

# A VIEW OF THE FALLS

## Office of the Mayor - Richard B. Milne

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Dear Friends,

As I put this short article together, April Fools Day is keeping with tradition and providing one more nasty blast of cold air. I can only hope that this will be the last for the season.

The beginning of April also marks a time of the year when the Village of Honeoye Falls Board of Trustees passes its annual budget and conducts its annual meeting. With our annual meeting, this year we will be thanking those that have served our village in various capacities over the past year and specifically thanking those who are stepping down from their positions after serving for many years. Jim Hoh (Zoning Board of Appeals) and Glenn Clark (Village Trustee) will be stepping down after years of service and we will thank them properly at our Annual Meeting (April 8, 2013 at 7:00 PM). We will also make various new board appointments, including the swearing in of a new Village Trustee Shari Stottler. All are invited to attend this meeting.

Also on April 8th at 6:00 PM, there will be a public hearing to approve the 2013-2014 Village Budget. The current Village Board will hear any comments and then vote on the budget as proposed. The current budget includes a 1.99% tax levy increase to \$2.05/1000 and also a \$15.00/increase to the sewer rental fee per connection. The Village Trustees are happy with the budget as proposed as we are able to maintain services and also continue to plan for future projects without a large increase in tax rate. We applaud our village staff for their budget preparation and also thank our various departments for working hard to keep budget lines flat where possible. Certainly we are not without budget concerns as pension and medical costs continue to rise as does the cost of our Emergency Services departments but with a solid team approach we continue to move forward in a positive direction. Our village is a beautiful place to live and with our great partners in the Town of Mendon and Town/Village of Lima and the HFL School District, we are able to continually work towards positive collaboration that enhances services and saves money where possible.

Lastly, the Village Comprehensive Plan process continues to move forward. A survey is in the final stages of preparation and will be available in various forms. We expect to mail the survey out to every village household and also have the survey available on line. This survey is extremely important to the comprehensive plan process. Your direct input is critical to gather information and provide the village board with thoughts and ideas as we complete this plan. The village will also be asking our local businesses and property owners for their input as to what they feel would be an appropriate vision and direction for the village in the future. There is also opportunity for residents and property owners outside the village to take part in the survey as well. Please be watching for this survey and take part in this critical process.

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