

November 2016 Supervisor's report

One major event this past month was the presentation to the Town's Planning Board of a proposed development by the Newman Group. While the Planning Board is responsible for the review of this application, there has been a great deal of work done behind the scenes to ensure that the best interests of the Town are represented. Since this development would affect the sewer connection to the Ontario Heights Sewer district, we have been working closely with the Town's Engineer and Attorney regarding the impact this will have on existing facilities and how best improvements can be handled.

The majority of work this month however has been focused upon efforts to trim the proposed budget. There has been quite a bit of review by both myself and the Board in this process. Further, since the budget hearing, a number of individuals have stepped forward to review all of the background material regarding current and past expenditures and revenues. Many of the suggestions, within mandated limits, have been implemented and followed. I feel this has been an open process and continue to work to keep the process open and accessible.

There are still a number of cost savings initiatives, many sited by the highway superintendent, that are still being worked upon. This is, and will be, an on-going process. Several other local municipalities are facing similar budget issues and constraints. I believe that there is a increase level of cooperation among local area governments and we are working to do what we can for any cost sharing options.