

**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 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:** Ontario's former Business Manager Paul Liess resigned early last month, so Linda Yancey has taken the reins as our new Accountant/Business Manager. Yancey has years of experience working for the town already, having formerly served as the Town Assessor. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from SUNY Oswego in 2015, and is more than prepared for what lies ahead.

I would also like to thank Kim Leonard, who assisted the Accounting/Business Manager's office the past couple of weeks in Paul's absence. Kim has 35 years of experience as the accountant for the Town of Macedon, and we are very thankful she was willing to come out of retirement to help us.

**Watershed Department:** Adam Cummings has taken over as the new Watershed Chairperson for the Watershed Advisory Council. He will perform these duties in addition to being our Town Water Superintendent and Engineer, and is looking forward to the challenge. 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 look forward to seeing their dedication to our five watersheds at work.

**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 20th. We were happy to find that there were no objections raised at that time. Though the code will always be open to scrutiny and change, we are pleased 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, hosted 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.

**Farm Market:** The farm market is a reality, and is bringing fresh locally grown produce to residents weekly on Sundays from 10-2 PM at the Fireman's Field. The market is always looking for more vendors, and I encourage interested parties to come to the Town Hall and apply.

**What's Next?:** Now that summer is over, my focus is on next year's budget. Department heads have submitted preliminary budgets, and the town business managers and I are meeting with them to finalize their budgets for submission to the town board. We are committed to staying within the 2% tax cap.

I have always been driven by the desire to serve my Town. Becoming your Town Supervisor has been nothing short of an honor and I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve this term, with plans to continue running as long as my neighbors will have me in office.