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*GROVELAND NEWSLETTER,
JIM MERRICK, SUPERVISOR*

It's that time of year again!

Hope you all enjoyed our wonderful summer weather and I know you are looking forward to Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years holidays! I wish you well.

This will be my last newsletter as your Supervisor. I have chosen to retire after 22 years of service December 31, 2013. My wife Lois (58 years of marriage) needs my attention and assistance more than ever. I thank each & every one of you for your support over the past 22 years. I leave you in good hands with Deputy Supervisor Bill Carman and the Town Councilmen.

Town: The town is in good financial shape. We have an excellent Town Board, Town Clerk, Justice Department and Highway Superintendent with his crew. With that being said we passed a sound budget with a tax rate of \$3.73 per thousand. The budget has been prepared not to exceed the 1.66 inflation rate which is lower than 2% Tax Cap and does include raises for all employees. You will find at the end of this newsletter a copy of the Town's approved 2014 budget.

Town Clerk: Sandy Bean wrapped up all of our 200th celebrations. She spoke of all the incredible help received from our community. It is great that we have so many folks that are willing to keep our history alive and work together. A big thank you to the committee, helpers, Greg Adamson, Sandy Bean and Kim Burgess for being the driving forces! Everyone

did a wonderful job. There are a few cookbooks left to buy at the Town Clerk's office @ \$15.00 each; a great holiday gift idea!

NYSDEC will be updating their hunting and fishing software in January 2014; the change may cause a slower process in obtaining such licenses. The good news is some of their prices will be decreasing.

Geneseo Transfers Station will have new prices effective January 2014. The recycling passes are available December 1st for \$25.00. Coupon booklets will go from \$18.00 to \$20.00 for 20 coupons and \$36.00 to \$40.00 for 40 coupons. The increase is mainly to the cost of hauling and the need for an additional compactor.

Town Hall: I want to welcome new Assessor Tammy Baker who is filling some big shoes replacing Bruce Knapp after his 26 years of service. He will be missed but know you will all enjoy interacting with Tammy.

Don't forget to renew your Basic Star Exemption for property owners. Basic Star Exemptions holders are required to reenroll in the program this year. NYS is looking to prosecute those who have doubled dipped in the last 10 years and not allow anyone who owes back taxes to receive the exemption. This does not apply to anyone receiving the Enhanced Star. If you're unsure how you are enrolled, contact either the Assessor or the Town Clerk.

Ambuscade Park: After 3 attempts, we got the Grant! This will allow us to put improved bathroom, electric and a year round building in place. It is a slow process but look for the improvements over the next few years. Maybe this can be a community picnic location once completed!

Lake View Cemetery: Our Highway Superintendent, Greg oversees the sales and burials at Lake View Cemetery but if anyone is interested in purchasing a plot, contact Snyder Services @ 335-9820. They provide a wonderful service to the town and are very knowledgeable of the available plots.

Thank you Marc Moreland for another job well done this year! Calls and comments continue to come in commending your hard work.

Groveland Fire Department: Thank you to the wonderful volunteers with helping in all the Bicentennial events with traffic control.

Don't forget it is that time again for the delicious breakfasts. The breakfasts are held the second Sunday of each month through March; you won't go home hungry after one of their breakfasts.

Groveland Highway Department: Highway Department has completed Gamble Road. The crew has started working on the narrow portion of Bath Road to widen it for safer through traffic, hopefully by end of spring it should be all complete.

If you haven't seen the refurbished fencing at the Williamsburg Cemetery on Abele Road, you should check it out. The BOCES have been working on it in phases and should be completed by early December. Thank you Greg for making this happen.

Conesus Lake: There is an invasive species called Hydrilla that could affect the Lake. A steward program to educate and look for boaters bringing it to Conesus Lake was funded by the Finger Lakes Institute. This was a positive program but no longer will be funded. Many different areas of the lake were researched for Hydrilla, and no contaminations were found in the lake or on boaters potentially bringing it into Conesus Lake. Get all the updated Lake information by viewing the Conesus Lake Association - Laker News @ www.conesuslake.org

Points of Interest:

- We are a bit closer to getting approval from NYS for a project to pipe water from West Lake Road up Maple Beach Road, to Groveland Hill Road and down Lattimer Road across Pioneer Road to service the Correctional Facilities. This is all pending a revised signed contract;

more information to come once available.

- Thank you to all the employees of the Town of Groveland for being dedicated to their jobs and all the time they spend at their jobs.
- Any time you need town information check out our town website on a regular basis by logging onto www.grovelandny.org

County Level: The Brine Plant in Leicester says it will be closing. NYS has been the only party at the table, there is not enough information released for any decision to be made. The Board of Supervisors has requested a 3rd Party Opinion. More information to follow as it is acquired.

We are still very flustered by the New York Stated Unfunded Mandates. The rate per thousand will be a slight increase to \$7.85.

Some positives for the county:

- Fiscal Stability
- Sales Tax Collections Trending Upward
- Excess Jail Revenues Transferred to Debt Reserve
- Public Health local share Decreases by \$200K
- Medicaid & NYS Pension expenses are stabilizing.

In Closing: Again, I thank you all for the tremendous support throughout my 22 years; it has been a pleasure serving and working with you. Have a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas & New Year season!

Jim

TOWN OF GROVELAND
2014

SUMMARY: Adopted
BUDGET-

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------|----------------|-----|---------------------|---------|----------------|
| | 2013 | | 2013 | | 2014 | | 2014 |
| General | 355,393.00 | | ASSESSMENTS | | 573,747.00 | | 2014 |
| Highway | 587,000.00 | | TOWN | | 615,863.00 | | ASSESSMENTS |
| Fire | 97,318.00 | FIRE | 125,658,007.00 | | 96,264.00 | TOWN | 127,800,288.00 |
| Lighting I | 3,300.00 | LIGHT 1 | 193,305,228.00 | | 3,600.00 | FIRE | 193,914,998.00 |
| Lighting II | 4,000.00 | LIGHT 2 | 36,749,863.00 | | 4,000.00 | LIGHT 1 | 36,977,967.00 |
| Water | 50,793.00 | WATER | 7,015,625.00 | 226 | 49,440.00 | LIGHT 2 | 7,018,377.00 |
| TOTAL BUDGET: | 1,097,804.00 | | | | 1,342,914.00 | | 228 |
| County Assessment | 20,572.00 | | | | 22,435.00 | | |
| TOTAL MONEY NEEDS- | 1,118,376.00 | | | | 1,365,349.00 | | |
| LESS REVENUES- | | | | | | | |
| General | 211,215.00 | | | | 431,115.00 | | |
| Highway | 220,500.00 | | | | 248,640.00 | | |
| Water | 0.00 | | | | 0.00 | | |

UNEXPENDED BALANCES:

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|-------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| General | 35,000.00 | TOWN | 0.00372644 | TOWN | 0.003700798 |
| Highway | 27,993.00 | FIRE | 0.000503442 | FIRE | 0.000496424 |
| Special Districts | 0.00 | LIGHT 1 | 8.97963E-05 | LIGHT 1 | 8.92423E-05 |
| Water | 0.00 | LIGHT 2 | 0.000570156 | LIGHT 2 | 0.000569932 |
| | 0.00 | WATER | 224.7477876 | WATER | 216.8421053 |

TAXES TO BE RAISED-

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|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| General | 109,178.00 | TOWN | 76,768.00 | TOWN | 76,768.00 |
| Highway | 338,507.00 | FIRE | 286.07 | FIRE | 38.11 |
| Fire District | 97,318.00 | LIGHT 1 | 38.65 | LIGHT 1 | 6.85 |
| Lighting District #1 | 3,300.00 | LIGHT 2 | 43.77 | LIGHT 2 | 43.75 |
| Lighting District #2 | 4,000.00 | | | | |
| Water | 50,793.00 | | | | |
| County Assessment | 20,572.00 | | | | |
| TOTAL TAXES TO BE RAISED: | 623,668.00 | | | | |

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2014 BUDGET IN BRIEF

SUMMARY STATEMENT

For the average home (assessed value of \$126,500)

County Taxes Paid in 2013 = \$982.90

County Taxes Paid in 2014 (est) = \$993.03

Levy Increase of 1.87%

| | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$145,504,565 | \$148,914,006 | 2.34% |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$116,735,460 | \$118,898,144 | 1.85% |
| APPLIED FUND BALANCES | \$3,491,963 | \$4,265,000 | 22.14% |
| CAPITAL BUDGET | \$550,000 | \$550,000 | 0.00% |
| TAX LEVY | \$25,277,143 | \$25,750,862 | 1.87% |
| TAX RATE | \$7.77 | \$7.85 | 1.04% |