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Happy New Year and Warm Greetings !

The month of January is a time to reorganize and set goals for the coming year. Appointments to town positions and a review of procedures and policies will occur.

The next meeting of the Town Board is scheduled for Monday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. Some of the items that will be covered at this meeting include: Zoning Officer's report, Town Clerk's report, Supervisor's report, Committee reports, and adoption of a number of resolutions concerning appointments and operating procedures. On Thursday, January 5th the Town Board will conduct their monthly agenda meeting at which they will review agenda items scheduled for the January 9th meeting.

The Town Offices will be closed on Monday, January 16th for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Revaluation Project Progress Update

Our work continues on the Revaluation Project for the 2012 Assessment Roll. A Public Information Meeting will be held on February 13, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room to advise property owners how the process is going and what information they will be receiving in February regarding their new assessment. Property owners are invited to attend and ask questions of the Assessor about the process. New values will be released around the 15th of February and informal review of values will be available by appointment during late February and early March. Impact Statements will indicate how to make an appointment if you so desire. Please do not hesitate to contact our office at 695-3644, ext.312 or ext.321. The Assessor's Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The Assessor is in the office on Tuesday and Thursday. If you would like to meet with the Assessor, please call and arrange for an appointment.

Quaker Springs Fire Department News

At the fire district election on December 13th, Stephen Bodnar was re-elected as Fire Commissioner.

Town Tax Collector

Town Tax Collector James Gorham recently mailed tax notices for all parcels in the town. Residents may pay their taxes in person at the town hall or mail them to the tax collector. During January, Jim will collect taxes in his office at the Town Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. On Saturday, January 28th taxes may be paid from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. During February and March, Jim will be in his office on Monday's only from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Taxes may be mailed to Jim at anytime. If you have any questions for Jim, call him at 695-3644 X 318.

Assessor News

Greetings From the Assessor's Office Happy New Year! Now is the time for all property owners to look over their information and start filing for any exemptions they may be qualified to receive. If you will be **65 in the year 2012**, you are eligible to apply for the Senior Star Exemption. But, you must file before March 1, 2012.

Many exemptions require renewal applications. These applications were color-coded this year and have been mailed. Please take time now to fill these out and turn them in to the Assessor's office. The deadline for renewal applications is March 1, 2012.

Home owners in the town who reside in their property are eligible for Residential Star. This is a one-time application. If you have not already filed to receive these savings to your school taxes, you need to apply before March 1, 2012.

Other exemptions available within the town include Veterans exemptions, disability exemptions, and Agricultural exemptions. Certain criteria must be met to qualify for these exemptions. Please contact our office to determine if you might be eligible. All exemptions must be filed by **March 1, 2012**.

Reminder: The Assessor's Office is open Monday – Thursday from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Please stop in and visit us – we'll be happy to answer your questions and help you apply for any exemptions you may be entitled to receive.