



# TOWN OF PORTVILLE, NEW YORK

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Dear Town of Portville Citizens and Property Owners,

During the past two plus years that I have been your town supervisor, I had endeavored to bring about an understanding of how we can and must comply with NYS and federal laws, reduce town spending, improve operating efficiencies and communications, ensure a more open and transparent government, develop partnerships to optimize multi-government operations, embed the notion and practice that town government works for its citizens and property owners, as well as provide a strategic path for making all of these elements continue to evolve and flourish for the benefit of the citizens and property owners of Portville.

That work has caused me to spend between 40 and 60 hours a week, sometimes more, during my first term and even now striving to bring those factors about. Concurrently I was also doing a lot of volunteer work and pro bono business and technology assistance.

This has not been without impact on me personally. A lot of my personal mental and physical energy has been expended these past two years and I did not have a deep well of it to begin with. In January, 2007, I had open heart surgery to repair a valve that was successful, but not in correcting my atrial fibrillation that continues today. In February, 2009, I had a radical prostatectomy to eradicate prostate cancer which I am happy to report was successful and the cancer has not returned. And, while all of this was going on, my wife, Cindy, was having to take care of me and our twin 3-year girls. I suspect I was the hardest one to take care of.

While my preferred focus was to have been on my family, the needed town work pretty much consumed an enormous amount of my waking hours and sometimes even in the middle of the night. My passion to do a good job often times outweighed good common sense.

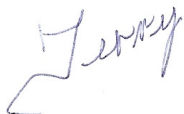
I thought that going into my second 2-year term that I would be able to cut back to maybe 15-20 a week, but it was not to be. The work that I felt needs to be done versus what could be done to minimally get by has in fact not diminished at all. Perhaps it had even grown.

I have come to the realization that my priorities are askew and must be set straight. I want and will spend much more time with my wife and children moving forward. To do that, I must give up the role I play in town government. The town has amassed a stellar town board, planning board, board of assessment review, and administrative appointees in those two short years. That leadership is motivated and will sustain the town for years to come by working for you and your best interests.

During the early days of April, I will be tendering my resignation as your town supervisor to the town board. I am waiting until then so that I can complete some outstanding activities and do an orderly transition. Between now and then I will not be engaging in any new ventures because it would be counterproductive to any changes in direction the board may wish once I am gone.

I have truly enjoyed serving you and working for you. I hope to see you all for many years to come as my wife and I raise our children in one of the best places to live, namely Portville.

Sincerely,



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