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While keeping busy is important and keeps the Town running, I wanted to take a minute out of my schedule to address the Town and provide updates about what has been going on in East Greenbush. We are excited to announce that mobilization begins on March 4th at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. We look forward to seeing the phase one work completed by the end of the year. Another area that was discussed at the pre-board meeting was the need to establish a new Ethics Board pursuant to the Code of Ethics passed by the Town Board in October 2013. We hope to have members appointed to this board prior to the March meeting.

I would like to thank the Department of Public Works for their outstanding efforts in the snow removal over the last two months. While it does not look like the cold is ready to subside just yet, it is important to let the workers know that I, along with Commissioner Corellis and the Town Board appreciate their tireless efforts to keep our roads clean and safe through each one of the storms. We haven't had snow like this in a few years, but each and every member of the DPW workforce was out there giving 110%. My office has heard positive reviews from not only residents of the Town, but also from the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner. The hard work and dedication of the workforce has made the transition an easy one.

In January, I along with members of the Board and my staff had the pleasure of attending various installation dinners for the Clinton Heights Fire Department and the East Greenbush Fire Department. I would like to congratulate these men and women on their positions on the boards or as officers. We thank them and all members of the departments for their service. At the February meeting, the Town of East Greenbush renewed the contract with Best Luther Fire Department to continue their service to the two fire protection districts they oversee. We would also like to thank them for their efforts.

After considerable research and discussion following the surveys completed by residents of the Red Mill Estates neighborhood, we noted that the majority of residents noted that it would be beneficial to change to the General Water District from the Hampton Manor Water District. This resolution was passed at the February meeting, approving the switching of Red Mill Estate residents to the General Water district. We hope that the residents will benefit greatly from this change. This is a step in the right direction!

We received disappointing news that a longstanding business on 9&20 was going to close its doors in East Greenbush along with a number of other Capital District locations, forever. K-Mart is a convenience to many community residents and we will be sad to see it go. We hope that the property managers are able to find a new business to occupy this location soon. Recently the Town has seen an increase in interest in locations along 9 & 20 and we hope that retailers and restaurants will see the benefits that East Greenbush has to offer.

During these extreme cold conditions, please take a moment to check on your elderly or sick neighbors and family members to ensure their safety. Also remember that your family pets are sensitive to this cold as well and ensure their safety along with everyone else's. There have been a number of stories on the national news over the past few weeks about carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon Monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that has the potential to poison your family with exposure. Make sure that you have your carbon monoxide detectors place properly and that they are working. If you use space heaters, a fire place or gas stoves that each one is vented correctly to safeguard your family against exposure.

I would like to take a minute to wish two of East Greenbush's centenarian's a very happy birthday. Both George Witbeck, 100 and Loucena Trueworthy, 105, celebrated their birthday's this year. In other community news, our new Director of Community and Recreations has created a Facebook page to keep residents up to date on programs and events that the Town is sponsoring. If you're already on Facebook, be sure to check it out, search for "Town of East Greenbush Community & Recreation."

Over the past month I have had many meetings with various residents of Town. I appreciate them taking the time to meet with me and bring to my attention assorted issues so we can address them to the best of our abilities. It gives me great pride to work with members of our community. With that being said, my door is always open and so is my email.

Be well.