

East Amherst resident named president of Power Authority

The New York Power Authority trustees elected Roger B. Kelley of East Amherst as president and CEO, replacing Timothy S. Carey, who is retiring.

Gov. Eliot Spitzer, in making the announcement on May 29, said, "I recommended that the board consider Roger Kelley because of his extensive and impressive accomplishments in the electric utility industry."

Kelley has been senior vice president and chief technical officer for Fortistar for the past 10 years. In that position, he oversaw technical and operational matters for Fortistar power plants and assets, acquisition activities and development activities for power plant projects.

He is a graduate of Northeastern University in Boston. Kelley worked for the New York State Electric and Gas Corp., Empire Energy Corp., Commercial Union Energy Corp. and LS Power Corp.

He is a registered professional engineer in New York State and is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. He is a board member and past chairman of the Independent Power Producers of New York.

The Power Authority operates 18 power plants, 1,400



Roger B. Kelley

miles of transmission lines and provides 25 percent of electricity in the state.

"Running this organization is a big job, and I'm happy to say we found the right man in Roger Kelley to take it on," Board Chairman Frank S. McCullough Jr., said.

Kelley will begin work on June 25 as president-elect and take on full duties when Carey retires on June 30.

Carey has been president and CEO since January 2006 after serving as the chief operating officer and a trustee. He was also president and CEP of the Battery Park City Authority.

Village to begin capital sewer project

by ELIZABETH TAUFA
Reporter

The Williamsville Village Board has contracted CRA Infrastructure and Engineering Inc. to begin the process of the replacing the Ellicott Creek water siphon as well as work on the water lines and paving several roads.

The board's authorization of the project came at the May 29 meeting.

In a proposal letter submitted to Mayor Mary Lowther, Bob Lannon of CRA Infrastructure outlined the work to be done and the \$185,000 cost to the village for design, bidding, contract administration and resident inspection services.

The work includes a new eight-inch diameter iron waterline from Glen Avenue Extension northward to the village line; the milling and paving of several roads and the Department of Public Works parking lot and the construction of a new siphon to replace the existing one.

"It will include a complete re-do of the sanitary sewer line that runs north over Belmont to Town of Amherst connection on Reist," Lowther said.

The money for the project will come from the sewer capital improvement fund.

Lannon noted that the village's sanitary sewer overflows could be abandoned due to the design of

the new siphon.

"I commend the village on its efforts for this," Lannon said. "If you weren't proactive, you'd have to be reactive."

"Our village engineer has indicated that the (Department of Environmental Conservation) is very pleased that we are taking this proactive approach on sanitary sewer repair and replacement that will stop any future possible overflows," Lowther continued.

She noted that the project also includes routine street paving on North Long Street, Oakgrove Avenue, Creek Drive and Creek Heights and waterline replacement on North Long Street.

"All are good projects that help us stay current on maintenance throughout the village," she said.

In other news, the board appointed April LoTempio to the Glen Park Joint Board and Susan Kogutek to the Meeting House Committee.

The board also authorized Lowther to sign an engagement letter with Drescher & Malecki, LLP to audit village accounts for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, a single audit in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget and the Justice Court for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

The next meeting of the Village Board will be Monday, June 11 at Village Hall, 5565 Main St.

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O'Loughlin, Musarra endorsed for county races

The Executive Committee of the Erie County Republican Committee met Saturday and unanimously endorsed William O'Loughlin for Erie County clerk and Deputy District Attorney Molly Gondek Musarra for Erie County court judge.

O'Loughlin and Musarra join Chris Collins who was endorsed earlier this year as the Republican candidate for Erie County executive.

An investment advisor for nearly 40 years, O'Loughlin is currently the resident branch manager of the O'Loughlin Financial Group and Brookstreet Securities in Williamsville. O'Loughlin is a council member in the Town of Amherst. Former Gov. George E. Pataki recently appointed O'Loughlin as a commissioner of the New York State Insurance Fund. He is also the former chairman of the Erie County

Industrial Development Agency.

Mussara has 20 years experience as a prosecutor and is deputy DA for felony prosecutions in the Erie County District Attorney's Office, a position she has held since 2003. With the office since 1987, she has also successfully tried narcotics, domestic violence and sexual assault cases. This is her first run for public office. She lives in Orchard Park.



EVERY STUDENT'S WISH — Chloe Smith, a kindergarten pupil at SS. Peter and Paul, won the chance to be "Principal for the Day" as part of the school's annual Chinese auction for Catholic Charities. Chloe replaced Principal Marianne Maines and supervised the staff, and dismissed the pupils.

Geary installed in Village Officials Association

Village of Williamsville Trustee Brian Geary has been installed as second vice president of the Village Officials Association.

The association is comprised of village officials from around the county and its purpose is to foster cooperation among villages and provide important information that can affect their communities.

An exchange of ideas on common issues and a dialog on changes in state laws are among the many valuable learning experiences that Geary can bring back to the Village of Williamsville.

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