

Yates Town Supervisor "Simonsays" Newsletter

October 2018

Greetings! I hope this first edition of the "Simonsays" Newsletter is informative. Here goes!

- * **OSC Audit:** The NYS Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) conducted an audit of the Town of Yates from October 2017 to May 2018 and has released their report. Please click this link to read the report: <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/audits/towns/2018/yates.pdf>
My response on behalf of the town can be found on page 8. As you can see, there are a few areas to improve. As I indicated in my response, we have already implemented many of the OSC recommendations. It is important to note the auditors found no evidence of misappropriated or missing funds, and the overall financial condition of the town is sound. I will plan to answer any questions you may have over the next few months as we develop a Critical Action Plan that we will send to the OSC and post on our website.
- * **The Comp Plan:** As I hope you are aware by now, the five municipalities in Western Orleans County (Yates, Ridgeway, Shelby, Medina and Lyndonville) have spent the last two years reviewing and updating our Comprehensive Plan. On November 5, 2018, at 5:30PM, we will have a public hearing to hear your feedback on the plan. The plan can be found here: https://www.dropbox.com/s/2yo94eqf21jef6o/Draft_WOCP.pdf?dl=0
We will use the plan to support future project ideas and innovative improvements which will help to revitalize our town.
- * **Lighthouse Wind:** We continue to fight Apex Clean Energy's Lighthouse Wind project. Now that Apex has finally begun to reveal some of the details of their ill-conceived project, it is clear that they will try to eviscerate our local laws and that they will rely on the Siting Board to force this project upon the Towns of Yates and Somerset. Rest assured we will do everything we can to keep this from happening. Every measure of the will of the people of Yates cries out for opposition to this project - from surveys and elections to comments at town board meetings and on the Department of Public Service official repository.
- * **Halloween:** Paula and I look forward to opening the doors of the Town Hall as we have the last two years to trick or treaters. Please stop by and say hello - or boo!
- * **Feedback:** Since this is my first newsletter, please know that I welcome your feedback. Please don't hesitate to let me know how I can serve you better by sending me an email at jamesjsimon11@gmail.com or call me at 716-946-2075.

Best Wishes, and Cheers!

Jim