

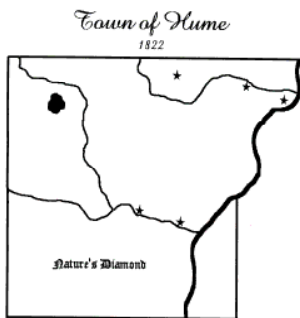
The Bee

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January 2010

Town of Hume Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Town of Hume Museum, 10842 Claybed Rd. Hume, at 7PM. Town board meeting are open to public. Copies of the minutes may also be obtained at the clerk's office.



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“Our Town” a Word From Supervisor Ricketts

Hello: my purpose in beginning this newsletter is to keep “Our Town” informed of interesting and important news that has transpired. With the dedication and expertise of Rondus Miller, I’d like to see this letter distributed quarterly “for the taking” in various places throughout town. Please feel free to contact Rondus or myself with bits of “Town worthy” news.

I would like to thank all Town of Hume voters who participated in the November election. We had a large turnout for a non-presidential election year. I look forward to working with our Town Board veterans, Bryce Bower and Daniel Miller and new members Chris Austin and Greg McKurth. With economic times being what they are, our board members will face many challenges in the months to come.

I would like to thank and wish the best to our retirees

Ron Paulsen, Lanny “M” Clark and Craig Smith for their many years of dedicated service to “Our Town.” Also, a big thank you goes out to Bob Beil for his 8 years of service on our Town Board. They have all left it a better place.

We here in the Town of Hume are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group of people serving us all. Most of us don’t realize the behind-the-scene effort put into keeping our roads safe and open, our water safe and flowing or the endless amount of paperwork and other duties required by NYS of our Clerk. I am very proud to serve with all who work to keep the Town running smoothly.

As for me, it is an honor and a pleasure to serve this community. January I spent much time getting acquainted with procedures and issues, training classes and learning the ropes of the office. Now I’m here and

ready to hear from you. If you have ideas how to improve or better “Our Town,” call and share them. I’d like to maintain an “open door” policy, so please feel free to contact me with town issues anytime.

THANK YOU!

Dennis L. Ricketts

Supervisor, Town of Hume

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Meet Town of Hume Board & Employees

Newly elected Town Supervisor Dennis Ricketts conducted the first town board meeting for 2010. Supervisor Ricketts opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag and welcomed the new board members and thanked the current board members and employees for their service.

Dennis Ricketts owns his own diesel mechanic business in Fillmore. He and his wife Deborah live on Bernard Street in Fillmore. Dennis is a graduate of Fillmore Central. In 2006 he started his first term as town councilman and served until he was elected town supervisor.

Chris Austin is employed with Accurate Acoustical, as a carpenter/foreman. He is the treasurer for Local 85 of Rochester Empire of Carpenters, elected President of the Fillmore Little League in 2008 and is a Trustee of St. Patrick's Church in Fillmore. He lives on the Claybed Road with his wife Jennifer and their four children. Chris is a graduate of Fillmore Central.

Greg McKurth has been employed with the Wyoming County Soil & Water Conservation District for 30 years and is the district manager. Greg and his wife Deborah live on Minard Street in Fillmore, they have two sons. Greg is a Fillmore Central, & GCC, graduate. Greg and his wife own and operate a home daycare.

Incumbent Bryce Bower works for Fillmore Gas Company. Bryce and his wife Shari live on the Claybed Road and are very busy raising teenage twins. Bryce is

a graduate of Fillmore Central. Prior to election to the board in 1999 he was appointed to fill a vacancy. His first term as a town board member started in 2000.

Incumbent Daniel Miller recently retired from Morton Salt after 30 years. Dan and his wife Deborah live on North Genesee St., they have three children. He was a member of the Brooks Hose Fire Company for 20 years and is now an exempt fireman. Dan has been involved with the Fillmore Little League, Cub & Boy Scouts and Explorer programs. After graduation from FCS he entered the US Army he is a Vietnam Veteran and a member of the American Legion. He holds two Journeymen Certificates from NYS in Automotive and Plant Maintenance-Pipe fitter. In Oct. 2007 he was appointed to the town board to fill a vacancy. In 2008 Dan was elected as town councilman.

Sondra MacEwan is the Town Clerk. In 1972 she moved here from Ohio just in time for the flood. She has one daughter and one granddaughter who live in Rushford. Sondra worked for the *Northem Allegany Observer*, Sugar Creek, and was director of the Wide Awake Library before becoming Deputy Clerk in 1991. she has been the elected Town Clerk / Collector since 1992. Her interests include reading, computer, family & friends, genealogy, recipes & cooking. Sondra also belongs to the Allegany County Municipal Clerks Association and is Web Clerk.

Dana Potter is the Water & Sewer Su-

perintendent. Dana started work in the town water department in 1978. Along with the water and sewer department his other responsibilities include the parks and sidewalks. He and his wife Courtney live on Emerald Street; he has five sons. His interests are sports and hunting. Dana coached Little League for 12 years.

Jim Mills works with Dana in the water & sewer department. Jim lives on the Claybed Road with wife Chele; they have two children.

Susan Bodnar is Deputy Town Clerk since March 2003. Susan lives on the Weaver Road with husband Jason and their three children. She belongs to the Fillmore Wesleyan Church and Fillmore Running Club.

Joan Wagner, has been dog control and animal damage officer since 2005. Joan also helps in the clerk's office during tax time and cleans the clerk's office. She lives on County Road 15 in Granger.

Rondus Miller, is Town Historian and was appointed in August 1999. Rondus and her husband Paul live on State Route 19 Town of Caneadea. They have three children and four grandchildren. She is a graduate of Fillmore Central and has worked in the kitchen there since 1986. She is a member of the Western NY Government Appointed Historians and NY State Historians Assoc. Her interests are family and local history, knitting and crocheting.

Due to space constraints Town employees not included in this newsletter will be included in future issues.

Highway Department

Kevin Peet is the new Highway Superintendent. He was appointed interim superintendent in November 2009 to fill the vacancy after Ron Paulsen retired. Kevin lives on the Claybed Road with his wife Susan and their two children. He is a graduate of Fillmore Central School.

Other employees of the town highway department are Wayne Burger, Terry Wagoner, Andy Peet and Derek Decker. These are the folks who make it possible for all of us to enjoy the holidays, birthdays and the daily trek to work on safe roads. The highway crew and their families are the ones who give to the town first, while the little ones

wait patiently at home on Christmas morning for dad to finish plowing the roads.

*The Town of Hume
has 52 miles of roads.*

Warning Notice

This notice is being given to you as a courtesy by the Town Board of the Town of Hume. Over recent weeks the Town Board has received complaints about vehicles being illegally parked on public roads in the Town of Hume.

Local Law NO. 2 of 2003 and Local Law NO. 2 of 2004 prohibit all parking on public roads within the Town be-

tween the hours of midnight and 7:00 AM from December 1 through April 1st.

The presence of parked vehicles during the specified hours makes it difficult for the State and Town Highway crews to plow snow off of public roads. This creates dangerous situations that impact all of us. This cannot be allowed to continue.

You are being given this single warning. Starting on February 22, 2010, these local laws will be enforced and tickets for violations will be issued. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Town Board of the Town of Hume

January Town Board Minutes

January 13, 2010 Organizations and appointments were made by Supervisor Ricketts and were adopted by the Town Board.

Highway Supt. Kevin Peet requested the purchase of a 2010 4X4 Ford F350 to replace the 2001 Dodge. After discussion the purchase was approved. The 2001 Dodge will be sold by a sealed bid.

Historian Rondus Miller was asked by

Supervisor Ricketts to prepare a Town newsletter Mrs. Miller agreed.

Fuel bids were opened and awarded to Rinker Oil Company.

Dana Potter Water/Sewer Supt. and Kevin Peet Highway Supt. were asked to demolish the old village barn on North Genesee St. that is no longer used by the town.

Copies of Town polices were passed out for consideration by the board at a future meeting.

Town Clerk Sondra MacEwan gave an update on the Record's Room grant and expressed her appreciation to the highway crew and Jim Mills in helping with the new office furniture. Bills and reports were accepted and then the board entered executive session.

Three Town Employees Retire

A retirement dinner was held at the Wiscoy-Rosburg Fire hall on December 5th 2009.

Ron Paulsen, former Highway Superintendent, retired in November 2009. "Whitey" was hired in January 1978 by the town highway department. In January 2002 he was appointed Highway Superintendent and held that post until

his retirement in November 2009.

Lanny Clark was hired as a mechanic by the Town Highway Department in June 1978. Lanny was appointed Deputy Highway Superintendent in 2002 until his retirement in June of 2009.

Craig Smith was also honored for his dedication. He was elected in January 1998 as a town councilman until he

was elected Town Supervisor in January 2006. Craig also held the position of Deputy Supervisor for several years.

*The Town of Hume
population is 1,987*

Visit the Town of Hume on the web at
www.humetown.org

Find complete board minutes, links to town departments and general information.

Town Clerk hours are: Monday - Friday 9-12 & 1-5
585-567-2666 email, humetown@rochester.rr.com

Posting places: Town Hall, Community Bank,

Library, Brooks Hose Company Fire Hall, Wiscoy-Roszburg Fire Hall, Speicher's Groceries, & Jubilee.

Newspaper: Olean Times Herald.



Durkee Blacksmithing Shop

Does this building look familiar? It is no longer a blacksmith shop but still is in use. The where and the what for are up to you to discover. For the answer visit the Town of Hume Museum.

Town of Hume Museum corner of Claybed Road and School Street Hume

Hours Monday 1-4, Thursday 3-6, Saturday 9-12

During the months of July & August Monday hours are 9-12 & 1-4.

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"THE BEE"

The Town is resurrecting the name "*The Bee*" first published in 1861 in Hume village by R. B. Hultz. *The Bee* soon became *The Constitution*, it soon suspended publication. In February 1880, H.C. Scott started publication of the *Hume Enterprise* town meeting week. In March 1882 the office was moved to Fillmore into the old Whitbeck building (formerly the Canal House - GLF). Wm. P. Brooks published the *Fillmore Enterprise* from that building. In 1888 Judson Howden bought the presses and changed the name to *Northern Allegany Observer*. The *Fillmore Enterprise* & *Hume Enterprise* were published concurrently in the late 1800's.

A Glance Back...

The following are excerpts from newspapers at the museum.

The Hume Enterprise March 9, 1882

A pleasant and enjoyable time was had at the necktie party at Sweets hotel, Hume, last Friday evening, and netted over \$16 towards paying for the new M. E. church bell.

Mr. C. T. Scott, recently cut down a giant white oak tree on his farm near Fillmore that made 105 ties, 200 feet of lumber, 11 cords of stove wood, and 10 fence posts, besides the slabs. A noble tree, surely. Valuation \$70.

June 16, 1899

The day is coming when we shall cook our own food at our own tables; when all he shall have to do is to attach a wire to the electric fixtures overhead, and on a neat slab, heated by electricity, cook

eggs, steaks and cakes, exactly to suit owns tastes, to say nothing of the enjoyment of having everything fresh and steaming hot.

Fillmore Enterprise December 2, 1887; under Hume Items

Hume people have just found out that there is a lockup in town.

In this village its costs \$10 to strike a man and \$ 4 to strike a woman.

Berry Bros. Entertainment.- The well known and famous Berry Brothers, showmen, are to appear in Hume, Saturday evening next. Their entertainment now consists of Bell Ringing and a comic variety show, spoken of by the press as superb, and most highly entertaining. They give a portion of their receipts for the benefit of the Hume Fire Department. Admission 25 cts, children 15 cts.

April 16, 1885 under Neighborhood News and Gossip Wiscoy Items.

Our cadet band still hold tow regular meetings each week.

The Burnside Post, 137 G.A.R. hold their meetings every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Our school will open the first of May for 10 weeks term, taught by a Mr. Wells who is taking a vacation from Medical college.

Under Centerville

We understand that a gentleman from Rochester proposes to put up a new hotel in this town this season, which will doubtless be a great benefit to the traveling public.

The "Jockey" Williams farm is sold to a man from Arcade Station. Consideration , \$8,900.