



Village of East Nassau Update

Village Meetings

The Village has had regularly scheduled board meetings throughout the pandemic. Social distancing protocols are in place and public attendance is limited due to those social distancing rules as space is limited but input is welcome electronically and the audio recordings of the meetings are available on the village website.

The village has been utilizing Teams meetings and Skype meetings however a motion was made and passed at the August meeting to purchase a Zoom account. While Zoom also offers a free service, the free service is limited to a 40-minute time-period, which is not enough time to complete the monthly village business.

Building Department

The Village is very pleased with the progress of the new village building inspector/code enforcement officer. Joseph Tremblay came on board in April (in the middle of the pandemic!) and prepared the village for a busy season of village residents building, adding on, and fixing up their homes. Anyone wishing to contact the village building department/code enforcement can email ceo@villageofeastnassau.org or call 518.836.5010.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met for the first time since the pandemic at the August meeting. The issue on their agenda was an addition on Route 20 that encroaches on a property-line setback. The ZBA determined the application for variance to be sufficient as all paperwork was submitted along with the denial of a zoning permit from the building inspector. A public hearing is being set for September.

Highway Department

The Village has requested the highway department limit maintenance and upkeep to emergency and urgent repairs only, as much as possible. This is to account for a large loss of revenue due to sales tax receipts being reduced substantially because of the pandemic.

The village had plans to continue the chip sealing of village roads but has put that off another year to account for the loss of revenue.

Murdock Road Bridge replacement

Anyone driving on Dunham Hollow Road in Hoags Corners can see the Murdock Road bridge being replaced. By State law, all bridges in the village are town responsibility and they have led the effort for replacing the bridge, which was deemed insufficient by New York State. In an effort of municipal cooperation, the village has appropriated \$1,000 a year for ten years, subject to annual budget review, to go toward the town's \$60,000 cost to replace the bridge. All other monies are coming from a state grant.

Cable in the Village

The village has been working with Charter/Spectrum on a franchise agreement for Charter to provide cable within the village. Charter, mistakenly, ran cable into the village. The village, as law requires, requested them to seek a franchise agreement with the village. If no franchise agreement is awarded by the village, Charter/Spectrum will be forced to cease providing cable to those village residents currently enjoying the service.

The village is working very hard to convince Charter/Spectrum to run cable throughout the village to provide village residents a choice for internet service. Currently, the only internet service available in the village is provided by Consolidated Communications. Charter/Spectrum is very hesitant at expanding cable wire in the village as our density is not large enough to provide a return on investment, according to Charter.

Currently, cable has been run on all of Tsatsawassa Lake Road, Bath Township, and parts of Central Nassau and parts of Town Garage Road within the village boundary. If you think cable was run on your road you are encouraged to email Mayor Acquario at mayor@villageofeastnassau.org

A petition encouraging cable expansion, spear-headed by the owner of Country Farm Mini-Mart and Mayor Acquario, gathered 100 signatures in just over 3 days. That is being presented to Charter to further encourage a build-out.

At the last village board meeting, the board decided if Charter would not agree to a build-out then the village would not provide "exclusive" rights to the village for a cable provider. Negotiations continue.

Climate Smart Community

The village has taken the pledge to be a climate smart community. As such, Village Trustee Lydia Davis has been tasked by Mayor Acquario to work with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County, who received a grant, to assist in this initiative by conducting a climate smart resiliency assessment which is meant to be a tool for the village to ascertain next steps toward being better prepared given climate change driven natural occurrences. No monies are being expended for the effort and any findings will be presented to the board. No action will be taken unless approved by the village board.

2020 Cookie Contest

Unfortunately, due to the on-going pandemic, Mayor Acquario has cancelled the 2020 Cookie Contest scheduled for early November. He has asked the board to brainstorm ideas to keep the date to do some other type of community activity that would not expose residents to any harm or danger from the Covid-19 virus.

Flood Hazard Mitigation and Shared Services

The village has taken part in many meetings as we participated in the county-wide flood hazard mitigation plan that is required by the federal government to receive FEMA funds in the event of a natural disaster. The resolution adopting the county-wide plan was approved by the board in August.

The village is also actively engaged in the shared services effort by the county. This is to explore areas where we can share services to save taxpayer money. The village is already sharing space at the Hoags Corners Ambulance building for use as a village office saving taxpayers a considerable amount of money.

Bell Park

Bell Park continues to be a welcome part of our community. The structure needs painting before the winter season. Anyone wishing to help on that front can contact Mayor Acquario at mayor@villageofeastnassau.org or call 518-527-1356.

Also, the lawn has been getting mowed with limited volunteers. Anyone wishing to help in mowing the lawn can contact Mayor Acquario. There are mowers in the shed with fuel provided.

2020 VILLAGE ELECTION DAY

Elections originally scheduled for March 18th were postponed three separate times due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Per executive order by the governor, the new village Election Day will be

Tuesday, September 15 at the Tsatsawassa Firehouse, Noon to 9 p.m.

The Village will conduct ON-SITE VOTING WITH SAFETY PROTOCOLS in place.

Also, absentee voting is in effect. **Anyone wishing to vote by absentee ballot can call village clerk Diane Maguire for a ballot, (518) 766- 5811 no later than September 8, 2020 (leave message) or email clerk@villageofeastnassau.org**

Please take the time to vote.

Candidates:

Mayor:	Adam M. Acquario
Board of Trustees (vote for two):	Lydia Davis Michael Lever

2021 Election

Even though we still have not had our 2020 village election, don't forget we will have an election in March 2021. Two positions on the Village Board of Trustees will be filled then.

Amazon Warehouse Jobs

Like them or not, Amazon has announced hiring at their new facility in Schodack. They are looking to fill 1,000 jobs. Anyone wishing to apply can call the Rensselaer County Office of Employment and Training at 518-270-2860.

Village Meeting Schedule

All Village Board of Trustees meetings are the second Wednesday of the month (except April) beginning at 7PM.

September 9, 2020
October 14, 2020
November 11, 2020
December 9, 2020
January 13, 2021
February 10, 2021
March 10, 2021
April 5, 2021

All Village meetings are held at the Hoags Corners Ambulance Hall
(19 Town Garage Road)

Thank you for being a resident of the Village of East Nassau. We strive to make the village a better place to live. From the flag waving at the triangle in East Nassau to the historical monument at Hoags Corners to Bell Park in Brainard and to the flags that wave throughout the village, the mayor and village board appreciate all everyone does in keeping our community strong.