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From Town Supervisor Mike Boms

Community cooperation leads to success

I would like to thank everyone who has been instrumental in making the transition to the new Hurley administration successful. They include Samara Genee, Leslie McKewan, Jeremy Schiffres, Maggie Colan and all the employees in the Town Highway Department.

Although I will provide leadership, as I see it, the supervisor alone does not set policy; the supervisor works alongside members of the Town Board in implementing directives and policies. There are six voices that navigate policy decisions. The Supervisor is one of those, along with the four Town Board members. The sixth voice belongs to the

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UPCOMING TOWN GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Thursday, Feb. 8: Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday, Feb. 13: Town Board (workshop), 6 p.m., W. Hurley Firehouse

Thursday, Feb. 22: Planning Board, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 27: Town Board, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, March 12, Town Board (workshop), 6 p.m., W. Hurley Firehouse

For a complete schedule of town meetings, go to townofhurley.org/calendar.

AROUND THE TOWN HALL: Info from our departments

Building Department: Harold Castellano joined the Building Department on Feb. 1 as a part-time Municipal Code Officer and Assistant Building Inspector. He'll be working Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Harold will be responsible for inspections, stormwater management, and handling zoning and property maintenance complaints.

Harold formerly was facilities director for Westchester Medical Center and most recently worked as Senior Building Inspector for the City of Kingston.

The Building Department has begun to move forward with the inspection of short-term rental

properties in accordance with the Hurley Zoning Code, put in place recently by the Town Board.

Questions about short-term rental rules should be directed to the Building Department at (845) 331-7474, option 3, or building@townofhurley.org.

Town Clerk's Office: Hurley Town Clerk Tracy Kellogg and Deputy Clerk Doreen Meyer are Notaries Public, and notary services are available in their office at the Town Hall, 10 Wamsley Place.

The office, just inside the building's main entrance, is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, but people needing documents notarized should call ahead – (845) 331-7474, option 2 – to make sure one of the notaries is in.

Former Supervisor Perry appointed Deputy Supervisor



John Perry, left, is sworn in by Town Justice John Parker on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

Former Town Supervisor John Perry was appointed Town of Hurley Deputy Supervisor during a Town Board meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

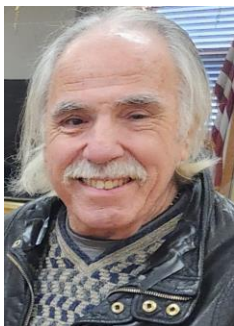
The board's vote to appoint Perry to a two-year term, at an

annual salary of \$2,500, was 5-0. He was sworn in immediately after the vote by Town Justice John Parker.

Perry was Town of Hurley Supervisor for two terms – 2018-19 and 2020-21.

The Deputy Supervisor serves as a non-voting member of the Town government. The New York State statute regarding the office of Deputy Town Supervisor can be found online at tinyurl.com/dep-supe.

Supervisor's message (con'd)



Supervisor Boms

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residents of the Town of Hurley.

It is imperative that residents' voices be heard. The Supervisor and Town Board were elected to represent the residents; put simply, we are here to serve the people of

Hurley. We are here to listen to the concerns of Hurley residents. And as we listen,

we will lead the Town by making the best decisions possible to move us all in the direction of peace, health and prosperity.

We also need residents to volunteer for the various committees that advise and counsel the Town Board, allowing for a true team effort in doing what's best for the community and its residents. Check for openings at tinyurl.com/hurley-posts.

Together, we can make the Town of Hurley a jewel in the gateway to the Catskills.

Tracy Kellogg appointed to serve as Town Clerk

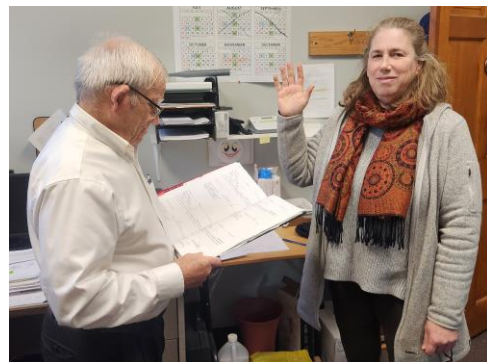
Tracy Kellogg was appointed Hurley Town Clerk during an emergency meeting of the Town Board on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The vote was 3-0. Town Supervisor Michael Boms and Town Board members Diana Cline and Gregory Simpson voted “yes.” Board member Debra Dougherty was absent.

Kellogg was sworn in by Town Justice John Parker immediately after the meeting.

Kellogg succeeds Annie Reed, who submitted her resignation as Town Clerk on Dec. 27, effective Jan. 1. Reed had defeated Kellogg in the November 2023 election.

Kellogg is an attorney who served as Town of Woodstock Supervisor and a member of the Woodstock Town Board in the 1990s.



Newly appointed Town Clerk Tracy Kellogg, right, is sworn in by Town Justice John Parker on Jan. 2.

The Town Clerk's job will be on the Hurley ballot again this coming November.

Tim Kelly appointed to vacant seat on Town Board

Tim Kelly was appointed to the Hurley Town Board during its annual Organizational Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 4.

Kelly fills the seat that Mike Boms vacated to become Town Supervisor on Jan. 1. The vote to appoint Kelly was 4-0, and he was sworn in immediately afterward.

Kelly’s appointment is in effect until a special election is held this coming November for the remaining year of Boms’ original term.

Kelly grew up in Hurley and has a degree in Agribusiness Management from Penn State.

He formerly worked for a subsidiary of Vail Resorts in Colorado.



Tim Kelly, right, is sworn in as a Hurley Councilperson by Town Justice John Parker on Thursday, Jan. 4.

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Your Town Newsletter

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Page 1 photo: The building at the northeast corner of Main Street and Wynkoop Road in Hurley – shown through bare branches at the edge of the Hurley Town Hall parking lot on Jan. 30 – is being converted into offices for the Novo Foundation. The building at one time housed a New York State Police barracks, and later an exercise gym.

Election winners sworn in during Town Hall ceremony

Newly elected Town of Hurley Supervisor Mike Boms, re-elected Town Board member Gregory Simpson, newly elected Town Board member Diana Cline and re-elected Town Justice Roy Hochberg were sworn in during a brief ceremony at noon on New Year's Day in the Town Hall. (Photos by Jeremy Schiffres)



ABOVE: Mike Boms, right, is sworn in as Town Supervisor by Town Justice John Parker during the Jan. 1 ceremony.



ABOVE: Newly sworn-in Town Board member Diana Cline, left, and Debra Dougherty, a recently appointed Town Board member who took office in late December, chat during the Jan. 1 ceremony.



LEFT: Posing for a group photo after the Jan. 1 swearing-in ceremony are, from left, Town Justice John Parker; Town Supervisor Mike Boms; Town Board members Gregory Simpson, Diana Cline and Debra Dougherty; and Town Justice Roy Hochberg.

Town Board meeting schedule

The Hurley Town Board is holding its meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in 2024. This is a change from 2023, when the meetings were held on the first and third Tuesdays.

The meetings will start at 6 p.m. This, too, is a change from last year, when meetings began at 7 p.m.


Also, returning to a former practice, the meeting on the second Tuesday of each month will be in the West Hurley Firehouse at 24 Wall St. in West Hurley, and the meeting on the fourth Tuesday will be in the Town Hall, 10 Wamsley Place.

Town Board meetings are open to the public.

There will be no meeting on the fourth Tuesday of December, which is Christmas Eve.

Meeting videos now YouTube

The Town has established a new YouTube channel and is now posting video recordings of Town Board meetings.

 **YouTube** The channel, called "Town of Hurley, NY" – with the YouTube handle @TownOfHurleyNY – can be accessed at tinyurl.com/hurley-YT. (It replaces our former channel, @townofhurleyny4.)

The Jan. 23 meeting video can be viewed at tinyurl.com/HTB-Jan23. It ends after about an hour

and 53 minutes, when the Town Board went into a closed-door Executive Session. No action was taken by the Board after members returned, other than a vote to formally close the Executive Session and a vote to adjourn the meeting.

Meetings are being recorded by a multi-directional Owl camera, which adjusts itself as an event progresses to focus on the most prominent sights and sounds in the room. Owl technology is excellent, but imperfect. When numerous things happen at once, the video and audio recording devices might give prominence to the wrong element. In general, though, the Owl does an outstanding job of relating the content of meetings.

From the Hurley Heritage Society

Why is the rooster a symbol of Hurley?

In the Middle Ages, the rooster was a popular Christian image that was used on top of church steeples. In 1801, after years of traveling to Kingston for church services, the people of Hurley petitioned to have a Dutch Reformed Church in their village. After the petition was approved, the villagers built their church on the property just east of the Hurley Museum. The church was a single-room stone building. It had a gambrel roof and a tall, eight-sided steeple. In keeping with Christian tradition, a rooster adorned the top of the steeple.

Fifty-two years later, in 1853, when the structure of the church became unstable, a new church was built on Main Street. Stones from the former church were used in the foundation of the new church, and

some of the stones also were used for the wall at the Hurley Cemetery on Zandhoek Road. The rooster, though, was not taken to the new church. Hurley's history says: "The rooster was put to good use elsewhere."



One old-timer claimed the rooster was placed on a silo near the corner of Zandhoek Road and Lucas Avenue. No one knows for sure where the rooster went, but it eventually was found in the barn on Ike Roosa's farm on Old Route 209 in Hurley. In the late 1970s, Roosa brought the rooster to Rev. Charles Stickley.

The original rooster now has a place of honor in the foyer of the Hurley Reformed Church at 11 Main St., and the historic bird has become part of the Town of Hurley's crest.

*Written by Gail Whistance
for the Hurley Heritage Society*

Senior citizens' group meets monthly

The Hurley Senior Citizens group meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Hurley Reformed Church, 11 Main St. (except in August, when there will be no meeting).

The meetings begin at 1:30 p.m. in the church's Schadewald Hall.

If the Kingston School District closes because of wintry weather on a group meeting day, the meeting will be canceled.

All proceeds benefit the Hurley Reformed Church, Main St., Hurley NY

Drive-Up Take-Out **Brook's** Chicken BBQ from Oneonta, NY Drive-Up Take-Out

Feb 13, 2024
4:00pm - 6:00pm

1/2 chicken, coleslaw, baked potato, dinner roll & dessert **\$15.00**

To Pre-Order Call: **845-331-4121**

WHO WE ARE, how to get in touch with us

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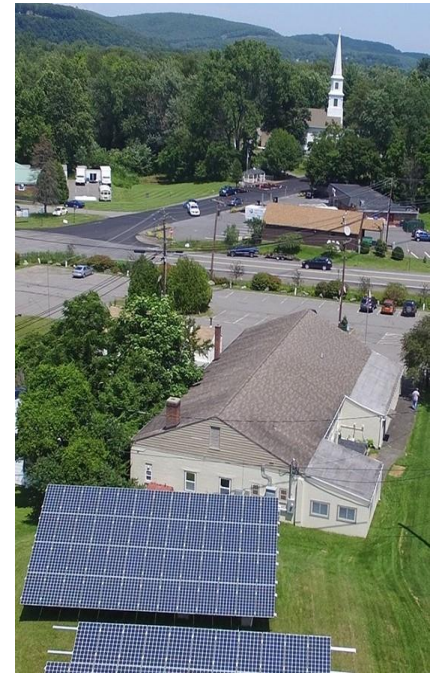
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Looking for something on the Town website? This should help



- **Homepage:** townofhurley.org
- **News and announcements:** townofhurley.org/node/1/news
- **Calendar:** townofhurley.org/calendar
- **Town budgets:** townofhurley.org/about/pages/budget
- **Town Board meeting minutes:** townofhurley.org/node/1291/minutes
- **Disaster preparedness:** townofhurley.org/disaster-preparedness
- **Highway Department:** townofhurley.org/highway-department
- **Transfer Station:** townofhurley.org/transfer-station-recycling-center
- **Job and board/committee openings:** townofhurley.org/job-and-board-openings

Healthful Hints**Sugar: How much is too much?**

By Peter McKnight, Registered Dietician

Word has gotten out about the downside of consuming too much sugar in food and drinks.

But just how much is too much? Keep in mind that most of the sugar we take in is hidden in foods and



Peter McKnight

beverages like soda, sweetened cereals, candy, cakes, cookies and other desserts. You might recall only the one teaspoon of sugar you add to your coffee, and think “I don’t use that much sugar.” But consider this:

Sugar-sweetened beverages are the leading source of added sugars in our diets, contributing 47% of all added sugars,

according to the American Heart Association. Soft drinks provide 25%, fruit drinks 11%, sports/energy drinks 3%, and sweetened coffee/tea 7%.

Snacks and sweets are the next biggest contributors of added sugars, at 31%.

Keep in mind that added sugars might show up on a food label as a name other than sugar, i.e. high-fructose corn syrup, corn syrup, dextrose, honey, maple syrup, coconut sugar or turbinado sugar.

Some of these may sound healthier, but too much of any type of added sugar is bad for your health.

So here are some guidelines to help you stay on track. And remember, we are talking about *added* sugars. The sugar in a piece of fruit or a glass of milk isn’t counted.

The American Heart Association says men should consume no more than 9 teaspoons (36 grams) of added sugar per day, and women should limit added sugars to no more than 6 teaspoons (25 grams) per day.

Because one 12-ounce can of soda contains 8 teaspoons (32 grams) of added sugar, you could finish off your whole day’s sugar allowance without consuming any other source of sugar.

Similarly, the Dietary Guidelines for Americans limit added sugars to less than 10% of calories per day.



So if you’re consuming 2,000 calories per day, that works out to about 200 calories (50 grams, or 12 teaspoons) of added sugars. That’s a little more than the American Heart Association recommends, but not by much.

Food manufacturers have been required to list the quantity of added sugars on their Nutrition Facts labels since 2021. This could prevent nearly 1 million cases of heart disease and Type 2 diabetes over the next two decades.

In addition, some cities have started charging a tax on sugar-sweetened beverages, leading to reduced sales, hiking the cost of these beverages by an average of 31% through higher taxes, and resulting in a 33% drop in purchases of the drinks – an intriguing way of addressing the problem.

What about sugar substitutes? Are they healthier? We’ll look into that at in a future column, but the short answer is they have problems, too. Slowly getting used to having things less sweet and reducing the number of sweets and sweetened beverages you consume are the best path to better health.

So read those labels carefully, and remember that added sugar is added sugar, no matter what sneaky name it’s hiding under.

Peter McKnight, the Chairman of the Town of Hurley Planning Board, is a Registered Dietician whose “Healthful Hints” column will appear regularly in the “Happening in Hurley” newsletter. Readers can email nutrition-related questions to Peter at pmcknight@townofhurley.org. Some questions will be addressed in future columns.

From the Climate Smart Task Force

New year brings new projects

Happy 2024!

In the past year, we celebrated an important milestone: The Town of Hurley achieved Bronze Certification as a New York State Climate Smart Community. Some of the tasks completed in 2023 included the publishing of a Disaster Preparedness Plan on the Town website, participating in the Ulster County Fair's Climate Solutions Booth, contributing commentary about Hurley's Draft Comprehensive Plan, and submitting a grant application for funds to rehabilitate the old Hurley Library building. The Town Board, meanwhile, made great progress in addressing solid waste disposal issues that align with Climate Smart goals.



This year, we're introducing Hurley residents to a new grant opportunity that seeks direct participation (see details at tinyurl.com/grants-opp), and we're setting our sights on adding more points to our

Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Scorecard, updating the Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory, and joining with nearby communities to develop guidelines to complete Climate Action Plan recommendations for our town.

We also continue to:

1. Work on a Climate Change Education and Engagement Plan.
2. Support and document composting actions by the Town government for Climate Smart Community certification.
3. Set up energy usage benchmarking for municipal facilities.
4. Conduct energy code training for Building Code staff.
5. Make sure the Draft Comprehensive Plan for Hurley contains sustainability elements.
6. Develop Hurley's Climate Action Plan.

Climate Smart Task Force meetings in 2024 are on the first Tuesday of each month (with the July and November meeting dates subject to change), and are held virtually. To join a meeting online, go to meet.google.com/eee-uuvh-ehy. To join by phone, call (912) 712-4401 and enter the PIN 283 106 119#.

Zero Waste Hurley initiative to be focus of 3 presentations in February

Shabazz Jackson and Josephine Papagni, owners and operators of Greenway Environmental Services, are starting the public information phase of the Zero Waste Hurley initiative.

Presentations are scheduled for:

* **Tuesday, Feb. 6**, during the Town of Hurley Climate Smart Task Force meeting. The Task Force meets virtually, starting at 7 p.m. To join online, go to meet.google.com/eee-uuvh-ehy. To join by phone, call (912) 712-4401 and enter 283 106 119# when prompted for a PIN.

* **Wednesday, Feb. 7**, during the Hurley Conservation Advisory Committee meeting. The committee meets at 7 p.m. in the Hurley Town Hall, 10 Wamsley Place.

* **Tuesday, Feb.**

13, during the Hurley Town Board workshop meeting. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. in the West Hurley Firehouse, 24 Wall St. The next four Zero Waste public information sessions will be announced at this meeting.



For more information, call Shabazz Jackson at (845) 656-6070 or Josephine Papagni at (845) 656-6071, or email greenway777@aol.com.

Things to do at the Hurley and West Hurley libraries

HURLEY LIBRARY 48 Main St.

(845) 338-2092, hurleylibrary.org

NOTE: The library closes at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the winter season.

MONDAYS

Mile Walking Club – Meet at the library at 1 p.m.

Drop-In Tech Help – 3 to 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, Feb. 6

Hurley Heritage Society meeting – 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Scrabble – 1 p.m.

Chair Yoga – 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Story Time – 10 to 11 a.m. Register at tinyurl.com/HLib-story.

Drop-in Tech Help – 3 to 5 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Dungeons & Dragons – 4 to 6 p.m.

WEST HURLEY LIBRARY 42 Clover St.

(845) 679-6405, westhurleylibrary.org

Closed Thursdays and Sundays

MONDAYS

Preschool story hour – 10 a.m.

MONDAY, Feb. 12

Book Discussion Group – 6 to 7 p.m. Topic: “The Island of Missing Trees,” by Elif Shafak. To sign up and get a copy of the book, call the library.

WEDNESDAYS

Knit, etc. – 6 to 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, Feb. 2 and 16

Home School Scientists (for children ages 5+)

– 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Feb 2 topic:

Cardiovascular system; Feb. 16 topic: Respiratory system.) Register at tinyurl.com/WHL-sci.

Feb. 4 trivia event in Marbletown will benefit Hurley Library

The Hurley Library is co-sponsoring – and will benefit from – a "Trivia Sunday" event on Sunday, Feb. 4, at the High Falls Café, 2842 Route 209, Marbletown.

The event starts at 2 p.m. The \$20 admission fee includes an appetizer buffet.

Tickets can be purchased at the library, 48 Main St. in Old Hurley, or at the door on the day of the event if it hasn't sold out. Cash and personal checks will be accepted. Proceeds will go the library.

The library can be reached at (845) 338-2092. The High Falls Café phone number is (845) 687-2699.

Hurley Town Hall schedule for 2024

The Town Hall, at 10 Wamsley Place, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, except for the remaining 2024 dates listed below, when the building will be closed. (NOTE: When the Town Hall is closed on a Monday, the Town Transfer Station, at 1043 Dug Hill Road, is closed the following day. If a Town Hall holiday falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, the Transfer Station is closed the same day.)

Monday, Feb. 19: Presidents Day

Monday, May 27: Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 19: Juneteenth

Thursday, July 4: Independence Day

Monday, Sept. 2: Labor Day

Monday, Oct. 14: Columbus/Indigenous People's Day

Tuesday, Nov. 5: Election Day (but building will be open as a polling place)

Monday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day

Thursday, Nov. 28: Thanksgiving

Friday, Nov. 29: Native American Heritage Day

Wednesday, Dec. 25: Christmas

Also: Closing at noon on Dec. 24 and 31

Clothing donations topped 16,500 pounds in 2023

Used clothing dropped off in the shed at the Town of Hurley Transfer Station last year totaled 16,544 pounds, according to St. Pauly Textile Inc., which repurposes items brought to its sheds in the Northeast and Northwest.

St. Pauly said the Hurley donations in 2023 were sufficient to clothe 3,048 people worldwide. It also said Hurley received \$662 based on the volume of clothing dropped off.

Items accepted at St. Pauly drop-off sheds include used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts,

purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains and stuffed animals.

Pillows, rags and fabric scraps are not accepted.

The Hurley Transfer Station is at 1043 Dug Hill Road. It operates from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.



Pancake Breakfast Feb. 11

The West Hurley Fire Department is hosting a Valentine's Day Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 11, at the firehouse, 24 Wall St.

The buffet-style breakfast – from 8 to 11 a.m. and open to the public – will feature pancakes, French toast, biscuits and gravy, bacon, sausage, juice, coffee, tea and more. Eat in or take out.

The cost is a donation at the door.

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