

**April 2018 Historian Report
for May 2018 Town & Village Board Meetings
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Historian Activities During April 2018:

- Attended April 4, 2018, Town Board meeting and provided Historian report
- Attended April 16, 2018 Village Board meeting and provided Historian report
- Attended April 10, 2018 First Responders Tribute planning meeting at Fire Hall
- Attended April 24, 2018 First Responders Tribute site visit meeting at former location of Portage Inn, in the misty rain with several other brave souls!
- Currently researching the earliest Village of Westfield minutes (1833-1867) to document elected and appointed officials, including firemen, fire companies, fire equipment, and “police” (Pound Master and Constable). Also locating incorporation documents for the second incorporation of the Village of Westfield circa 1850, based on an 1847 NY State (rewritten or amended) Act for the incorporation of villages. Michelle Henry, County Historian, located the actual handwritten document and provided a photocopy for Westfield Historian records.
- My Westfield Republican editor, Gib Snyder, retired and is temporarily replaced by Gregory Bacon who is training a new editor, Aaron Lundmark. Hence, the deadline for submission of my BeeLines articles has been changed to earlier in the week to assist the training process. (Had to revise my schedule a bit... LOL!)
- BeeLines and photos have been written and published in the Westfield Republican, and also on the WestfieldNY.com Village-Historian website by Aaron Resnick, on the following topics:
 1. BeeLines and Photo of “Mystery Card Table” with local names and dates on bottom, asking for information about the table, signers, or dates. Only received one response, so the mystery continues... Table owned by Dick and Bonnie Macer Lancaster.
 2. (no BeeLines for 2nd week of April due to an ant infestation that drove me from my condo and precluded completing the planned article.)
 3. BeeLines about History of the Westfield Police Department (still in research process, so will be updated); photo circa 1960s of Regular and Auxiliary Police submitted by Officer Meleen, for ID of the policemen. Several have been identified, and names continue to be submitted (follow-up planned).
 4. BeeLines “In Memoriam... Tommy Baideme – Westfield’s Unofficial Poet Laureate”; no photos, but several of his poems and portions of poems.
- Attended Tommy Baideme’s memorial service at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church which was impressive, including beautiful vocal solos/duets for Prelude and Offertory by Libby Cardy-Sciarrino and Rick Mathews; a wonderful Eulogy by Talena Baideme, Tommy’s daughter; Homily well done by The Rev. Virginia Carr; the Tolling of the Bells; Amazing Grace recessional, Bagpipe; Air Force Hymn, trumpet; 21 Gun Salute; and Taps. The Westfield Community kitchen and other community folks provided a huge delicious supper – but way more people to feed than the 100-chair seating available.
- My memory evaluation is now set for May 15th.