

State of the Town –January 21, 2016

Bullet Points from Supervisor Casilio on his State of the Town:

- Thank all for coming and the Chamber for hosting this event.
- From the Town
Dawn Kinney, Cindi Rosel, Karen Jurek, Dave Metzger, Larry Meckler, Nancy Metzger, Town Board, Jamie Dussing, and Robert Sillars.
- It has been a very busy first few weeks in office.
- I went from 25 employees to 250
- 31,000 people now live in Clarence
- Look forward to working with the new Town Board and the Department Heads.
- The Town of Clarence is currently at 3.8 billion dollars is ass. value. Ten years ago the Town was 1 billion. \$285 million dollars in increased assessed Value last year. \$46 million dollars was in new construction (commercial and residential). The average house is assessed for \$275,000. Average house size is over 3,000 sq. ft.
- Property values up due to parks and school system
- Because of the Assessed value increase, the Town of Clarence has one of the lowest tax rates in Erie County.
- Our 2016 General Fund tax rate is .95 cents per thousand and the Highway Fund is .99 cents per thousand. The General Fund Tax rate is down .8 cents per thousand of assessed value.
- As in the past, the financially prudent department heads are not spending to the maximum budget amounts, which allows

the Town Board to look at actual expenditures for the following year budgets. The 2014 General Fund – fund balance was \$6,583,000. 2015 year end fund balance is not complete yet but expect it to be just as strong.

- The Town is currently working on the Comprehensive Plan 2025 formerly the Master Plan 2015.
- The Town of Clarence just a few taps left of the 1,000 that we had with Heise/Brookhaven. So if they are not built out yet, they are on the table with plans such as Northwood's. Any further public sewer taps would have to go through the process and have proof of downstream capacity.
- Eastern Hills Mall
 - Macy's Closing
 - Sears and Macy's privately owned
 - Walmart's closed 230 stores
 - Eastern Hills purchased Macy's.
- IDA - Main Street Economic Redevelopment Study. The finished study besides identifying areas that need to be addressed will help with future grants for redevelopment.
- State Troopers/Sheriff's/Court house Building next to Town Hall. 20 year lease with State Police, the Engineering Department hopes to have bids ready to go out in March of this year and hope to have this project complete in 2017.
- Parks in working now with Engineering on a new bathroom facility at the Main Street Park. This will be a year-round bathroom facility to accommodate our winter activities in the park. This is a great addition to the Main Park.