

2020 Supervisor's Report

As I reflect on this past year, it is difficult to assemble my normal list of our Town's accomplishments and accolades.

2020 has been a challenging year for everyone in many ways. Our Town and residents have faced many obstacles which have tested our faith and strength. Through tough times, people are always able to find good and the willingness of others to help their neighbors. The Town of Eden was no exception to this rule.

While we didn't have the year we envisioned, the Town did have some small successes. We received a grant from Erie County to update the Town's zoning ordinances which is a big next step in the Master Plan implementation. This project will be completed in 2021. We are also hopeful that we will be awarded a grant to assist two income eligible areas with sidewalk repairs. Finally, we are excited to have completed the NYS Main Street grant with improvements to nine of our local businesses. This funding along with a matching Eden Community Foundation grant also contributed to the addition of the new flower baskets, benches, bike racks and garbage receptacles to enhance the beauty of our town.

Eden is blessed to have amazing emergency service groups who risked their own lives this year trying to assist and save others. Thank you to Eden Emergency Squad Volunteers, Eden and East Eden Volunteer Fire and to our Emergency Management Team. Thank you to our police for your continued daily support of our Town's safety and needs. Thank you to the residents who have stepped up and answered their neighbor's needs for help. We will continue to keep all of these heroes in our thoughts as we navigate through what we hope is the end of this pandemic. For our residents who are struggling this year, remain hopeful; brighter days are ahead. And for our residents who are looking to help: buy a gift card from a local business, donate to the Eden/North Collins Food Pantry, give blood or check on your neighbors. We are stronger together, and we will persevere.

On behalf of the Eden Town Board and myself,
have a very *safe* Holiday season.

*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!*

Melissa M. Hartman
Eden Town Supervisor