

## 2013 LYNDONVILLE TRUSTEES REPORT

To the Residents of Lyndonville:

2013 was a challenging year for the Village. For a variety of reasons, we ended up with a deficit of about \$50,000. Due to weather, we were over budget for the purchase of salt, we overspent in the garage as we computerized many of our records and we did less work for the water and sewer departments than we had budgeted. Our plan is to make up the deficit by using some of our reserve funds that have been held for years as a rainy day type fund.

A great deal was accomplished during the year. We promoted Tim Hooker to be the new Public Works Supervisor and he has worked out very well. We hired Rob Ball as a new employee and he too has been a real asset. Jim Eldridge moved to half time employment during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2013 and will fully retire at the end of June. He will be greatly missed as he had an immense amount of knowledge of our systems and was a steadying influence on the whole department. His position will not be filled as we are reducing our staff by one person. This is a direct result of all of the improvements we have made to the water distribution system so we don't have so many repairs to make on a regular basis. We would like to sincerely thank our Public Works crew for their outstanding contribution to the Village.

We finished the Tute Hill/Charles St. intersection this year and it seems to be working well. We almost completed the final stages of upgrading the water distribution system in the Village. In 2014 we will do a small improvement on Skyline Drive and the entire Village will be finished.

The water rates have been completely restructured for 2014. The new method of billing will make our utility much more financially sustainable going forward and help to control the burden on individual homeowners.

In 2014, the State will be completely repaving Route 5 through the Village as well as Center St. Improvements will include a new median on Broad St. near the Post Office which will improve safety for pedestrians and drivers.

We continue to work on a new joint garage facility with the Town. We will also continue to bring our sidewalks into ADA compliance.

Bandstand Park continues to be a focal point. The park is always busy with events and people enjoying the space. We made some improvements to the lighting in the gazebo and plan to replace the main electrical panel this year. Thanks to all who created the new Christmas display in the gazebo this year. It seemed to be a big hit with everyone and we hope it will be an annual event.

We welcomed Ron Aiken to our Board of Trustees in 2013 and his perspective is valued.

The Trustees would also like to thank our administrative staff for all of their hard work. They are invaluable in keeping the Village running smoothly.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve our community and the support you give us in that work.

Oralie Lefavre  
Chair, Board of Trustees

Tim Gaskin, Randy Amadon, Ray Durocher and Ron Aiken