

### ***From the Supervisor's Desk...***

Welcome, to what I hope will be the first of many monthly blog posts. This blog is intended to keep Rushford informed, for those who can't attend the regular Town Board Meetings, TBM,(2nd Monday of each month, 7pm Town Hall) or those that want information before the minutes of the TBM are posted.

To say my first year in office was interesting is an understatement. While the controversial topic about changing the zoning ordinance regarding campers and trailers made some headlines, the Town made much progress in 2018, that you may be unaware of.

Early in the Spring, thru a NYS initiative the Town installed an electric vehicle charging station in Legion Park. While some speculated that I must have a friend with an electric car, which is not the case, this was approved unanimously by the Board because it resulted in a \$5000 grant.

Prior to taking office Baldwin Business Services (our bookkeepers), informed me that the Town had been paying for the Assessors and Code Enforcement officers: NYS retirement, disability insurance, workers comp. insurance and unemployment benefits, as well as office and vehicle expenditures. This was unknown to the actual workers, but had been going on for over 17 years. The cost that Rushford paid out was over \$250,000. This amount, which we will not be getting back, should have been shared equally by the several towns each serves. Beginning in mid 2018, that correction has been implemented.

9021 Main St. was the site of a burnt-out house, next to the post office, which was a dangerous eye sore. I proposed, and followed thru with the Town purchasing that property and getting it demolished. In the process, I secured two \$5000 grants which essentially evened out the \$10k demolition cost. That property will be developed this Spring as a Memorial Park by REDO.

In October I invited NYCLASS investment firm to our TBM, and we learned of, and adopted their services for our three savings accounts, which in the past earned either ½% or 1% interest. With NYCLASS we have earned up to 2.4%. In just November and December alone, we earned more in interest than in the 10 months previous on the three accounts.

The Town Hall roof installation was completed in December. The Library wall is scheduled for repair when we get some good weather. More good things in store for Rushford in 2019, stay tuned.

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***“Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.”***

**Martin Luther King**