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Supervisor Report
May 2024

- **Lansing Community Library:** April 22, 7:00 PM
 - I spoke briefly to the Lansing Community Library Board of Trustees about what the goals of the current town board are for the near future.
- **Press Conference:** April 23, 2:00 PM
 - I attended the press conference for Lea Webb as she announced an additional \$300,000 for the Rapid Medical Response program.
- **Code Revision Committee:** April 24, 10:00 AM
 - Several minor code revision updates (keeping of chickens, corner lots, flag lots, lot line adjustments) were discussed. New town board directives were identified and reviewed for future discussion – cannabis law, zoning on storage containers, and the local planning and zoning gap analysis.
- **Open House/Special Meeting Regarding Ludlowville Road:** April 25, 6:00 PM
 - Included in the panel were Dave Herrick, Dondi Harner, Mike Moseley, Joe Wetmore, and me. There was a large turnout of residents from Ludlowville who listened to the presentation by Mike Moseley, Dondi Harner, and Dave Herrick, followed by a question-and-answer period with responses from the entire panel.
- **Food System Forum:** April 29, 4:45 PM
 - The program was sponsored by Tompkins Food Future, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County
 - The program included conversations about collaborative partnerships, cross cultural communication, and changing learned cultural attitudes. The topics and exercises included:
 - Purpose Inquiry Exercise
 - Sparking Justice: Putting the Love and Belonging into Community-Building Collaborative Partnerships
 - Focused Table Conversations: Igniting and Advancing our Commitments
- **Personnel Management Committee:** May, 1, 8:00 AM
 - Discussions included several policies that needed to be updated with consensus from all department heads. Steps going forward are to review the employee handbook, section by section, to bring up to current standards.
- **Meeting with Representatives from New York Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES):** May 1, 11:00 AM
 - Participating were John Zepko, Scott Russell, Joe Wetmore, Mary Ellen Albrecht, Jenn Schenck, Don Scheffler (Supervisor of the Town of Groton), and me. The representatives from ORES were Charles (Chuck) Voss and Nathan (Nate) Stone. Chuck and Nate provided an overview of their oversight of the solar farm process, discussing specifically CS Energy (Yellow Barn). Most of the meeting was a Q&A session with ORES fielding questions from our team.

- **Elected Officials:** May 2, 8:30 AM
 - Tompkins County needs at least a 5% tax increase to maintain the current level of services. They are projecting a decrease in sales tax revenue for 2025.
 - Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services (INHS) has funds available for low- and moderate-income homeowners to build Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) or to upgrade existing ones.
- **Tompkins County Health Consortium Open House:** May 2, 11:00 AM
 - There was an open house of the new facility for the consortium, followed by a regular meeting. Representatives from Excellus gave a presentation on the statistics behind the types of claims they are seeing, and a scorecard of the consortium's performance.
- **Tour of the lab at Community Science Institute (CSI):** May 3, 1:00 PM
 - Joe Wetmore and I were given a tour of the CSI lab on Brown Road. An explanation of how and where their samples are taken, to what purpose, and their general oversight of water quality in the Finger Lakes region. We viewed under a microscope, samples from Salmon Creek. They explained the types of things they test for and their responsibility in regard to their findings. Lansing is an appreciable benefactor of their work.
- **Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission:** May 9
 - 3:30 PM – Budget meeting
 - 4:00 PM – Regular meeting
- **Group of 6:** May 9, 10:00 AM
 - **Group of 6** is a group of the six municipalities that participate in wastewater transportation and treatment, utilizing the Cayuga Heights and the Ithaca facilities.
 - A presentation was given by Linda Woodard, Mayor of Cayuga Heights, about average monthly flow at the Cayuga Heights wastewater treatment facility, and at what levels they need to divert to Ithaca's plant, pointing to how inflow and infiltration (I&I) can affect those numbers. She also shared that they are considering installing solar panels to power the facility, since it is a major drain on electricity.
- **Tour of Wastewater Treatment Plant in Cayuga Heights:** May 10, 11:30 AM
 - Linda Woodard, Mayor of Cayuga Heights, gave me a tour of the facility and explained the entire process for my benefit as a member of the group of six municipalities that are part of the intermunicipal agreement for wastewater transportation and treatment.
- **Town Supervisors:** May 13, 10:00 AM
- **Planning Training:** May 13, 6 PM
 - Site Plan Review and Area Variances training