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Greetings to the residents of the Town of Bristol – JAN2022

From: Bob Green, Town Supervisor

As the temperatures decline and the days grow longer, may I take a moment to recap some of the events and happenings during the last year. (As the old saying goes, “Where did the year go.”)

The COVID 19 pandemic of 2020/2021 posed challenges to all municipalities and saw a change in how any entity – private or public sector - continued to operate.

But we did it! As mandated, we developed policy, implemented policy and followed policies. The situation continues to unfold with regular updates from the DOH as well as County health. We will monitor and facilitate to be in compliance.

We are fortunate as a smaller town, that we have most capable staff who continue to put forth appropriate changes and updates. All members with continuing education, maintain procedures that reflect mandates so important to good government. Much training is done through their respective associations along with county or state sponsored programs.

Many thanks to the highway dept. as they continue to maintain our town roads. In 2020 and 2021, improvements on South Hill have been an ongoing project with possible completion by 2022. Equipment replacement (as it ages) is an ongoing process with the goal of replacing one piece (of equipment) on an annual basis. This ensures lower maintenance costs and allows us take advantage of warranties. The current supply chain issue for replacement(s) has made us rethink the timeline for ordering new trucks. An order placed now, may not be filled until late 2022 or even to 2023.

We have been granted permission to apply for a “Multi-modal Project Request and Nomination Form” \$50,000 hwy grant – the paperwork is currently being modified for submittal to NYS DOT for approval.

We have added a new document scanner to the planning/zoning dept. which now makes for efficiency of recording and copying large scale documents. Prior to this acquisition, the work was sent out.

Our town park continues to see improvements thanks to a grant obtained from NYS. Commissioner Stevens has been most diligent in working with the guidelines of the grant. The challenge for us as a town requires us to allocate the monies first and then submit for reimbursement. Return of the monies on a timely basis can be problematic.

I would be remiss in not extending a huge “Thank You!!!” to the Library, the Fire Dept, and Historical Society for helping us through the budgeting process the last two years. The budget request from these organizations were reasonable and allows for continued delivery of three valuable community assets. With due diligence, we presented a budget under the tax cap (2%) by \$12,000.00.

The Towns of Bristol, East and West Bloomfield, Ontario County Planning Dept, and Cornell Cooperative Extension worked collaboratively to bring the annual E-waste Day to local and county residents. This event is a successful event which sees residents bringing used and obsolete electronics to the town barn site for disposal.

At the end of 2021, the Town Board reviewed standard annual contracts for continued services. This will make for a more seamless process. Many contracts are now done in an electronic format – particularly from Ontario County.

During the year, the Town Board recognized Sandy Riker, Diane Arena, and Councilman Parsons for their extended commitment and service to the Town.

Every year has its challenges and I expect 2022 will be no different. We will persevere, we will meet those challenges and move forward to do the best we can with resources available.

Sincere regards,

Bob