

August Supervisor's Column-

Although there wasn't a column last month, I can assure everyone that we've been very hard at work over in the Town of Ontario. With fall just around the corner, now is as good a time as any to review the summer we've had in the Town of Ontario.

Palmer Hall: Our century-old courthouse finally showed its age this summer. In late July, the roof collapsed in the courtroom. We are very thankful that court was not in session when this occurred, and are equally thankful that the Town of Williamson has volunteered to host our various court sessions while construction is being done to the building. At the time of this writing, relocation of our court office is under consideration.

New Accountant/Business Manager: Paul Liess our accountant resigned earlier this month. In the meantime, Linda Yancey has taken the reins as our new Accountant/Business Manager. Yancey has years of experience working for the town already, having served as the Sole Assessor until 2010. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from SUNY Oswego in 2015, and we are very excited to have someone so ambitious at the helm of one of our most valued departments.

I would also like to thank Kim Leonard, who has assisted the Accounting/Business Manager's office for the past couple of weeks in Paul's absence. Kim has 35 years as accountant for the Town of Macedon and retired last year. We are very pleased to have her helping.

Watershed Department: Adam Cummings has taken over as the new Watershed Chairperson for the Watershed Advisory Council. He will add these responsibilities to his already important ones as the Water Utilities Superintendent and our Town Engineer. This move allows Marilee Stollery to focus more on her duties as Highway Superintendent, especially as the cold season approaches.

Joining Cummings on Lake Rd is our newly appointed Watershed Clerk, Cheryl Kazmirski, who formerly served as the town Assessing Clerk. I'm excited to see what Adam and Cheryl will do for our five watersheds.

Sign Code: I'm happy to announce that, after seven long months of discussion, the Town Board has finally moved forward with a new Sign Code. We held a public hearing regarding the new Local Law on August 20, and was happy to hear no objections to it. Though the code will always be open to scrutiny and change, we're excited that we can finally move forward with something concrete.

Solar Array: I encourage visitors to our website to check out the brand new solar array, provided by our friends at FirstEnergy. It provides real-time information about our town's energy consumption and solar energy production, and has records dating all the way back to last year.