

Hello everyone!

Something new that I am going to try and provide on a bi-monthly basis is an update of what has taken place recently and what is to come. If you have questions about anything I will provide a truthful, honest answer on this page. Write to me at [spogue@townofbarreny.com](mailto:spogue@townofbarreny.com) with your questions.

Last month I had the privilege to be invited with some elected county officials and business personnel to meet with our new Congresswoman Claudia Tenney. She was very much a personable individual. She spoke of her upbringing in the Utica area and that she was a third generation politician even though she had no aspirations of becoming one. Her family owned and operated a business that she was very involved with and also was a journalist. She spent most of her time talking about businesses in our region and the need to expand. She did in a nice way point out what was wrong in New York State in response to some questions. She encouraged anyone to contact her office with questions and concerns,. Her website is, <https://tenney.house.gov/> . Her closest office to our town is located in Lockport at 169 Niagara Street, Lockport, NY 14094. Phone (716)514.5130. They are open Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm.

Water District #10 – We started this project in 2018 and when we were about to put it out to bid we were hit by COVID-19 which unfortunately shut everything down as we all know. WD#10 is Angevine Rd., Transit Rd. and McNamar Rd.. Well, monies have eased up from the Federal Government and contractors are back to work. On March 30 we will have a bid opening from contractors to see who we will award the construction bid to. As we all know, costs have gone up as a result this project will cost more than originally projected pre-COVID. We will therefore have a public hearing for those residents in WD#10 to inform them of the new cost and answer any questions they may have. If everything works out the new water line should go into the ground this fall. Residents will then be able to hook up to public water before snow flies. Being on a well myself, I do understand the dilemma we face when in a dry season like this past summer/fall. I will keep you posted as this project develops.

RTO – The county wide high speed internet service are getting their equipment installed around the county. They are presently working on installing their antennas on our water tower. In addition, another set of antennas will be on the cell tower on Hemlock Ridge Road. At this time the hope is that the system will be up and operating the end of April or the start of May. Residents will be able to sign up for RTO's service by purchasing an antenna box that mounts on the outside of their home and pay a monthly fee. For those that still do not have access to spectrum and must use other means to use the internet, this may be a blessing. For those who have Spectrum, it will give you another option for high speed internet service.

Until next time, Please be safe.

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