

## MAYOR'S MONTHLY MESSAGE-FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Neighbors,

With the arrival of March, it appears that winter may be behind us. This is good news, as the Village has utilized only about half of the DPW budget line allocated for the purchase of road salt.

I am pleased to report to you that the Village has a new Police Chief. Al Faust began his tour of duty with the TPPD on February 26, 2024. Chief Faust has served the Town of Goshen PD for decades, rising to the rank of Deputy Chief. He is working out of his office in the Lodge as well as patrolling the roads of the Village.

Deputy Mayor & Budget Director Lindsay is hard at work with former Trustee Allen Barnett and the Village Clerk-Treasurer preparing the proposed 2024-25 Budget for publication and submission to the Board of Trustees for review.

On March 20, 2024 at 6:30pm, prior to the BOT meeting, there will be a Public Hearing on Local Law No.1 of 2024, the proposed Landscaper Licensing Law. Passage of this Local Law by the Board of Trustees will provide the Village with the ability to enforce those provisions of the Village Code that protect our trees, lakes and environment from degradation and pollution by non-compliant contractors. Each commercial landscaper and tree cutter will be required to sign a licensing agreement to abide by the provisions of the Village Code and maintain required insurance as they conduct their business.

At the February meeting of the Board of Trustees, two "quality of life" issues were raised for which the BOT is seeking public input:

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING TWO QUESTIONS BY RESPONDING TO MY E-MAIL ADDRESS BELOW

### **(1) SHOULD DOGS ROAM UNATTENDED?**

At present, the Village Code permits "at large" dogs to roam unsupervised and freely throughout the community. In my six months as your Mayor, I have receive numerous complaints from residents while walking, jogging and pushing baby strollers who have felt threatened when approached by unattended dogs. A call to the police is of no avail as the officers have no jurisdiction to capture an unattended dog. While I am not aware of any incidents in which the unattended dog attacked a person or a leashed dog, our law that allows a dog to roam free without its owner is unusual and should be reviewed. Should an attack occur, how would the police and the victim identify the dog and its owner if the animal ran away? While walking a dog off-leash is an enjoyable experience for both the pet and the owner, I believe that allowing dogs to roam at-large and unattended poses unnecessary stress and risk to other residents and their pets. Do you have an opinion on this issue?

### **(2) SHOULD DELIVERIES BE PERMITTED ON SUNDAY?**

At present, Sunday deliveries, other than for food, are prohibited in the Village. Many residents have requested that they be permitted to receive their packages from Amazon, UPS, FedEx and other

delivery services on Sunday. Regardless of the day of the week, your neighbors may require prescriptions, documents or other items that are essential. Some residents are here in the Village on weekends only and they would like to receive their packages before returning to their homes in NYC. Do you have an opinion on this issue?

The Board of Trustees thanks you for your input.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Marc' written in a cursive style.

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