



Village of Waterville

2016 Historical Report

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Report of News and Happenings for 2016 for the Village of Waterville

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January news

Members of the Waterville Area Volunteer Ambulance Corp visited the Village of Waterville board meeting to discuss possible changes in the ambulance service. These include merging with Oriskany Falls and Central Oneida County services.

The Village of Waterville received a state housing improvement grant to fix up homes in the village. Waterville was awarded \$500,000 to be used for up to 20 houses in the village.

New Sangerfield Town Supervisor Bill Fredericks and new board members Jeff Reynolds and Don Brown took their oaths of office.

Sangerfield has been proposed for the site of a meat cook/chill facility that would employ 100 people. The facility would use Village of Waterville water and sewer utilities.

Travis Maurine, owner of CNY Graphics, has set up shop on Main Street, Waterville in the former Chinese restaurant.

February news

The CJ Fulmer American Legion Post had to postpone its dog sled races due to lack of snow.

The Waterville boys and girls varsity basketball and volleyball teams won CSC league titles. All three teams won their first game in the playoffs and then were beaten to end their seasons.

Trustee Brian Bogan will run for re-election, but Scott Woodhouse is retiring after 10 years on the board. Laurie Fuess, Doug Plourde and Elizabeth Kenny Barnes are also running for a seat. Justice Robert McNamara is running unopposed.

Waterville First is conducting a survey to see if people in the area would support a bank coming to the village.

March news

Waterville Central School's Music Department presents 'Anything Goes' for three shows.

The Village of Waterville will hire an engineer to test the pressure and flow of the village's water system when the tank is turned off.

Mike Latreille, owner of Michael's Fine Food and Spirits, has opened a banquet hall at 411 Tower St., called Four Eleven.

The Waterville Village Board adopted a budget of \$1.164 million that holds the line on the tax rate.

About 200 children participated in the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Harding Nursing Home sponsored by the Waterville Rotary Club.

April news

Waterville Area Volunteer Ambulance Corp is looking at consolidating with Central Oneida County Volunteer Ambulance Corp., to be joined by the Oriskany Falls Ambulance Corp.

All In Meats has three possible sites for a cook/chill facility in Sangerfield.

Waterville varsity softball coach Bob Clendennen reached his 400th win as the Indians beat Dolgeville 16-3.

May news

Samuel Stuttard is the valedictorian and Alexis Decker the salutatorian of the Waterville Class of 2016.

The Village of Waterville received a report done by homeowners on Upper White Street regarding water on their property. DPW Superintendent Jamie Bechy said the cause is not coming from a leak in the village lines.

The Opt-Out rate for state assessment tests at Waterville Central School was lower than it was in 2015.

The Waterville Village Board voted 3-1 to stop exploring plans to build a second Little League field and develop a town park near the Firemen's field and pavilion.

The new CEO of Kodak of Rochester is looking into whether Waterville native and Kodak founder George Eastman gravesite should be moved from Rochester to Waterville.

The Waterville Historical Society had an Open House to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

June news

Town of Brookfield Supervisor John Salka was the speaker for Waterville's Memorial Day ceremony.

Waterville High School's Music Department won a CNY High School Musical award for Outstanding Stage Crew in 'Anything Goes'.

A public hearing about the stop signs at the intersection of White Street and Barton Avenue brought out several people to the Village of Waterville meeting.

Fifty-two seniors graduated at Waterville Central School's 142nd commencement. WCS graduate Scott McNamara, Oneida County District Attorney, was the commencement speaker.

The only bid for a bathroom at Babbott Field came in much higher than expected and over budget.

The 10th anniversary for the Waterville Library's White Street building was celebrated with an ice cream social on the Summer Solstice.

July news

Main Street Auto Car opened at 150 West Main St..

DPW employee Wayne Stanbro retired after 28 years with the Village of Waterville.

Jack Youngs, who was the village's DPW superintendent from 1956 to the mid-1980s, passed away at the age of 90. He was a member of the Waterville Fire Department and the CJ Fulmer American Legion Post. He also served for 40 years as the Town of Sangerfield Welfare Officer.

Russell Stewart was elected president of the Waterville Board of Education.

Harding Nursing Home resident Ruth Lewis turned 105 .

Weather played a part in bringing people out to the 42nd annual Waterville Firemen's Field Days.

After a few years of trying to find a water leak on or near a property on Upper White Street, the puzzle was solved when a service pipe no longer in use on the Peglow property was discovered to be leaking.

August news

At the monthly Village Board meeting, an update on the status of the consolidation of ambulance services reported the process is ongoing.

The Waterville Historical Society will have a Hop Dig dinner to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Waterville native Chris Manion, a police officer in Utica, was recognized for his efforts to save the life of a 5-year-old Utica boy.

Former pastor at St. Bernard's Church, the Rev. John Madden, passed away in Syracuse. He served in Waterville from 1981 to 1994. He was a member of the Waterville Area Volunteer Ambulance Corp. He served 52 years as a priest until his retirement in 2009.

Dave Barney, who worked for the Village of Waterville for 43 years, passed away at the age of 79.

September news

At the 11th annual Cruise In to Waterville, Dylan Williams won first place in the Mary Cleary Run for the males and Brooke Wilson first place in the female division. The Village of Waterville praised everyone involved in the successful event. Beautiful weather brought out crowds throughout the day.

The Village Board worked out an agreement for a Main Street property owner who put out mountains of trash from cleaning out an apartment. The village agreed to pick up the trash this time only.

The Center for Family Life and Recovery set up a medicine return unit in Village Hall for residents to deposit unused medications.

Waterville's varsity football team kicked a field goal with three seconds left to beat Bishop Grimes for the first win of the season.

Little Falls girls and Camden boys won the championships at the Brothertown Optimist Soccer Tournament.

October news

Mohawk Valley Edge received a grant of \$38,000 for a feasibility study regarding a cook/chill facility in the Town of Sangerfield.

Cassandra Martin was named Youth of the Month for October by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

The Waterville Fire Department put on a Fire Safety Day at Memorial Park School, with fire departments from Oriskany Falls, Deansboro, Clinton and North Brookfield.

More homeowners are needed in the Village of Waterville to participate in a grant to improve their homes. Only 10 people who qualify have signed up.

November news

Voters head to the polls to decide the 45th president of the United States, choosing between major party candidates Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump.

Mary Campbell and Terry Tanner are co-presidents of the Brothertown Optimist Club for 2017.

CJ Fulmer American Legion Post 92 honored veterans with a dinner led by the Post's first female commander, Karen Loomis.

The Matt Jurczak family carved about 200 pumpkins for display in their Sanger Avenue front yard.

Nine Waterville High School students participated in the 143rd annual Prize Speaking contest. First-place winners were Emily Belouin, Rynne Solinsky, Jalen Getchonis.

Local Assemblyman Bill Magee won a 13th term, beating Town of Brookfield Supervisor John Salka.

Bathrooms were constructed in Babbott Park as part of the last phase of the improvement project there.

A Wonderful Life is the theme of the 28th annual Parade of Lights.

December news

The Village of Waterville will join other villages in Oneida County asking for representation on a committee to redistribute sales tax in the county.

Warm weather kicked off the holiday season at the Parade of Lights.

Aubrey Hildreth was the Youth of the Month for November by the the Brothertown Optimist Club.

Waterville's newest business, a bakery in the former Waterville Times building, will open in January. The Waterville Standard Bakery will feature a selection of French pastries and hot and cold drinks.

Waterville was one of 25 fire departments that responded to the blaze in Oriskany Falls that burned the 1897 Knitting Mill. The fire burned for over three days during bitter cold weather.

In 2017 the Village of Waterville will adjust its garbage pickup days during weeks with Monday holidays.

Waterville boys basketball was the No. 1 team in the state in Class C in the first rankings of the season.