

TOWN OF HOMER COMMUNITY UPDATE

From Town Supervisor Michael Park

The Town Board continues working on several projects that focus on maintaining our infrastructure, improving town facilities, and planning responsibly for the future of our community. Below are highlights from recent Town Board discussions and actions.

Town Hall Lower Level Renovation

Work continues on the renovation of the lower level of Town Hall. The goal is to modernize the space while preserving the historic character of the building. Improvements include updated mechanical systems, improved work areas for staff, and infrastructure upgrades that will serve the town for many years.

Once the work is completed, the Town plans to host a **community open house** so residents can see the improvements and learn more about how the space will be used.

Highway Department Work

Our Highway Department continues its year-round work maintaining town roads, drainage systems, and equipment.

Recent work includes:

- Routine road inspections and maintenance
- Equipment upkeep and preparation for spring work
- Drainage and infrastructure checks
- Planning for seasonal road maintenance

These efforts help ensure safe and reliable roads for residents throughout the year.

Planning for Future Infrastructure

The Town Board is reviewing several long-term infrastructure needs, including:

- Bridge and drainage improvements
- Future highway facility upgrades
- Ongoing maintenance planning for town buildings
- Improvements to town operations and record systems

Planning ahead allows the town to maintain assets responsibly while controlling long-term costs.

Solar Project Discussions

The Town continues reviewing solar project agreements. Community host agreements can provide **long-term revenue for the town**, helping offset local taxes while ensuring projects are developed responsibly and with proper oversight.

Clerk's Office Improvements

The Town Clerk's Office continues improving records management and document processing. These updates help ensure:

- Better organization of town records
 - Faster service for residents
 - Improved access to town documents
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Supporting Town Employees

The Town Board reviewed implementation of **Paid Family Leave benefits** for town employees. This program provides support for employees facing family or medical situations while maintaining responsible cost management for taxpayers.

Regional Cooperation

The Town continues working closely with the **Village of Homer, Cortland County, and regional partners** on economic development and infrastructure planning. Cooperation between municipalities helps strengthen our community and maximize available resources.

Looking Ahead

Upcoming priorities include:

- Continued progress on the Town Hall renovation
- Spring road maintenance planning

- Infrastructure project evaluation
 - Community open house planning once renovations are complete
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Thank You

Thank you to our town employees, volunteers, and residents who continue to contribute to making the **Town of Homer a great place to live and work.**

Michael Park

Town Supervisor

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