

# Town Supervisor's Report

Our board would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year! Congratulations to those that were reelected and newly elected to their positions on our respective boards. 2018 promises to be a year of communication and cooperation between the Town and Village.

To begin the year, I would like to share information with our residents that may clear up any misunderstandings they may have. This month being January, I would like to explain your Town tax bill. Many of us open the bill with the return address of the Town of Hounsfield. We immediately look at the bottom line that says amount due. We then compare them to last year's bill. Immediately we exclaim, "the town has raised taxes again". That is going to happen again this year! Please look closer. We are mandated to collect the Jefferson County taxes as well as our own. Therefore, the \$.43 per thousand increase in County tax is going to be reflected in the bottom line on your Town tax bill. The Town tax rate remained at \$1.88 per thousand. The County tax rate increased from \$7.01 to \$7.44 per thousand.

When you hear your friends or neighbors complain about their Town taxes, kindly explain to them the factors involved.

If you have any issues that you would like addressed please let us know.

Respectfully,

Tim