

MAYORS MEMO
YEAR IN REVIEW PART 1
Department Reports

Thank you to all of you have subscribed to my Mayors Memo and to those who take their time to read it on our website. This is Part 1 of my year in review for 2016/2017. In this part I am pleased to give you a snapshot of the work your Village Departments have done since April 1, 2016.

Our Police Department saw a new Police Chief and Lieutenant as well as six new Officers start this year. The Department responded to 5,312 calls and patrolled 71,595 road miles. The department standardized hand guns with the rest of the departments in the county. There has been an increase in departmental training including weapons, active shooter, and working with mentally challenged citizens just to name a few. More community interaction has been added to the force by increased foot patrols in neighborhoods. You can keep up with what the Department is doing on Facebook, Village of Medina Police Department.

The Village Department of Public Works was busy working in the Medina Business Park preparing water and sewer lines. Because of this we were not able to resurface any of our streets in the fall; however, we are first on the list to use the paving machine as soon as the plants that make the blacktop are up and running. The DPW has removed or is planning to remove 8 to 10 trees over the winter. These trees have reached life expectancy. We will be planting new trees in the spring. We have had a mild winter which has reduced salt usage, along with wear and tear on plowing equipment. Please be patient with your DPW as they try to keep up with the pot holes on our streets.

I am sure many of you have seen our Fire Department ambulances and fire equipment responding to calls. Since April 1, 2016 until the time of this writing our fire department has responded to 2,672 incidents. Most of those calls have been for ambulances in Medina and Western Orleans County along with transfers from Medina Hospital to Buffalo or Rochester. The Department has added to its inventory and has been trained on low angle rope rescue equipment as well as swift and ice water rescue. These are additional rescue services that they provide. Our paramedics are currently being trained on a procedure called Rapid Sequence Intubation. This will raise the level of care that can be given to some of the more critical patients they come in contact with.

It was a busy year for the Code Enforcement Office the past twelve months. There were 45 building permits issued with project construction costs of \$897,994.00. There were 183 NYS mandated fire safety & property maintenance inspections conducted. The Code Officer issued 441 violation citations of the NYS & Village codes. Also conducted by the Code Department were 845 site visits for complaint response and construction progress along with 258 grass and weed violations cited. The work the Code Enforcement Officer performs and the violations that are cited, ensures that our buildings with public access are kept up to fire and safety standards to protect the public and help eliminate risk of fire. When local codes are enforced on residential properties it helps keep our neighborhoods from becoming run down which keeps property value from lowering.

You can be proud of the dedicated employees that we have in the Village. When you see our DPW, Firefighters and Police Officers out in the public stop by and thank them for the job they do. If you have a chance stop by our Village Office and meet the dedicated office staff that are willing to assist you when you have questions.

Please look forward to part 2 on my Mayor's memo about what we have accomplished and where we are going.

