

December 2017 Historian Report for January 2018 Board Meetings
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Historian Activities During December 2017:

- Attended Town Board Meeting of December 6, 2017 and provided November 2017 Historian Report
- Attended Town Employees Christmas Party on December 14, 2017, and enjoyed a yummy lunch and conversations. Also, thank you for the card and gift certificate to Portage Pie!
- Attended Village Board Meeting of December 18, 2017 and provided November 2017 Historian Report
- Thanks to Town Board for Annual Stipend received in December 2017.
- BeeLines articles researched, written, and published with related photos, maps, and other ephemera in the Westfield Republican, and on the Westfield Historian Facebook pages for December 2017:
 1. Coon Road Speedway follow-up Buzzings from BeeLines included several photos received and or copied from stills made from old films of various races. Note that the original requesting folks have continued to stay in contact and share more of the information from interviews and materials received in response to the several BeeLines about this project. Especially exciting is the anticipated sharing of even more at the 2018 Ox Roast. Gib Snyder, my editor, has forwarded copies of poster for that event “to proper authorities,” hoping this has reached our new website being developed.
 2. (Due to weather and vehicle issues, there was no BeeLines for the 2nd week of December.)
 3. Early Christmas Celebrations uncover a “puzzlement” (regarding confusion of Candlemas and Christmas); photos of local Christmas cards from a century ago were provided with this BeeLines.
 4. Following the pattern of doing earlier holiday celebrations in Westfield, BeeLines for the last week of December 2017 focused on Happy New Years (and maybe some not so happy) in Westfield’s History; as with Christmas, photos of local New Year’s cards from the early 1900s were provided.
- Due to weather and health issues, I was unable to attend an anticipated meeting with a client to go through archived files about early Westfield Waterworks. Contact is continuing regarding this research.
- Michelle Henry, County Historian, has reminded the local historians of the county regarding having a program for Veterans Day 2018 where we could all share stories about World War I from our communities. Since Patterson Library has a wonderful collection of WWI posters, and Nancy Nixon Ensign has been coordinating exhibits around these and other related materials, I am hoping to have her do a presentation. Todd Langworthy will coordinate this program, and has arranged for us to use the Fredonia Opera House in the afternoon of Veteran’s Day, November 11th, 2018. CCHS will help with publicity and is serving as co-sponsor. In conjunction with this, I would appreciate suggestions about other possible topics.