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Dear Richmond Residents,

As a new year begins, it brings exciting new developments for enhancing local infrastructure. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation continues to assess the possibility of deep-water aeration and alum treatment to lessen the impact of algal blooms in Honeoye Lake. The agency will host a public meeting at the Honeoye Central School on February 4th at 7pm to share its draft plan for reducing pollutants and improving water quality on Honeoye Lake. I encourage you to attend.

In other great news, Ontario County and the Town of Richmond have been awarded \$4.5 million in Water Quality Grants through the NY State of Opportunity Regional Economic Development Council.

The Honeoye Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant will receive \$3,417,500 of the award to increase hydraulic capacity and eliminate overflows by replacing influent pumps and enlarging piping channels and weirs. Ontario County will also install an \$825,000 ultraviolet disinfection system at the treatment plant to more fully reduce environmental contamination.

Another \$30,000 of the funding will be directed to the Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District to stabilize Sandy Bottom Park's shoreline using nature-based practices. The project will improve water quality by reducing sediment and nutrients entering the lake from shoreline erosion.

An additional \$41,250 of the funding has been awarded to Ontario County for the purchase of a custom conveyor system that will increase the efficiency of aquatic vegetation fragment collection, with the goal of reducing harmful algal blooms.

Road repairs are also moving forward. Our Superintendent of Highways and myself, with the support of Assemblyman Kolb, were successful in securing \$150,00 for the Allens Hill Culvert Replacement project. This project is getting ready to go out to bid and should be completed this summer.

We have successfully completed a state disbursement agreement with the support of NY State Senator Funke, and have been reimbursed \$221,165 to date for restoration work that was done on Pinewood Hill Road. With approximately \$79,000 still available to be reimbursed, the Town Board is looking at the viability of restoring one of the other roads affected in the 2015 storm that washed out Pinewood Hill Road.

The Town of Richmond is especially grateful to Ontario County and to our state legislators for pursuing and obtaining these vital funds to protect and improve our roads and natural resources.

Sincerely,

Caroline Sauers,
Richmond Town Supervisor