize being a trip for two to the NASCAR race in Dover. The trip includes bus trip down and back, two tickets to races Saturday and Sunday, hotel, and \$200.00 spending money for the weekend. The best part is that we only print 200 tickets so your odds of winning are no worse than 200-1. If you would like tickets see one of our members soon as the drawing is September 3rd at company meeting. As always we are looking for new members. If you are interested please call Bret Welch at (607) 427-0964 and I will get you an application and help get you started on a fun and rewarding career. There is a job for everyone in the volunteer fire service so come and join our family. *Bret Welch, Chief*

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**BERKSHIRE
COMMUNITY
HALL UPDATE**

The Hall served as an adjunct to the then neighboring high school, thus it contains a gymnasium and a stage. The Hall also served as the

focal point for all local area social and civic activities. Age decimated the ranks of the BCC and the adjacent high school closed, resulting in the virtual abandonment of this magnificent building in the early 1950's. The Fire District eventually used the upper level for storage but 50+ years of neglect had taken its toll. Since initiating a restoration project in 2005, the Berkshire Community Association has obtained a long term lease on the Hall and succeeded in obtaining funds from grants and donations to repair and strengthen the foundation, provide for exterior drainage, perform major interior structural improvements, install complete new electrical system and wiring, repair and paint the roof, restore the three original entrances, repair and paint the exterior siding, and constructed an addition that will become the main entrance with handicap access and ADA compliant restrooms. Currently one restroom is functional with water from the library and a nearly complete septic system. A handicap lift was donated and when funds become available it will be modified and installed. A heating system was purchased last year. The upper level is now fully functional and is being used several times a week. Recently the Hall has been used for weddings, anniversaries, dances and dance classes, graduation parties and many library and youth activities. In January, the Helping Hands Food pantry relocated from the basement of the Congregational Church to the handicap accessible first floor of the Community Hall. The first floor has a new concrete floor but is un-insulated and unfinished except for the Food Pantry rooms. Our next project is to upgrade the entire first floor including wiring and lighting and an exercise area/weight room for the Fire Company's use. BCA has recently obtained a \$7,500. grant from the Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation to be used for this project, however, this is a matching grant, and BCA must acquire an additional \$7,500. before the MFT funds are available to us. The treasure that is the Berkshire Community Hall belongs to you, the people of Berkshire and Northern Tioga County, and we are asking you to help if you possibly can. Tax deductible donations can be sent to BCA, P. O. Box 113, Berkshire, NY 13736. For further information contact Fraser Williams, 657 2742 email fraserw@citlink.net, or Skip Hartwig, 657 8418 email skhartwig@frontiernet.net.

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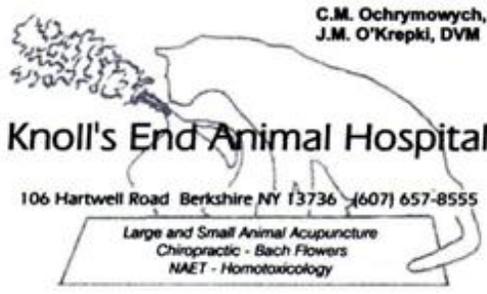


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BERKSHIRE FREE LIBRARY

Boy have we been busy at the library this month. The Summer Reading Program is almost over except for the independent reading that the children can do until the end of August. We had "Partying Parrots and Pals" stop in for all to enjoy on July 13th. Please stop in at the library and see the pictures that were taken of everyone and the parrots. We will have some extra copies for anyone who wants one. The kids are reading up a storm. The children attending the Berkshire programs have already read over 4,000 min. The children attending the Richford programs reading almost 3,000 min. and they started a week later. We have over 60 children participating in the programs at the library. Come on over and join us for "Groovin' in the Garden" with Story Laurie Thursday, August 8, at 6:30 pm in the Berkshire Community Hall,. We invite young and old alike to join us for a fun filled hour with songs, storytelling and lots more fun. Everyone is invited to come. It is our last summer program. Our 45th Annual Pie and Ice Cream Social will be on Thursday August 15 at 6:30pm. We will have it at the Berkshire Methodist Church Hall. Please join us for great tasting homemade pies and ice cream. If you would like to help by making a pie or two please let us know by dropping in and signing up or you can call during normal business hours. Our Annual Book sale starts on August 24 from 9-5 and runs August 27-31 from 9-5. We have lots of paperback and hardcover with some newer books newly donated. Come see what we have. We had a wonderful time with the extended Patch family members. We had 35 people come, tour the Library and Museum. We had light refreshments on hand and the weather held off for us. We enjoyed meeting family members and listening to stories about some others. This family and the library go hand in hand from the very beginning, without them we would not have the library we enjoy today. One of our board members is working on a grant to improve our shelving. With the new shelving we hope not only to have more room for books but make it easier to see them and keep them better organized. The shelving we hope to improve is the non-fiction shelving and some of the shelves in the children's area. With the improved shelving we also will be able to put all the non-fiction in one area and the fiction more together. Come in and see our new Large Print Books. We just finished processing some and have more coming. Check out our new Dan Brown books "Inferno" and the new Janet Evanovich "The Heist". Enjoy the rest of your summer, *LuAnn Whirl – Director*



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We maintain a list of email addresses to disseminate information of significant happenings in and around Berkshire such as major projects, meetings, fundraisers, public hearings, new or proposed legislation, etc. We have 190 addresses on the list and have been using it to help keep you informed for more than 12 years. It has proven to be a very effective way to get near real time communications to those people in Town who have email capability and wish to keep up with what is happening around Berkshire and surrounding areas. The program also serves as an excellent way for us to receive feedback. As a protection against personal use and SPAM, messages are sent out as Blind Carbon Copies so the entire list will never be sent to any recipients. Comments on the information provided and the use of the list has been very positive. To be placed on the list or to change an email address, contact Skip Hartwig - 657 8418, email skhartwig@frontiernet.net.



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