

## **OPEN LETTER TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN**

There have been a series of old problems that the Village Board has been addressing and since they impact you directly, it is only appropriate you receive updates on a regular basis

The search for a new Village Administrator commenced immediately upon receipt of the notice of retirement of the Village Administrator and resulted in many resumes being received, all of which are and will be, given due consideration. Although there is a degree of urgency to fill the position, the Board will take such time as is necessary to secure the best candidate available. In the meantime, the Mayor has been serving as the Acting Administrator and has done so with no additional compensation.

The Board Members, Village Engineer and Village Attorney have all been actively cooperating with the D.E.C. and Board of Health to bring our village sewage treatment plant into compliance and to update its operation to 100% as opposed to its 50% present status. This facility as well as our roads have been completely ignored and neglected in recent years and have now reached a state of deterioration that demands immediate attention. While these problems were always acknowledged, but ignored by recent administrations, it is our duty to act now before the cost of rehabilitation gets out of hand.

Unfortunately, rectifying years of neglect is costly and the Village has not prepared itself for this eventuality – leaving no choice but to borrow the necessary funds to repair and update our aging sewer plant and to re-pave long neglected village streets. To this end, the Board has initiated investigation into securing bonding to execute the needed repairs. Be assured the Board is acting prudently and carefully to secure funds at the best possible interest rate while considering what it will cost village taxpayers if no action is taken. Of course, we will pursue any possible grants and/or state aid that is available.

Lastly, the auditor from the State Comptrollers Office have completed three weeks of the anticipated nine-week audit. When their final report is prepared, we will make it available to you.

In the meantime, the Board members invite you to attend our monthly meeting and if that is not possible to watch the meeting televised on Cablevision 78 & Verizon Channel 30.

Respectfully,



Al Donahue  
Mayor