



Village of Waterville

2017 Historical Report

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Report of News and Happenings for 2017 for the Village of Waterville

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January news

After 45 years of serving the community, the Waterville Area Volunteer Ambulance Corp ended as an organization. Emergency medical services will be covered by Central Oneida County ambulance service.

The Waterville Garden Club awarded its annual Christmas Decorating honors to homes and businesses in the villages. First places went to Mr. and Mrs. Rob Verdon, Mr. and Mrs. John Pumilia, Bonnie Bechy, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Abbe, Open Systems.

Village resident Stan Samboro passed away; he attended most Village board meetings as a member of the public.

Ben Petrie was named Youth of the Month for December by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

Mayors from around Oneida County, including Waterville's Gene Ostrander, unite to oppose a proposal from the County Executive to take away sales tax revenue.

The Town of Marshall was awarded \$323,000 from the state for home improvement repairs.

Work progresses on the feasibility study of a Cook/Chill facility in Sangerfield.

February news

An engine turbine generator weighing 175 tons required two hours to maneuver through the streets of Waterville to avoid the Route 20 underpass. The convoy attracted numerous viewers along the streets as it went down Osborne, Elmwood, Putnam, Main and Madison streets back to Route 20.

Students at Waterville High School honored former nurse Paula Gray with the second annual Paula Gray Knitting Day.

Kaylee Oaksford was named Youth of the Month for January by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

The Village of Waterville board changed the wording of its garbage and trash regulations to clear up confusion. Limits were also set on how much trash can be set out each month. Recycling pickup will also stay on Wednesdays for weeks with a Monday holiday.

Keith Prindle was named Youth of the Month for February by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

The Waterville Area Food Pantry will take over the Blessings in a Backpack program at Memorial Park School.

March news

Michael's Fine Food and Spirits will expand to Hamilton at the former Hamilton Inn.

Dorothy Spina will fill the role of Marshall Town Justice after the death of John Ingraham.

Madison Central School won the Class D boys basketball title for the first time since 1991.

Eleven boys and girls competed in the Brothertown Optimist Club Oratorical contest. Janelle Cleary and John Brouillette won first places.

The Village of Waterville received a grant of \$150,000 for repairs to a water storage tank.

Winter Storm Stella dumped almost 4 feet of snow in the village and surrounding area, virtually shutting everything down for two days.

Morgan Marriott was named Youth of the Month by the Brothertown Optimist Club for March.

Waterville Mayor Gene Ostrander was re-elected with with 55 votes, while outgoing Trustee Tom McNamara received 34 as a write-in candidate.

Waterville High School Music Department students performed '9 to 5' for their annual production.

The Village of Waterville Board adopted a budget of \$933,493 with no changes in the \$11.10 per assessed \$1,000 tax rate.

April news

Alcott's Greenhouse on Route 20 was sold to Willson's Garden Center.

The Village of Waterville has requested FEMA funds to help towards the cost of cleanup after Snowstorm Stella.

New Village Board members Dan Nichols and Laurie Fuess attended their first meeting and were sworn in as trustees.

Waterville Central School District residents will pay 2.15 percent more in taxes in the 2017-18 budget.

The Waterville Rotary Club moved its annual Easter Egg hunt from the Harding Nursing Home lawn to the Waterville Library lawn.

The Town of Marshall received 80 applications for its housing improvement grant.

May news

About 1,500 participants – the most in the five-year history – took part in the Daniel Barden Mudfest in Deansboro.

Cassandra Martin is valedictorian and Evan Whitehead salutatorian of the Waterville Central School Class of 2017.

Will Beach was chosen as the new chief of the Waterville Fire Department, replacing John Wright, who steps down after 25 years with the department.

Elizabeth Eastman was the Youth of the Month for April by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

Waterville Central School's Junior Iron Chefs win first place in the Iron Chef competition with their creation of a nested quiche.

Emily Belouin was chosen Youth of the Month for May by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

The Village of Waterville has proposed an increase in the cost residents pay for garbage and trash collection.

A review of the village's strategic plan shows it needs updating, but not redoing.

Waterville Central School residents approved the 2017-18 budget by 82 percent.

A Feher garbage truck lost its brakes at the top of West Hill Road in Deansboro and slammed into a house on Route 315. Although it hit a car and knocked out several telephone poles, no one was hurt in the incident.

All Memorial Day parades and events were washed out for the first time in memory due to hard rains.

June news

Village of Waterville officials have joined other Oneida County leaders in working on ideas for consolidating and sharing services.

Cassandra Martin was valedictorian and Evan Whitehead salutatorian of the Waterville Central School Class of 2017's 70 graduates.

After hearing a complaint from neighbors about debris and junk in a yard on White Street, the Waterville Village Board decided to issue codes violations.

Jesse Jandreau was named Young Person of the Year for Memorial Park School by the Waterville Rotary Club.

July news

Severe rainstorms on July 1 caused flooding throughout the area.

Don Brown of Waterville was named Volunteer of the Year from the Center of Donation and Transplant.

The Waterville Board of Education and the Waterville Teachers Association settled their contract after two and a half years of negotiations.

The Waterville Village Board gave a White Street property owner 60 days to clean up his yard or face a court summons.

Roberta Williams was elected president of the Waterville Board of Education.

August news

The Town of Marshall discusses ways to alleviate flooding in streets and on property as happened in the July 1 rainstorms.

Work began on replacing the bridge on Route 315 near Bogan Road.

The Deansboro fire department honored Gerald McMullen for 70 years of service with the Barton Hose Co.

Former Village Justice Tom Bogan passed away.

Security cameras will be installed at the Waterville firehouse and bathrooms at Babbott Park.

The Village of Waterville decided they will focus on getting problem properties either brought up to codes or take the property owners to court.

Joe and Sue Timian and Cindy Gallagher were chosen as Volunteers of the Year by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

Waterville had a sunny day to view the solar eclipse.

A new antique shop opened in the former Waterville Baptist Church.

September news

Waterville Board members approved taking court action for a White Street property owner who has not cleaned up his yard of trash and debris.

Dylan Williams won the Mary C. Cleary Run at Cruise In with a time of 17:38.

Beautiful weather brought out thousands of people to the 12th annual Cruise In To Waterville celebration. New this year is a 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

Waterville Village Board members agreed to apply for another housing rehab grant.

Charlotte Masca retired as a village crossing guard.

Sylvia Crandall was awarded the Pride in Workmanship award by the Waterville Rotary Club. She is the Sangerfield Town Clerk.

October news

Waterville Central School District received the highest level of review during a recent financial audit.

Brittany Misiaszek was chosen Youth of the Month for October by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

A hearing was set by the Waterville Village Board to allow for public input on changing the parking regulations for Madison Street. The proposal is to limit parking to the same side as Soldiers and Sailors Monument Park.

Mark Mowrey was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Waterville Board of Education.

The Village of Waterville received a state grant of \$626,500 to help pay for the water tank repair project.

November news

Waterville girls soccer lost in a shootout in the Class D semifinals.

Russell Stewart was installed as president of the Brothertown Optimist Club.

The Waterville modified football team completed a perfect season at 6-0.

A walkway was added to Monument Park near the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in the village in conjunction with the Waterville Rotary Club.

The Waterville Village Board heard an update on the proposed Cook/Chill facility in Sangerfield.

The Polar Express was the theme of the annual Parade of Lights.

The Waterville Fitness Center at the High School received a grant of \$50,000 to upgrade the equipment at the facility.

The area mourns the death of Robert Garrett, whose family ran the Food King grocery store in Waterville for almost 60 years.

In a close election contest, former Village Clerk Lorena Lenard was elected supervisor of the Town of Sangerfield over incumbent Bill Fredericks.

After input from a public hearing the Waterville Village Board decided to do more research on changing the parking regulations on Madison Street.

Madden Barnes was named Youth of the Month for November by the Brothertown Optimist Club.

December news

Seven Waterville High School students participated in the 144th annual Prize Speaking contest at WHS.

Lovina Staring was named Volunteer of the Year by Waterville Residential Care Center.

The Waterville Historical Society had its 15th annual Victorian Tea.

The Waterville Village Board agreed to take steps to become a Clean Energy Community and become eligible for a \$50,000 grant.