

Jacoby a part of Lewiston's success

BY JOHN JACOBY
Town of Lewiston Councilman

At all levels of government, it is critical to have representation from more than one party. As the lone Democrat on the Lewiston Town Board I have reached across the aisle to work with the Republican majority, and in so doing have had a great deal of input in the operation of town government.

Countless times I have questioned programs, capital improvement projects, funding for nonprofits, competitive bidding, union contracts and numerous other items. In every instance, I received an explanation that either satisfied my concerns or, on many occasions, I was able to offer input or modification that

became part of the final product.

One of the projects I am most satisfied with was the replacement of miles and miles of water lines. The condition of these water lines had deteriorated to the point where not only daily routine water usage was in jeopardy, but having adequate water for firefighting could not be guaranteed. With my background in the fire service, any civilian or firefighter casualty caused by this situation would have been inexcusable. The project is now almost 100% complete and working great.

Our town government weathered the COVID pandemic in sound financial shape. What enabled us to do that was having an improving bond rating, reason-

able fund balances, and department heads constantly searching for ways to operate efficiently in the face of an invisible foe never experienced in modern times.

All of the board members participate in reviewing every expenditure made by the town. While being tedious work, I can say categorically that it is one of the most important tasks we perform.

Under Dave Trane's leadership, not only has the Highway Department paved countless miles of town roads - this was done using shared services with surrounding communities. We recently completed rebuilding the basketball court at Kiwanis Park. Along with this, the tennis courts were refurbished and

dedicated pickleball courts were set up. The roofs on the picnic shelters were replaced or repaired where needed in all town parks.

Greenway money is being utilized to install playground equipment in the parks. The bathroom at the Sanborn Park is being redone. We are building a waterfront park across from the senior center; it is now progressing nicely. In short, the parks are receiving tremendous attention.

All of the town buildings have been converted to LED lights as well as all of our streetlights, where possible. This project saved significant money for the taxpayers, and most of the credit for these projects is due to Rob Morreale. His research and set-

ting up meetings for the rest of the board made this possible.

I have had a hand in all of these accomplishments. Sometimes my part was only in reviewing the project and voting for it. Other times it required meetings, study and debate. While I regularly rely on the expertise of town department heads, I have never voted on any issue that I wasn't familiar with, nor have I ever avoided voting on tough matters by absenting myself. In my nearly four-year tenure, I have never missed a Town Board meeting or a Town Board work session.

If you believe there continues to be a place for me in town government, please consider voting for me this year. Thank you everyone!

Morreale works for betterment of Lewiston

BY ROB MORREALE
Town of Lewiston Councilman

In 2015, I made the decision to run for Lewiston Town Board to serve the citizens of Lewiston as your councilman. Since that time, I have worked closely with all board members, particularly Supervisor Steve Broderick and Councilman Bill Geiben, for the betterment of our community.

The first priority after being sworn in was to improve town finances, which in 2015 was

deemed "stressed" by the New York State Comptroller's Office, and we did that in just three years. We also worked together to replace an aging fleet of trucks and vehicles within most departments, including the police, highway, water, sewer and parks.

We recently pursued a \$250,000 grant from Sen. Ortt's office, which we will use to purchase a new highway plow truck. I worked hard in securing grants for two new hybrid town ve-

hicles, along with a car-charging station installed at the Town Hall. I also reviewed and coordinated a new project to replace 520 streetlights in the town with LED lights in conjunction with National Grid. This new lighting will save Lewiston taxpayers \$8,000 per year in energy costs.

We have taken action with NY-SERDA (the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority) to certify Lewiston as a "clean energy" community. We

were also able to reduce Lewiston's greenhouse gases by 36.5% and were awarded a \$5,000 grant for our green efforts. These additional funds will be used to replace 80 old streetlights with modern green lighting fixtures that weren't included in the original grant.

We are currently wrapping up a town water project where we replaced over 8.2 miles of 100-year-old water lines. Our town parks have never looked better, having

just added two new basketball courts at Kiwanis Park, a new playground at Sanborn Park, and soon we will have a new playground at Pletcher Road Park.

I am asking you for the opportunity to allow me to continue working hard for the Town of Lewiston and ask that you please vote for me on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Thank you for the privilege of serving the Town of Lewiston and I look forward to our future.

Suggests better pedestrian, bicyclist access to state park

A limited access highway on-ramp and off-ramp are not meant for people to be walking on for a reason.

I am one of the several people who use the Niagara Scenic Parkway as a part of our daily commute from the Lake Road area.

On a dark mid-October morning just right before dawn, I got onto the Niagara Scenic Parkway

on-ramp near the Fort Niagara State Park northern entrance. As I was making my way down the curving section, I nearly struck several people that were walking on the roadway. After this incident, I had mixed feelings of relief, anger and frustration, because an on-ramp is the last place I would expect to see pedestrians before dawn.

I thought to myself, all of this

could have been easily avoided if New York state had made Fort Niagara State Park more pedestrian- and bicycle-accessible from Lake Road. This could be easily done by building a pathway next to the parkway on-ramp and off-ramp in the same fashion as the pedestrian and bicycle path next to the parkway going up the escarpment in the Village of Lewiston.

The safety of the pedestrians, the bicyclists, the commuters, and the visitors to the community would be dramatically increased in this manner. Especially at dawn and dusk.

Hopefully, this opinion piece reaches the eyes of an assemblyman!

Matthew Cipolla

Keep Jacoby on Lewiston Town Board

John Jacoby has an excellent record on the Lewiston Town Board and deserves the support of Lewiston residents to serve another term.

John is hard-working, dedicated, and looks out for the best interests of all of us. He has vast experience in local government management from his career with the Niagara Falls

Fire Department. John Jacoby is willing to serve. We are fortunate to have him.

Let's keep him. *Bill Gallagher Lewiston*

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NOTICE TO TOWN OF PORTER RESIDENTS

TOWN WIDE FINAL BRUSH PICKUP SCHEDULE

Starting the week of **November 1st to November 5th**

THIS WILL BE THE LAST BRUSH PICKUP FOR THE YEAR

Our website: PorterNY.com

TOWN OF PORTER DOES NOT HAVE LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

Leaves should be bagged and brought to Town Hall parking lot dumpster.

Lawn and Landscaping Contractors should remove any leaves from yards they have contracted for clean up.

Correction

The fourth annual Veteran's Day Chiavetta's chicken barbecue benefit set for Saturday, Nov. 13, at O. Leo Curtiss Post 830, will feature complimentary dinners for veterans who are residents of the Heritage Manor in Ransomville courtesy of Ki-Po Chevrolet.

A report in the Oct. 15 Tribune-Sentinel contained incorrect information. The Tribune/Sentinel apologizes for any inconvenience to our readers.

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