

## County wraps up year

The Seneca County Board of Supervisors wrapped up 2013 with a special meeting Dec. 30.

Most of the activity was routine, end-of-year adjustments and resolutions. However, it did act on two pieces of business worth noting.

The board appointed Treasurer Nick Sciotti as purchasing director until a new county manager is on board.

Mitch Rowe, the county's manager, resigned effective Monday (Jan. 6) to take a position with the Warren Administration in the City of Rochester. One of his duties included being purchase director to approve purchases and budget transfers.

Under board policy, another county employee could be appointed. Sciotti will serve that function until a new county manager is appointed.

THE SUPERVISORS ALSO proposed a local law to establish the salaries of certain county employees. Under proposed Local Law 14-A, salaries would be established for the commissioner of human services, \$92,790; county manager, \$86,580; county highway superintendent, \$70,479; sheriff, \$73,173; county clerk, \$62,097; personnel officer, \$60,681; and election commissioner (Republican), \$51,346.

The adjustments were reviewed

by the personnel committee and are included in the county's 2014 budget.

A public hearing was scheduled at a special meeting next Wednesday (Jan. 15) at 5:30 p.m. in the Supervisor's Room in the County Office Building, Waterloo. Action is anticipated following the public input.

The supervisors also levied taxes at the meeting. Residents should have received their tax bill, but here's how it shapes up (rates are per \$1,000 assessed value):

COVING: County, \$5.419432; Town, \$3.875689; Village (Interlaken), \$2.576111.

FAYETTE: County, \$5.863405; Town, \$3.908475; Village (Waterloo), \$1.961089.

JUNES: County, \$5.148461; Town, \$4.038370.

LODGE: County, \$5.419432; Town, \$7.470584; Village, \$3.526704.

OWID: County, \$5.419432; Town, \$5.876691; Village, \$1.584367.

ROANOK: County, \$5.419432; Town, \$4.476443; Village (Ovid), \$2.091414.

SENECA FALLS: County, \$5.851374; Town, \$4.282784.

TYRE: County, \$5.148461; Town, \$8.044904.

VARICK: County, \$5.419432; Town, \$2.005197.

WATERLOO: County, \$5.164631; Town, \$3.59802; Village, \$2.326397.

### Other recent board of supervisors action

Dec. 30, 2013

- Authorized year-end budget adjustments for the 2013 budget
- Authorized blanket purchase orders for gas and diesel, salt, equipment rental and oil and stone for the Highway Department (budgeted)
- Authorized the treasurer to correct and refund taxes (up to \$2,500)
- Levied county taxes by town
- Authorized corrections for errors and audit adjustments for towns' share of levy
- Levied returned school taxes
- Levied returned village taxes
- Levied town taxes
- Authorized Facilities purchase of a replacement 2014 Ford F250 from VanHornel Ford (\$28,776.38 under state bid, funded in 2013 budget)
- Authorized Health Department to sign a contract with Lau-

ren Tavko, Geneva, as speech therapist for the pre-school program (mandated and budgeted)

□ Supported the creation of a Personnel policy addressing specific management benefits

□ Approved a 2% salary increase for county employees not represented by a union and whose title is not included on the salary schedule

□ Followed Policy 107.100 by approving step increases for management employees not previously approved to move to the market rate in 2014 and had received an evaluation of at least 3.0 on a 5.0 point scale, management employees at step 15 to receive an increase equal to that of a step, and elected official, election commissioners and deputy election commissioners to move a step higher since they are evaluated by electorate or political parties



### Leadership and dedication

Senator Mike Nozzolio recently spoke at the Fayette Volunteer Fire Department's annual banquet where he had the pleasure of presenting Charlie McCann with a special New York State Resolution in honor of his recognition as the recipient of the 2013 Lewis Sorrentino Firefighter of the Year award, which recognizes a member of the Fayette Fire Department who demonstrates exceptional leadership and dedication and who is actively involved with the department. The award is named in honor of Nozzolio's father-in-law, the late Lewis Sorrentino. Lewis "Lewie" Sorrentino who was the longest serving fire chief in the history of the Fayette Fire Department and had also served as the Fayette postmaster for many years. Several family members, including Nozzolio's wife, Rosemary, were on hand for the ceremony. Pictured (left to right) are: Sandy Mitchell, Sorrentino's daughter; Rosemary Nozzolio, Mike Nozzolio, Bud Mitchell, Sorrentino's son-in-law; Lynda McCann, Charlie's wife; Charlie's son Chris; Charlie McCann, member of the Fayette Fire Department and director of emergency services for Seneca County; Fayette Fire Department Chief Bob Halladay; Sorrentino's wife, Millie; and their daughter, Sharon Hogan.

### Seneca Meadows named Business of Month

The Seneca County Chamber of Commerce honored two local businesses at its recently held Business After-Hours Mixer, which also served as a grand opening celebration for Generations Bank's new corporate headquarters in Seneca Falls.

A formal ribbon cutting presentation with remarks by local and state dignitaries took place Dec. 18 at the bank's new head office, located at 20 East Bayard Street.

The second presentation at the Business After-Hours event included awarding Seneca Meadows as the Chamber's December Business of the Month recipient.

Seneca Meadows has been dedicated to the preservation and advancement of the environment since its inception in 1983. Seneca Meadows has earned a valued reputation for possessing exemplary compliance records, surpassing regulatory requirements and for its state-of-the-art operation as one of the first facilities in New York to construct a gas-to-energy plant. The company is also one of the largest tire recyclers in the state.

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS AND initiatives, includ-

ing the Seneca Meadows Wetlands Preserve & Education Center and the Seneca Meadows Renewable Resource Park, have earned the support of prestigious environmental organizations such as the National Audubon Society, Ducks Unlimited and Trout Unlimited.

Seneca Meadows also supports various community efforts as well, contributing to nearly 100 charitable and service organizations including fire and police departments, food pantries, youth sports programs and veterans' groups.

Its efforts have also secured such honors as the 2003 Seneca County Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award, the 2009 *Rochester Business Journal's* Environmental Leadership Award and the 2012 SWANA Excellence Award for landfill management.

As the fifth largest, private industrial employer in Seneca County, Seneca Meadows employs a staff of 140, has an annual payroll of over \$10 million and provides over \$4 million a year in local taxes and direct benefits that help pay for local schools and assist to keep area property taxes from escalating.

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