

# Monthly Supervisor's Report: November 2014

*The latest updates from the desk of Richmond Town Supervisor Ralph Angelo:*

## **Natural Gas Pilot Project – East Lake Road**

Representatives from National Fuel are hosting an informational meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Richmond Fire Hall to discuss a natural gas expansion pilot project that will affect some residents of East Lake Road. Property owners who are located on or near the expansion path should have received a notice from the gas utility inviting them to submit questions for discussion. *(Please note: this event is not a meeting of the Richmond Town Board.)*

## **Honeoye Lake Water Quality**

The Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force has secured a \$135,000 grant to help address stream bank erosion issues in public road right-of-ways on East Lake and West Lake Roads, as well as to build several detention basins and vernal pools in the Honeoye Lake Watershed. This work is designed to reduce the nutrient load going into the lake after storm events, helping to maintain and improve water quality. The grant was awarded through the NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Program, and will be administered through the Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District (OCSWCD).

The Task Force continues to await work on an application submitted for a NYS Green Innovative Grant that would cover survey work and engineering for a Honeoye Lake Inlet Restoration Project.

The Task Force has also partnered with the Towns of Richmond and Canadice, the Ontario County Planning Department and the OCSWCD to submit a request for a NYS Community Grant to support a Community Yard Waste Management Demonstration Project. The project would focus on reducing phosphorus loading in the Honeoye Lake Watershed through disposal of organic yard waste in a municipal facility.

## **Status of Water Projects**

- **East Lake Road:** Legal proceedings continue to obtain easements that are required for project construction. A total of 8 easements are still outstanding.
- **Ashley/White Road:** Engineers have been in the field to gather information required for project planning. Chatfield Engineers hopes to bid the project in early 2015.

- **Big Tree Road:** At the present time, based on feedback from residents, it appears that a majority of property owners would not be willing to support the creation of a water district at an estimated annual cost of about \$2,200 per household. The high cost of debt service could also make it problematic to obtain approval from the Office of the State Comptroller; and grant funding that would reduce the project costs is generally only available to water districts that have already been approved by voters. Given the high costs of engineering work and the likelihood that the district would be rejected, the town has tabled further work on this project for the present time.

## **Road and Waterway Repairs**

The Richmond Highway Department is preparing for winter. Trucks have been readied, and we have a full stock of salt and sand.

Highway Superintendent Tom Fleig is currently working with the Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to obtain permits that will allow the town to remove gravel bars from Mill Creek, and reduce the risk of future flood events.

## **Sandy Bottom Park & Town Properties**

Buildings and grounds owned by the Town of Richmond have been winterized, including facilities at Sandy Bottom Park.

The South Trail at Sandy Bottom Park is now reopen for foot traffic. Other Nature Trail bridges and boardwalks remain closed for repairs.

## **Economic Development**

The Richmond Town Board is pleased to see positive developments continuing on Main Street, including the renovation of Parklawn Apartments and the former Ace's Restaurant.