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Dear Neighbor,

As we begin the new year, I would like to offer you best wishes for 2019 and take a moment to ask for your assistance in charting the economic development future of the Town of Moreau. The Town Board has partnered with the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership, at no cost to taxpayers, to develop an economic development plan for our town. A crucial step in that process is to compile feedback from our residents in the form of an anonymous survey that will be used to guide the Town Board in developing an economic development strategy that the Town will implement (see enclosure). If you prefer to complete the survey online, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/econdevmoreau>.

In addition, I would like to update you on some key accomplishments of the Town Board this past year. Before I do so, it's only appropriate to thank all of our residents who took the time to attend Board meetings, write emails and letters, and those who called or stopped into Town Hall to share their concerns or words of support. Government works best when it has frequent and transparent contact with those it represents.

In my first year as Supervisor, the Town Board successfully created a viable \$16 million sewer infrastructure plan for a key section of the Route 9 commercial corridor. We secured \$4 million in grants and qualified for \$12 million in funding at 0% interest over 30 years. *The Post-Star* listed this as the #3 story of 2018 out of their top 10! This will set the stage for Moreau to have a strong, vibrant center of carefully planned economic development.

Also, working with our state legislators in Albany, the Town received sponsorship of grants in the amount of \$200,000 for repair of the highway garage roof, \$125,000 for a universal playground at the Harry S. Betar Park, and a \$100,000 commitment to assist the South Glens Falls Fire Company with building improvements at the firehouse. The Town also secured a \$15,000 Farmland Protection Grant and a \$7,500 Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant which will be used to review town ordinances that may impede agricultural practices, and to design trails throughout our town, respectively.

Sometimes, the most important things for residents are the simple ones that affect them every day. We reduced the speed limit on Mott Road, expanded hours of operation at the Transfer Station, and simplified the water district billing procedures. To save money and with an eye toward protecting our environment, the Town installed LED lighting in qualified buildings and areas with the help of state sponsored programs that will significantly reduce energy costs. The Town Board also negotiated a 25-year contract with T-Mobile to place a cellular antenna on one of our water towers. This added revenue of \$30,000 annually will help offset costs for our water districts. The Town Board eliminated the Fire Protection Tax for the second year in a row, saving our residents over \$1 million in taxes to date and successfully negotiated a new 3-year CSEA Highway Union contract, on time.

This year, the Town Board will focus on completing engineering and bid specifications for the Route 9 Sewer project and adopt an updated Comprehensive Land Use Plan. In addition, a 5-year Recreation Master Plan Committee was established that will assist the Town Board in mapping out how best to expand the Town's recreational offerings.

As always, feel free to reach out to my office with any issues, questions or concerns, and I hope to see you at a Town Board meeting in 2019.

Best Regards,



Theodore T. Kusnierz
Supervisor

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P.S. Please mail the enclosed Economic Development Survey by February 28, 2019 to:

Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership
2911 Route 9
Malta, NY 12020