

January 25, 2009
Monthly Legislator's Report
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- I. Legislators were sworn in, had their ID pictures taken at the Sheriff's Office, were given a tour of the County Jail, and received their Statutory Committee assignments.
- II. There are eight Statutory Committees in the Legislature. Each legislator is an assigned member to three of those committees and may be requested to serve on additional non-Statutory committees. As Legislator for District #7, I am a member of: 1) The Physical Services Committee (working with the departments/agencies of: PUBLIC WORKS which embraces --Airport, and Environmental Facilities and Services (including OC Sewer District #1 and Landfill), PARKS and OC WATER AUTHORITY; 2) The Human Services Committee (working with the departments/agencies of: SOCIAL SERVICES, OFFICE OF THE AGING, VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION; and 3) The Public Safety and Emergency Services Committee (working with the departments/agencies of: SHERIFF (civil and jail), DISTRICT ATTORNEY, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (which embraces Emergency Communication-E911, Emergency Management, Fire Services including Hazardous Material Response Team, Emergency Medical Services, and Police Liaison Services) and PROBATION.
- III. Concerning Resolution # 257 of 2009 brought to The Physical Services Committee pertaining to OC towns' reimbursement of plowing county roads and the ensuing discussion about voiding The Town of Monroe's allocation, I am happy to report that my objection led to the money being reinstated. \$26, 255.50.
- IV. On an as-needed basis, I am working Stephen Welle, Mayor of The Village of Harriman, and Mr. John Karl, III, Mayor of The Village of Monroe on a competitive New York State Grant to fund the implementation of the consolidation of the fire departments of The Town of Monroe, The Village of Monroe and The Village of Harriman.
- V. In these hard economic times I want to remind all of our residents of the available programs for home heating and food. Foodstamps: 845-291-4000. HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program): 845-346-1120. Orange County Fuel Fund (if you need heating help but do not qualify for HEAP): 845-457-4774, ext.3112. The thresholds have been lowered for acceptance into the programs. If you are in need, please call them.
- VI. OPEN MEETINGS FOR CONCERNED CITIZENS: 1) Public Scoping Meeting: Camp LaGuardia Redevelopment Project. Blooming Grove Town Hall, Tuesday, 1/26, 7:30 P. M. 2) Water Forum. Initiated by the Democratic Caucus so that the public may give its views and ideas about The Comprehensive Water Plan that the Legislature will vote on. Orange County Legislative Chamber, February 10, 5-7:30 PM.

