

# Taconic Valley News

## BERLIN

### Town Board Meeting Highlights

The most important development to come out of the Berlin Town Board meeting on Thursday, April 8 was the news of the Taconic Valley Ambulance proposal discussed on page 1, but the board did deal with some other issues as well.

Highway Superintendent Jim Winn said initial reports indicate the newly adopted New York State budget will mean a 32% increase in Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs) funding, money Mr. Winn says will be put to good use in the town. He conveyed the Pave New York program and Early Winter Recovery funding are also continued in the ninth budget.

The Superintendent expressed some concern it might still change but said "sounds positive anyway."

Water District # 2 Director Ben Krahforst noted he recently repaired a leak on North Main Street, the filters used to capture any PFOA/PFAS in the district's drinking water have been changed out and monitoring for the compounds continues.

Dog Control Officer Doug Goodermote says he is still hopeful of a Spring Rabies Clinic, but timing depends on the health of the veterinarian who usually administers the shots.

Transfer Station Lead Attendant Bud Hall says volume at the facility is up over last year.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Stephentown Memorial Library

#### SML Annual Meeting

The Director and Board of Trustees of the Stephentown Memorial Library invite the public to attend their virtual Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 18, at 6 pm. The meeting, which will be held on Zoom, provides an opportunity to thank a number of community collaborators who, along with the library, continued to find ways to meet the community's needs throughout the pandemic. It will also offer the opportunity for voting on the minutes of last year's meeting, and on new trustee appointments. For more information and the link for the meeting, visit our website or call us at 518-733-5750.

Jennifer Peabody, the incoming SML board president, says, "The pandemic brought many challenges, but it also brought opportunities to collaborate. It really drove home the idea that we're all in this together."

### Berlin Free Town Library

The Trustees of the Berlin Free Town Library are pleased to announce that Cheryl Hawksby is the winner of our iPad drawing. This contest was held as an incentive, and a thank you, for the people who answered our online survey last month. The survey is the first step in preparing a Long Range Plan for BFTL. The thoughtful answers from the survey and the focus group will guide the Board in the development of this plan. When the plan is approved by the Board, we can begin to implement some exciting changes at the Library. Although we have to start out slowly, we can make one change right away. The Library will now be open until 6 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is a small change, but we hope it is the start of many changes to come.

### Petersburgh Public Library

We are currently exhibiting many lovely photographs taken by Kimberly Phillips-Roderique. Kimberly was born and raised in Petersburgh, and most of these photographs were taken in the area near her home. Come in to enjoy these charming pictures.

The quarantine time for isolating the library material has been reduced to 48 hours so we are able to get



The Easter Bunny took a moment out from greeting children at the SML event to pose for this picture, complete of course with a carrot, his favorite snack in hand. Photo courtesy of the Stephentown Memorial Library.

### Easter Event

April 3 was a lovely day for the Youth Committee's Easter Grab 'n' Go event. The Youth Committee and the SML staff assembled 125 bags filled with crafts, activities, books, and treats for families to enjoy. Kids could say hello to the Easter Bunny during the safe but fun drive-through event. We were grateful to hear from families, like this message, "Thank you for still making the kids feel special even though everything seems to still be closed and canceled."

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey. It is heartening to know that a library is still wanted in the Town of Berlin. Remember to like us on Facebook to receive updates.



Trustees Lamphere and Theriault present the iPad to Cheryl Hawksby. Photo courtesy of the Berlin Free Town Library.

your requests much sooner now. There are plenty of new books arriving regularly, so go to [petersburghpubliclibrary.org](https://petersburghpubliclibrary.org) to the "New Book Alerts" link to see those titles.

The book selected for the May 12 book club gathering is *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover.

## TACONIC VALLEY NEWS AND NOTES

### Boil Water Advisory Lifted

On Tuesday, April 13, the Town of Berlin issued a boil water advisory for residents of Water District # 2 (the village area) because an electrical problem at the pump house shut down the pumping system, requiring water to be pulled out of the reservoir. This reservoir is not normally used because the Department of Health feels it may have E. coli contamination. Thusly the boil water advisory was issued as a precaution. It was reported at the Town Board meeting the previous week that water samples did not show harmful levels of E. coli in the system.

Repairs to the pumps were completed that night, the reservoir has been refilled and the advisory was lifted as of 9 am on Wednesday.

### Pleasant Valley-Meadowlawn Cemetery

The Cemetery Association plans its annual meeting for Saturday, May 8 at 9:30 am at the Petersburg Town Hall. All individuals with an interest in the cemetery are welcome to attend.

### Seeking Volunteers

The Association is accepting letters of interest for the positions of President and Vice President. Interested individuals are asked to respond to P.O. Box 313, Petersburg, NY 12138 by May 1.

### Spring Clean-up

The Association's Spring Clean-up Day will be held on Saturday, April 24 at 9 am. Anyone interested in helping to clean the cemetery grounds located at 108 Hewitt Road is asked to drop by. The rain date in Sunday, April 25, also at 9 am.

### Cindy Harrison Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Petersburg Fire Department Cindy Harrison Scholarship from those continuing their education through

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