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**A Report to the Town Board from the
Director of D.O.T.S. (Town Engineer)**

RE: Hamlet of Montrose - Projects Updates

Supervisor Puglisi and Town Board, provided below is an update on a variety of topics and projects occurring within the Hamlet of Montrose.

First, at the October 16, 2017 Town Board meeting my Department was authorized to solicit proposals for the reconstruction of the Route 9A sidewalk from Kingsferry Road to Roundtree Lane in accordance with the New York State Department of Transportation Local Projects Manual. This project is funded by an 80/20 Federal grant meaning that 80 percent of the expense is reimbursable through Federal funds administered through the NYSDOT. In total approximately 1500 linear feet of new concrete sidewalk and curbing will be installed. I anticipate recommending award of the contract at an early 2018 Town Board meeting with the intent to begin construction when weather permits next spring.

Second, I am happy to report that progress is being made to strengthen and enhance the property maintenance section of the Town Code. Code Enforcement staff is in the process of drafting modifications to address unattended and vacant buildings, requiring dumpster enclosures and other blighting conditions. Over the ensuing months we hope to finalize the language and present it to the Town Board for consideration.

My office is also well aware of property maintenance issues along the Route 9A corridor such as the vacant gas station and partially demolished house near the Ambulance Corp facilities. Appropriate action has been taken by Code Enforcement and we are acting within our authority to remedy the situations. I am happy to report that recently after considerable urging by the Town, that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Division of Chemical and Petroleum Spills, is furthering their investigation of the vacant gas station. Staff has been informed that the

NYSDEC is investigating all onsite restoration options including remediation by a private contractor through their approval and at their expense. The Town is hopeful that cleanup will begin shortly. Unfortunately, the issue with the partially demolished home on Rt. 9A is tied up in legal proceedings related to ownership. Once decided, Code Enforcement will swiftly issue the owner a notice of violation and an order to remedy the outstanding property maintenance violations.

Staff and I along with the Town Supervisor have met on multiple occasions with the Montrose Business Association Board and their beautification subcommittee and we will continue to listen, plan and implement projects to improve the hamlet upon Town Board approval. Recently, a grant application for sewer improvements for the Albany Post Road corridor was applied for as a means to strengthen and grow community businesses. Staff will continue to assist the MBA to beautify the corridor with annual plantings and banners. Next year we will seek authorization from the Board to begin design plans for the potential installation of decorative luminaires at the Kingsferry Road / Albany Post Road intersection.

With the launch of the updated Town's website www.townofcortlandt.com we will look to provide more frequent project updates as well as continue to place announcements for events and other important notifications. I thank you for taking the time to allow me to provide you this update.

Very truly yours,



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