## Lima's Supervisor's Message December 2016

## 2017 Budget Passes with Lower Tax Rate

**TAX CAP**: The 2017 budget falls below the Governor's Tax Cap. As you may, or may not, know the actual tax cap is determined by a very complicated formula used by the New York State Comptroller's Office. The formula uses the 2016 Tax Levy, which for Lima was \$1,064,097, the base growth factor, PILOT payments receivable, allowable growth factor, PILOTS receivable for 2017, and any available carry over from 2016, if you were under the tax cap for that year. They also allow for certain other adjustments and the final tax levy for 2017 was \$1,065,017. This should amount to a reduction in taxes of 2 cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed value for the Town wide portion of the budget and 10 cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed value for the Town outside the Village. The entire budget can be found on our website – www.lima-ny.org

HIGHWAY NEWS: As winter approaches we ask that you please drive according to road conditions. Our highway crew does an excellent job of keeping our roads as clear as possible, however weather conditions are a huge factor. On windy days, depending on wind direction, the wind can wreak havoc with the roads. At times the roads may drift over in open areas shortly after the plows have gone through. Please drive careful. We have 4 trucks and plows to cover all our roads in the town. Our State roads are the first priority, then the County roads, and Town roads are last. It takes approximately 2and ½ hours for each route.

**Holiday Season:** we wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday season!