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### SUPERVISOR'S NOTE

Time passes very quickly and I find it once again time to write an article for your newsletter. My 1<sup>st</sup> three months in office have been a learning experience for the issues that will be affecting the town. We have passed Local Law #1 of 2012, which allows the Town and Residents to receive FEMA funding should we be hit with any disasters. It also allows the residents to be eligible for Flood Insurance in certain cases. This law replaced a law dated in 1989 and has been revised to reflect the new flood plane maps made available by FEMA. Should you like further information, or to look at the new maps, you may contact Lee Virtue our Code Enforcement Officer. Now that the weather is improving, not that it was that bad this winter, it is time to clean up our town. The Planning Board is working on revisions to codes for junk vehicles and other junk that may have accumulated over the winter. We all should have a sense of pride in our community and welcome the chance to clean up some of the junk that may be visible to outsiders, and each other, as we travel around our town. The Town Board and I feel this is an important issue and will keep striving to improve the appearance of Berkshire. We are working closely with the Code Enforcement Officer, the Planning Board, and the Town Justice to make improvements in the enforcement process. I would like to ask all residents to voluntarily do their share to keep our town attractive by keeping their properties clean from junk and trash. The town received some excellent news regarding the State Budget – the State will be picking up the local share for repairs and mitigation work from the tropical storms Lee and Irene last year. That means that we will receive 75% Federal funds and 25% State funds for all work that has been approved. This additional funding will leave the local funds necessary to complete some of the other work that needs to be done to maintain our roads. If any of you have had the opportunity to visit the Town Hall on Railroad Avenue; I am sure that you have noticed the new look of the building. If you have not seen it; please drive down and take a look. Thanks to prior Town Boards and Supervisors money was set aside for the renovations. The materials were purchased last year and installed this year. We have new windows and siding and the building is beginning to look like it would have years ago. None of these renovations have come from this year's taxes. The Board and I would appreciate your input on Gas Exploration in Berkshire. Please feel free to express your opinion "for" or "against". We will be talking about the issue in our workshop May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. I would like to invite you to attend our meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 PM to hear what is going on and even offer any suggestions that you may have. It is a pleasure being able to serve the residents of Berkshire.

*Ron McEwen*

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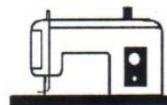
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**HIGHWAY NEWS**

This past winter was easy on us - not a lot of wear and tear on our equipment and we are left with most of our sand pile intact. While winter may have been slow, we expect this summer to be extremely busy. Over the last six months I spent a lot of time with FEMA agents and processing related paperwork but it was well worth it. We have received significant funds from FEMA and SEMO (the NYS counterpart) for the damage caused by the spring and September torrential rains and I believe that we may receive even more. The first check was for damage to roads, culverts, roadside ditches and streams that we have already repaired. But the remaining money is for projects that we will have to do this year. Some funds are for repairs and some is for mitigation projects. Mitigation projects do not necessarily involve damage repair, but address factors that lead to or frequently cause the damage. Examples might be: replacing culverts with larger pipes; diverting ditches away from problem areas and the use of cement blocks, rip-rap or concrete walls to prevent erosion. Once the normal spring road and ditch work is complete, the priority will be on those projects identified by FEMA since they impose a time limit on completion. We will be working repairs and mitigation on the following roads: N. Ketchumville, Letter S, McMahan, Ford Hill, Jewett Hill and Akins. I will try to keep as many of you as possible informed through the Townwide Email when our work will cause road closures, detours, or significant traffic delays. We have purchased a rubber tired excavator as a replacement for the Gradall which basically died of old age and repairs would have cost many times more than the \$5,000. that we paid for it 6 years ago. We bought the excavator from the Town of Montour Falls for \$40K which I consider a really good deal given the condition of the machine. I have looked at many others and even used one for a demo last fall. Montour Falls tried to sell the excavator through an on line auction service. Even though we were the high bidder, Montour Falls refused the bid which would have resulted in approximately \$10K savings. I would like to finish rebuilding and pave McMahan Rd. this season and it appears like we have the funds to do it. However the FEMA work takes precedence since the funding agreements stipulate a time frame for completion. Hopefully we do it all. *Karl Spoonhower*

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**PROGRESS IN BERKSHIRE**

The onset of Spring has brought on more than a change in the weather. As you may have noticed, something is happening at the Tioga Hardwoods facility on the North side of town. Currently with 35 employees, Tioga Hardwoods has started site work for the addition of a wood waste boiler and dry kilns. The expansion will mean the addition of 10-15 new jobs by the time the project is completed sometime in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of this year.

This expansion comes on the heels of other, less visible expansion at the facility. In 2011, Tioga Hardwoods added an optimizing gang rip line which is capable of producing 2 tractor trailer loads of ripped strips in an 8 hour shift. Unlike softwood lumber, hardwood lumber is produced in random widths. In order to make finished products like kitchen cabinets or tongue & groove flooring, the lumber needs to be sized accordingly. To accomplish this, two cameras scan a random width board, then a computer decides how to optimize the yield from that board given the fixed width sizes that are programmed into the system. The board then travels to a saw with multiple blades where it is ripped into the fixed widths required by the end user.

The addition of dry kilns will provide Tioga Hardwoods with a reliable supply of lumber to feed the rip line, as well as serve those customers that continue to use random width stock.

The economic downturn of the past 4-5 years has been very difficult for the hardwood lumber industry. With fewer housing starts, the demand for hardwood lumber has fallen greatly. Many sawmills and secondary hardwood producers have gone out of business during this time period. Tioga Hardwoods, however, has continued to search for new and innovative ways to continue to serve their customers, both home and abroad.

*Scott Snyder*



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### CODE ENFORCEMENT

Some issues you need to be aware of:

Building permits are need for: Electrical upgrades (services, main breaker panels); Plumbing; New additions; Porches. Call if you have a question.

House numbers: New York State says they have to be 4" high and every house must display them. It is recommended to also get a sign made up from your local fire department - the GREEN ones for your driveway at the road. If you need the Fire Dept. or Squad it is hard for them to know what address is yours. This is a HUGE problem at night.

Wood Burning stoves must get an installation permit. I have seen some that are not installed correctly.

Buildings that are falling down or in disrepair. Remove them. This is the Code.

Maximum height for lawn grass is 10".

There is a New DEC law on outdoor wood burning furnaces. Code will be sending out letters on these changes to everyone that has one. If you are planning to install one you need a permit. If you do not get a permit you will be made to take it down.

Pools over 24" deep need a permit. There are new State laws governing the installation of pools. Trash, junk cars, and tires get rid of them. NYS Property Maintenance Laws state that you MUST keep your property clean and healthy.

Single, modular, or double wide homes must be installed by a New York State certified installer. A permit is needed and in the future you will be told to have it removed if the law is not followed.

If you have a question you can call me. My cell number is 607-760-5551. *Lee Virtue - Code Official*

### **BERKSHIRE FIRE DISTRICT - NEW FIRE STATION**

The station project is still moving forward, just not as fast as we would all like. The plans have been adjusted by the architect to meet the requirements of NYS for the loan, and to bid the different phases. **The plans have just been approved by the USDA allowing us to advertise for bids by May 3, 2012 and to expect to receive the bids by June 6, 2012.** The current plan is to rebid for the entire station with deducts for not building the offices, and not finishing the kitchen, (these things the company has offered to do after we get the building with our fund raiser money), a gravel drive instead of black top, using the existing well and no septic system. A local contractor has offered to install the septic for free if the members assist and the Company buys the materials. These cuts should provide some substantial savings to the project. The plan is also to get bids for just a truck bay with no meeting hall or kitchen. After the bids are received and reviewed we will then once again ask all of you to come out and vote. At this vote we will know the exact cost the building and will have plans available for you to see just what you are getting for the money. We apologize for having to ask you to vote again but this is the only fair way to be sure the public supports the changes. All of this has to happen in a timely fashion as we will lose our \$100,000 grant from USDA if we do not start construction before September 30<sup>th</sup>. We hope you continue to support us and if you have any questions on this project please come to the Commissioner's meetings the 4th Wednesday of the month.

*Bret Welch, Fire Chief*

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### **BERKSHIRE FIRE COMPANY**

So far in 2012 the fire business has been slow. We thank you all for that and hope you continue to be safe. Because it has been so dry, everyone needs to be especially careful of grass and brush fires. The burn ban ends on May 15<sup>th</sup> so after that you can burn brush or have small bonfires but still no burning garbage. Again, please be very careful when burning brush. We had another successful dance with Generations and would like to thank everyone that came out to support us. We are now getting ready to start our summer work of cooking food at local hare scrambles. This has been a great fund raiser for us and we are planning on doing 4 events again this year. So if you are attending a race stop by and say hi and get some really good food. We have done some combined training with Newark Valley and are looking to expand on this. We hope to train with all of our neighboring departments through the summer. We work with them at fires so training together helps us to know what everyone is capable of doing beforehand, as well as helping to build better relationships. As always we need more members. There something here for everyone. Please feel free to stop by the station any Tuesday night at 7:00. We are there every week. You can call me at 427-0964.

*Bret Welch, Fire Chief*

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Dear Friends and Neighbors of the Berkshire Community Hall, For over 5 years the Berkshire Community Association's goal for the 80 year old Community Hall has been to restore and improve the structure making it once again available for use by residents of Berkshire and the surrounding communities. We have been working on getting the building ready for year round use for sporting events, educational opportunities, meeting space, musical or theatrical entertainment, receptions, etc. All the work completed so far would not have happened if not for the substantial volunteer efforts and financial support received from the Community and generous benefactors along with grants from various Southern Tier Foundations. We have seen: The electrical service replaced and upgraded. The foundation and supporting structure repaired and strengthened. The entrances rebuilt and restored. The roof and exterior siding repaired and painted. The addition of the West Wing for a main entrance, rest rooms and handicap access. BCA is pleased to announce that we recently received a grant from the Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation of Owego with which we plan to provide heat for the upper level hall and contract for lower level concrete replacement and repair necessary to allow us to continue with the development of the lower level for a variety of Community functions. The Helping Hands Food Pantry, located for so many years in the basement of the Berkshire Congregational Church, suffered considerable damage in last September's torrential rains and has expressed an interest in relocating to the Community Hall. Although the pantry has recovered from the losses of equipment and food stocks, the Church basement location is far from an ideal location for the following reasons: flood damage to the Church structure needs to be repaired but is hindered by the storage and distribution space currently being used by the pantry; logistically the basement has been a hindrance in daily operations of the pantry since the many tons of food supplies must be hand carried down the stairs and back up again once distributed; and once the needed repairs are complete, the church could really use the extra space for Sunday School activities. Tioga Opportunities, Inc. (TOI) is the umbrella organization that helps to support and guide the Food Pantry. TOI has recently been notified of a grant award from The Community Foundation for South Central New York, that would fund construction of a facility within the lower level of the Community Hall adequately designed to house the storage and distribution needs of the Food Pantry, once the preliminary concrete work is complete. The grant obtained by TOI would also enable a ground level, expanded and handicap accessible entrance and a paved walkway between that entrance and Jewett Hill Rd., making both delivery and distribution of goods easier for everyone. While our goal is getting ever closer to being a reality, there is still much work to be done. Other projects we want to complete in the near future for the benefit of all who want to use the Hall: Finish the West Wing (Sheetrock, plumbing and electrical fixtures, floor tile, heat and doors. Install a holding tank for septic system. Install heat in both the West Wing and the lower level meeting room. We also plan to install a handicap lift that will service all three levels of the Community Hall, making the entire building easily accessible to those who have difficulty using stairs. An Owego resident donated a vertical platform lift that appears to fit our needs. Assuming we are able to repair and adequately modify that lift, while it will result in a huge savings over the purchase of a new unit, we can still expect the modification, construction and installation to cost nearly \$8,000. BCA is exploring grant sources for those costs. Although these grants go a long way in helping us to attain our goals, we still need the help of donations from the Community. Would you be willing to make a donation to help us continue our progress? Any gift amount would be greatly appreciated. Although the larger projects will be handled by local contractors, we can always use an extra hand for there is still much work that can be done with volunteer help. If you are able to make a donation please send it to: Berkshire Community Association PO Box 113, Berkshire, NY 13736 If you could donate some time to the project please call Skip Hartwig at 607-657-8418. Come visit us at one of our monthly meetings held on the first Monday of each month, 7PM at the Town Hall. Thank you,  
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We continuously monitor the gas drilling activities around the state and encourage the Town Board and the community to work with us to prepare for potential impacts like road usage. We are considering creation of a law that will protect taxpayers from the costs of repairing road damage caused by gas drilling activities.

Existing local laws allow some town roads to be used by ATVs and snowmobiles, but require those roads be properly posted for such usage. To meet this New York State requirement, signs have been purchased by the snowmobile and ATV clubs and installed by the Highway Department. The clubs and the Planning Board request that residents leave the signs alone and not remove, steal, or destroy them in any way.

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The big event happening right now at the Berkshire Free Library is that we are getting a new roof, eaves troughs and downspouts installed on the building! The cost is completely covered by Grant money which we have received. Inside, we as always, have some new books! One of the most interesting non-fiction books which we recently purchased is "King Peggy: An American Secretary, Her Royal Destiny, and the Inspiring Story of How she Changed an African Village", by Peggien Bartels and Eleanor Herman. Peggien Bartels was born in Ghana. She came to the US to take a job as a secretary in the Embassy of Ghana in Washington, DC. At 4:00AM one morning, her phone rang. She was told in a call from her village of Otuam, that her uncle, the former King of Otuam, had died and the village elders had chosen her as the new King! The book continues with the story of how she went to Otuam for her coronation ceremonies, only to find that the village of 7,000 people had no good drinking water or sanitation system, no free schools or any of the other important things for a healthy life. Although she continues her job in Washington, she also spends as much time as possible in Otuam, helping to make life better and healthier for her people. The book is very interesting, with some very amusing parts, too. Come in and learn more about King Peggy! Speaking of books...we have two ongoing programs to aid us in purchasing new books. One program is for adults, called Adopt-A-Book. A book can be selected from a list of books to be coming from popular authors. For a donation of \$20.00, a patron has the privilege of being the first to read the book when it is published. A label is placed in the book, giving the name of the donor. A patron may also suggest a title not on the list. The other program helps in purchasing books for young readers. A significant Grant that we used to receive for the purchasing of children's books is no longer available. Our program is called "Celebrate a Child". A book may be chosen to honor a special child. A donation of \$20.00 is requested. A label is placed inside the book, giving the name of the child to be honored and that child has the opportunity to be the first to read the book. Mark your calendars for our annual Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Dream Big – Read"! Once again, we will be having a visit from our favorite puppeteer, Nancy Sander and her Puppets with Pizazz. This time, we will hear the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, as only the puppets can tell it! The date is Friday, July 20, at 2:00PM in the Berkshire Community Hall behind the library. There is no charge for this show for people of all ages. The other dates for the rest of our summer program will be later in the month of July. Flyers will be sent home with students giving more information during the last week of school. Children who will be entering Kindergarten through grade six will be eligible for the rest of the program. Don't forget that we have two NOOK Color devices that can be borrowed. There are over 40 books already installed in the device. We can also help you borrow books to read on it through the Finger Lakes Library System. Think about borrowing one for your summer vacation! Berkshire Free Library is located at the corner of Jewett Hill Road and State Route 38. We are open Tues, Noon – 5:00; Weds and Fri 1:30 – 7:00, Thurs, 1:00 – 5:00 and Sat. 9AM – 2PM. Handicapped parking and an entrance ramp are available at our Jewett Hill entrance.

*Marleta S. Anderson, Director*

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