

Town of Sennett Newsletter

Fall 2022

SUMMER 2022 UPDATES

Hello Neighbor/Friend - We hope you have enjoyed a fantastic summer in the beautiful Town of Sennett and are doing well!

The Town of Sennett provides easily accessible updates on its Facebook page in order to modernize communication methods. If you are not using Facebook, swing by Town Hall with your mobile phone and we will help you launch the app to start receiving Town updates this way. It's as simple as following Town of Sennett NY on Facebook. Please also check out the Town's new website www.sennettny.org. We encourage you to sign up for the Town's electronic newsletter on our website.

Sennett's Town Board meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you can't make it into Town Hall for the meeting but would like to attend remotely, you can do so by accessing our website and clicking on the meeting link to gain admittance. Town meetings are accessible remotely so that citizen attendance and participation is easy. If you can't access Town meetings in person or via computer, you can join by telephone by dialing the number listed in the Town's meeting notice. We look forward to renewed interest and participation in Town business and all of our Town meetings.

I am happy to report the Town's Q2 2022 Sales Tax collections were \$374,354.10. This is \$99,354.10 higher than the Q2 2022 budget estimate. The outstanding news is that the Town continues to see a healthy surplus in its General Fund.

During Q2 of 2022, the Sennett Town Board has been working on, or has accomplished the following:

- Appointed and swore in 2 new assistant Historians and 2 new ZBA members;
- Assisted the newly formed Veteran Affairs Committee with initial meetings;
- Attended Sennett Seniors lunch meeting;
- Installed security cameras both inside and outside of Town Hall;
- Installed gutters and ice slide stops on Town Hall;
- Prepared to bid out parking lot improvements;
- Analyzed and priced Town Hall interior capital improvement needs;

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Town of Sennett

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9 am – 4 pm

Town Board:

The Town Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Planning Board:

The Planning Board meets, when needed, on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7 pm.

Town Court:

Town Court is held every Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets, when needed, on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7 pm.



Courtesy of Sennett Resident Denise Driscoll

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- Met with other Cayuga County municipal leaders to discuss sewer and water;
- Worked on Town special district projects and billing issues;
- Updated the Town's new website and social media accounts;
- Updated the Town's Information Technology hardware;
- Met on new Town of Sennett branding and marketing;
- Introduced a NYS deferred compensation program to Town employees;
- Interviewed and hired a new Town Fire Marshal;
- Entered into a 284 Agreement with the Town Highway Department for the paving of certain streets/roads;
- Replaced Town Hall public meeting room's furniture, via donations;
- Refinanced bonds in Special Districts 2 & 6, resulting in nearly \$35,000 in savings on interest;
- And of course handled day to day issues in the Town as they arose.



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We thank all of you for your support and hope to see you around Town!

Respectfully, Tom Blair, *Supervisor* (supervisor@sennettny.org)

Veteran Affairs Committee

The Sennett Veteran Affairs Committee has been meeting since April and is comprised of eight proud veterans and family members of veterans. The mission statement is:

To promote public awareness and enhance the well-being of past and present Town of Sennett service members and their families. To create and foster an awareness of our American heritage by honoring and perpetuating the memory of those patriots who have distinguished themselves by their service and sacrifice while members of the armed forces of the United States, and to promote a greater sense of patriotism and Americanism within the Town of Sennett.

This committee continues to look for volunteers—CALLING ALL VETERANS! Projects on the radar include upgrades to the Town's memorial displays at Town Hall; the introduction of Americanism in Town Hall and on Town buildings; and the introduction of a Veteran Affairs Office in Town Hall! A big thank you goes out to Skaneateles American Legion Post 239 for a \$2,000 starter donation for this new Town office!



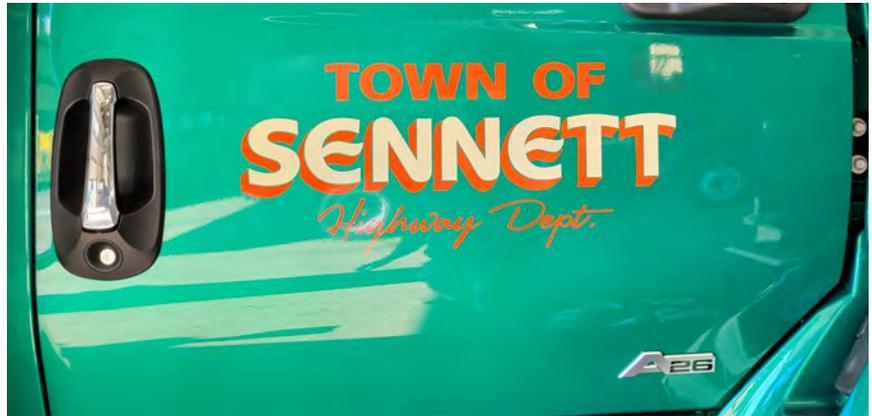
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Highway Department

In Q2, the Highway Department has been busy with a variety of daily chores and projects.

Another successful Spring Dumpster Days weekend was held on May 21st and 22nd.

Road projects have begun. Quincy Hill and Barrington Way were crack sealed and the milling out and paving of John Smith Ave. were completed. We plan on widening out and paving County Line Road from Miller Road to Depot Road, and chip sealing about 5 miles of various roads.



Mowing of the roadsides is underway. A new plow truck has been delivered.

Brush pick up began the first Monday in April and will continue on the first Monday of each month through October. Please remember it takes us 2 full days to get around the whole Town so it might be Tuesday before we get to your house. NO PLASTIC BAGS! WE WILL NOT PICK THEM UP!

We have mulch again for Town residents.

Thank you. Kris L. LaPointe,
Highway Superintendent

Water & Sewer Dept.

The Water & Sewer Department has been replacing water meter heads in water district No. 2 and will continue to do so throughout other districts.

The Town of Sennett Annual Water Quality report has been approved by the Department of Health and is available for viewing at the Town Hall and on the Town website.

We have been restoring the property that was damaged from water main breaks and we will continue to do so. We have also been installing Storz fittings (Quick Connect) on the Fire Hydrants throughout our districts for improved fire protection capabilities.



Thank you. Kris A. LaPointe
Water & Sewer Superintendent

Water District(s) 1 & 3 Improvement Project

This waterline replacement, installation, and Water Tank project is on its way out to bid. This proposed project was designed and partially funded in 2018 when the Town secured a \$1.78 million grant. Since the 2018 Town Board approved this Project, it has seen

design changes and a cost increase from \$2.969 to \$4.94 million. These costs were approved via Town Board resolution in December of 2021. Bid results and future Project discussions will be publicized for the benefit of W.D. 1&3 landowners.

Parks & Recreation Committee

FINAL CALL! The Sennett Parks & Recreation Committee is looking for additional members/volunteers. This committee is becoming active and is about to make decisions on Town Park expansion projects, maintenance, risk management, conservation areas, walking trails, hours of operation, and land opportunities. If you have interest in this Town committee please provide your name, email address and telephone number to the Town Clerk by calling the Town offices (315) 253-3712 or by emailing townclerk@sennettny.org.

We are in need of a landscape architect – are there any Sennett residents in this profession? If so please call us!

Also, if you, or someone you know, in Sennett has excess land and would like to contribute it to a non-profit organization, please contact the Town Supervisor to explore (supervisor@sennettny.org). The Town is looking for conservation areas and a donation to the Town may have possible tax advantages!



Town Clerk

Free at-home COVID-19 test kits continue to be available at the Town Clerk's office. Stop by during business hours to claim up to three boxes (two tests per box) per household while supplies last.

Please remember NYS Public Health Laws require that all puppies and kittens get their 1st rabies shot by the age of 4 months, a booster shot within one year of their first shot and then again, annually or every 3 years. For the safety of our town residents AND BECAUSE IT IS THE LAW...ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED. You can license your spayed or neutered dog for \$8.50 per year or your un-spayed or un-neutered dog for \$18.50 per year as long as their rabies shot is valid.

If you have any problems with dogs in your area, please reach out to our dog control officers, Fingerlakes Dog Protection Agency (315) 253-4367 or fldpainc@outlook.com.

We Can't Help You If We Can't Find You!

Have you ever considered how long it could take for emergency responders to locate your house in the dark? Be sure your house number is visible from the roadway. Reflective 911 address signs are available from the fire department for only \$10.

A variety of colors are available. Call 315-729-6248 to learn more.

Thank you
Sean Holmes
Sennett Fire Chief



Reverse 911

The Cayuga County Sheriff's Department and E-911 Emergency Communication Department encourage residents to sign up for Community Mass Notification Messages. This sends out alert notifications of emergency situations such as boil water advisories, inmate breaches, missing persons, or any situation that would require a mass notification in a short period of time. Verizon provides landline numbers to the service but cell phones need to be registered.

To sign up text "Cayuga Alerts" to 828-201-3877 or <https://secure.hyper-reach.com/comsignup.jsp?id=12642>

Planning Board

Since our last update the Planning Board has been busy working on a few minor subdivisions as well as a project with Tractor Supply. Tractor Supply is interested in adding a 30'x60' greenhouse to the south end of the building. Their intention is to offer a full selection of plants, flowers, and trees to go along with the myriad of other products and services already offered there. Some of you may not be aware of the remodel they completed last year where they now offer pet grooming and an expanded selection of pet products. This new greenhouse will surely be

a welcomed addition to their business model as well as to our Town. Look for some new building lots to become available soon and hopefully turn some vacant land into a few new neighbors.

Sennett has a lot to offer prospective businesses and is **OPEN FOR BUSINESS!!**

Sincerely,
Jeremy Bacon
Planning Board Chairman,

Zoning Board of Appeals

This 5-member board welcomes new members Robert Steiner and Dennis Sherry who were sworn in since our last newsletter! Bob is a long-time Sennett resident and golf pro who has significant real estate and HOA management experience. Dennis is a seasoned commercial Real Estate professional who just last year relocated into the Town. Bob will be serving the remainder of a five year term, and Dennis will begin his one year term as a ZBA alternate. Welcome aboard Bob and Dennis!

The other members of the Sennett ZBA are Jeffrey Hofmann, Harold Gilfus, Marion Cool, and Chairman Dave Sikora.

As a reminder, your ZBA works impartially as a zoning and land use appellate board. It hears appeals from decisions of the Codes/Zoning Office and reviews area and use variance requests. On occasion, the ZBA may also evaluate a special permit application. The ZBA is designed to function as a "safety valve" to relieve the pressure of inflexible zoning provisions and has the power, on appeal, to interpret zoning codes or local laws and to grant variances. In essence, the ZBA is called upon to issue final decisions on many of the Town's most difficult zoning law interpretations. The board always strives to adhere to precedent in Town.

Thank you. David Sikora, *ZBA Chairman*

Sennett Seniors

So far in 2022, the Sennett Seniors, often called "Senior Sennettters," have had good attendance at their monthly meetings/lunches.

Here is a little background in case you are not familiar with our group. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month (except January, February, and March) at one of the local restaurants for a short business meeting beginning at 11:30, lunch at 12:00 PM and then a program. During this time, the committee honors you with a flower if it is your birthday month. A 50-50 raffle is available for those who wish to try their luck. The cost of the lunch is \$18.00 per month. There are NO annual dues for those who live in the Town of Sennett. A small yearly dues is charged for non-Sennett residents.

Our group also enjoys day trips with the cost based on the activity, bus, and food. Many of our members have also enjoyed trips with the other area Senior clubs.



Our monthly newsletter (distributed at meetings) includes trips and events available with other Senior groups in the area. Other community events may also be included in the newsletter. They took a trip to Cortland Repertory Theater in June. Meeting/dining venues include Lascas, the Lodge at Welch Allyn, the Hilton Garden Inn, Yawger Brook, Lakeview Country Club, Highland Golf Club, and the Sennett Firehouse. The lunch on October 19th will be at the Sennett Fire House. Reservations need to be placed by October 10th.

We hope that you will consider joining us. Please contact Kathy Gray at 315-253-7731 between 9 AM and 9 PM.

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Sennett Fire Department

Your fire department is always looking for those interested in becoming volunteer firefighters. Membership in the Sennett Fire Department is open to fire district residents and those in contiguous areas within a reasonable response distance. All necessary training and equipment are provided at no cost. Other benefits include scholarships through various local, county and state programs, tuition reimbursement through a limited federal grant, New York State tax credit, an annual free medical evaluation, a Retirement/Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP)– a service pension contribution upon serving a minimum tenure. Be a member of a team with an excellent sense of community service and camaraderie. Enjoy the satisfaction that comes with the excitement of helping in diverse situations. Opportunities vary as do time commitments. Stop by one of the fire stations or contact a department representative to find out more.

Station 1: 3155 Turnpike Road Station 2: 3526 Franklin Street Road

Gasoline Safety

Store gasoline outside the home, preferably in a locked, detached shed, and store just enough to power your gasoline-fueled equipment. Keep gasoline up high, inside a clearly marked container that is labeled and approved for gasoline storage. Make sure gasoline and all flammable liquids are well away from any heat source or flame. Use gasoline as a motor fuel only, never as a stain remover or for other purposes. To transport gasoline in an automobile to and from the filling station, place a sealed, approved container in the trunk with the trunk lid propped open and drive directly to the fueling site. Take a direct route back home and never store gasoline in a vehicle. Extinguish smoking materials before fueling and take the equipment outside well away from combustibles. Wipe up any spills immediately and move the equipment at least 10 feet away from the fueling area to start the engine. Before re-fueling, turn off the equipment and let it cool completely.

Thank you. Sean Holmes, *Sennett Fire Chief*

Town Historian

Tremendous news for all “Townies” who love history and heritage – the Town of Sennett has had two new Historians step up to volunteer for the Town’s new Historian’s Office, joining our long-serving Historian Tom Gray.

Long-time Sennett resident James “Jim” Vivenzio has years of history and cataloging experience at Seymour Library, and new Sennett resident, as of last year, Scott Longtin is a U.S. Army veteran with a passion for history and community heritage. Projects they will initially be tackling will be assisting Mr. Gray and the Town in records analysis and organization, digitizing paper records for proper preservation, and “uncovering” photos regarding Sennett’s proud heritage. Look out for more news on the Historian’s Office coming soon!

This will be an especially busy year for genealogy. The 1950 US Census will be released by the government this Summer after the 72-year required wait. You will be able to view this Census on Ancestry.com when it is released. Previous Census can be viewed on Ancestry as well as at the County Clerk’s Office and County Historians. Also

Records on File: Please note-certain records are for family members only.

For genealogy purpose, records are open to all if they are 75 or more years old.

<i>Death:</i>	1881- Present (most complete collection)
<i>Birth:</i>	1881-Present
<i>Marriage:</i>	1881-Present

viewable there are the 1825-1925 New York State Census in the years ending in five and the US Census prior to 1950. Happy Hunting!

Thomas Gray, James Vivenzio, Scott Longtin
Town Historians