



The Village of Shortsville was asked about recent topics posted on Facebook that contain misinformation or “half-truths.” The Village will not engage on social media platforms due to the persistent negativity associated with them; however, it is happy to offer clarification.

- Ice rink – The Shortsville Manchester Chamber of Commerce, RJ Rotary Club, and Manchester Shortsville Lions Club each offered money to purchase a new liner for the ice rink. The Village purchased the liner and was reimbursed. The previous liner was ruined due to several factors, including holes drilled for setup, rodent activity, and DPW handling. At the January 2025 Village Board Meeting, the board formally agreed to give setup, take-down, and maintenance to community volunteers. DPW agreed to assist with maintenance if available and to transport the liner to and from storage.

The community volunteers planned a day to set up the liner and fill it with water. Unfortunately, this day was also the day that schools closed due to frigid temperatures, and the Village of Shortsville’s Water Operator in Charge stated that our hydrants could not be opened that day. This was the only day that water was off-limits. The Village believes that the restriction of non-employee access to DPW barns and equipment, along with no access to hot water, has frustrated volunteers. However, this doesn’t explain why the ice rink remains un-setup. Notably, the Village maintained an ice rink for years without needing hot water. Rather than collaborating to solve this issue, it’s become easier for people to vent their frustrations on social media and justify their actions with misinformation.

- Hockey pond – This past August, the Village of Shortsville DPW completed necessary drainage work at the park. This work included \$6,890.37 of parts and equipment. On January 8, 2025, the DPW Supervisor noticed that their drainage had been tampered with and asked for the help of Trustee Ron Langdon. Together, the two removed the obstruction to allow for proper drainage. They are accused of going there the morning of January 9 (impossible as entire DPW crew was at training all day) to vandalize the pipes that were stopping the drainage. The Village did not give *prior* permission for this due to the time and money spent working on significant drainage issues at the park. So no, there was not any vandalism done by village employees or elected officials. They were simply undoing unauthorized work to protect their recent drainage work.
- Bridge NY project – February 2025 design report has construction cost estimated at \$1,205,000. This amount is for the precast concrete 3-sided frame culvert. This design includes an ADA-compliant 5-foot-wide sidewalk on each side. This estimated construction cost does not include construction inspection, design, or right-of-way costs. The estimated total cost of \$1,579,000 includes the construction cost, AND construction inspection, design and right-of-way costs. Therefore, the increase total cost does not equal a \$400,000 sidewalk as was suggested on Facebook.

Please, contact the Village at 585-289-6104 if you have questions or would like to know the facts. There will always be opinions, rebuttals, and explanations on social media but contacting the village directly proves beneficial for the entire community.

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