



December 29, 2022

Dear Resident,

I hope you had a very Merry Christmas with family and friends. Happy New Year for you and your loved ones.

As you are aware, the Village subsidizes the collection of garbage and recycling. Each year, we advertise for quotes for these services. With inflation, specifically the cost of fuel, we expected a significant increase. The quote from the low bidder, RPM, was nearly 4 times the current cost. RPM explained they have been accepting of practices from residents that cause added cost to RPM; that this is due to a lack of understanding of the rules of recycling. After negotiation, including a commitment to better inform residents of recycling rules, we signed an agreement on Nov 7. In December, RPM informed us they can't provide the service at the agreed upon price. After considerable delay, RPM proposed a new price structure that was unacceptable.

After many phone calls seeking further proposals, we have signed an agreement with Greenleaf of Horseheads. Trash and recycling will still be picked up weekly on Tuesday. Please have it at the curb by 5AM. You are allowed two (2) 30 gallon bags of trash and one recycle bin. If you regularly need more than this, you can contact Greenleaf to make your arrangements (607) 738-5004. You no longer need to purchase tags. The Village cost increases dramatically but total cost to Village + Residents is significantly lower.

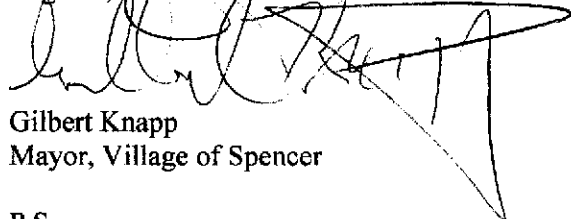
Enclosed is the Tioga County Recycling Guide. Some of the highlights include:

- Cardboard must be flattened
- Clean bottles and food containers before recycling
- Plastic bottle caps are garbage; remove from bottles; do not place in recycling
- Garbage and food contaminated containers in recycling causes the load to be rejected at the Tioga County Recycling Center and classified as garbage incurring extra costs
- Dirty and wet cardboard is garbage; do not place in recycling
- A pizza box is garbage due to food contamination, do not place in recycling
- Gift wrap is garbage, do not place in recycling

A limited quantity of county recycling bins are available at the Village Office.

Thank you for doing your part to keep costs down while maintaining this service to you.

Regards,



Gilbert Knapp
Mayor, Village of Spencer

P.S.

Broome Bituminous had the contract to repair village roads. They ran out of time this year to perform the work. They have offered to honor the contract price to complete the work next year. We will accept or refuse this offer based on asphalt prices next year.