

News From the Supervisor

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As noted in the postcard this spring, we will no longer be publishing a semi-annual newsletter. However, I will try to keep townspeople updated online about the affairs of the area.

The biggest news is that we are remodeling the outside of the town office. When I took office 8 years ago, I asked Mark Ferrari to evaluate our town buildings as he is a contractor and architect. He agreed that our buildings are adequate but need to be updated. The town office was constructed with concrete blocks in the 1960's and is showing signs of wear.

We hired an outside architect in 2019 who drew plans for an extensive remodel. With Covid and supply issues, we were not able to ask for bids until 2022. Low bid was for \$750,000 while the top bid was \$1,100,000. The board unanimously felt this was too much and refused all bids.

The architect wanted to retire, so we hired Taitem Engineering from Ithaca to moderate the renovation and request bids for the outside remodeling. James and Son of Skaneateles was awarded the project for a cost of \$139,000 with the high bid being rejected of \$640,000.

Four rows of blocks have been replaced on the south end and the siding in the gable will soon be changed. Windows and doors are also being replaced.

The interior renovation project will begin next year.

I saw a comment on Facebook the other day regarding the summer swim program. In checking into the history of the program, the Red Cross was very instrumental in running this program years ago. Many students learned to swim and even got their life-saving certificate through this program.

Over the years the Red Cross phased out the program and the town of Genoa continued it, and the other 3 towns supported it based on usage. In recent years, finding people to lifeguard the program has been hard and recently only half of the time did the attendants swim. The other half they played on the playground. Last year it cost the town of Scipio \$1,700 for the few Scipio residents who attended.

Genoa has decided to not even offer the program and no one else has stepped to the plate. The Scipio town board is always interested in the good of all of the residents and wants to help out if a program is viable.

Currently the board is investigating assistance with the baseball programs that are held behind the Scipio Fire house.

I encourage all of you to check out other articles on this web page, including the information regarding the Scipio Fire Department's rummage sale and chicken bar-b-que on June 15.

As always, feel free to call or email me with any issues regarding the town.

Sincerely yours,

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