



Rensselaer County
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Mayor Rob Allen
Village of Hoosick Falls

Dear Mayor Allen:

Rensselaer County has placed considerable importance on ensuring quality services for our seniors across our county. My administration has for several years discussed the need to improve the level of services for seniors in the Hoosick area and is now ready to make an investment in a major upgrade in those services.

As you know, the county is ready to purchase the former Dollar Tree on State Route 22 and allow for the county to develop a more modern, convenient, safe and accessible facility for our seniors. The project would mirror the very successful new county senior center in Troy we launched this past spring. Seniors would have adequate parking, and no longer be forced to walk across a busy roadway near the current location.

The county further envisions locating DMV and Mental Health services at the new senior center, further expanding service and convenience for residents.

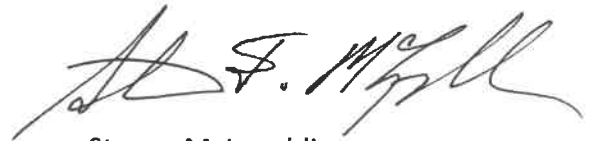
Seniors have reacted very positively in recent conversations to members of our administration and legislative staff regarding the new facility. A number of seniors remember my pledges over the past several years to develop a new county senior center in Hoosick and recognize the need for a change. My commitment to a new county center in Hoosick is well known.

You sadly have decided to be an obstructionist and make a series of false claims regarding the process. You further escalated today by ordering an inspection of the county facilities located at the Murphy Building, an apparent act of retaliation because you cannot get your way. Your actions are unprecedented, highly unproductive and deliberately destructive, especially as you are ordering a room at the center to be closed.

You regularly claim to have concern about services for our seniors. Please explain why the Village of Hoosick Falls, which you lead, has never sent a contribution for services to the county senior center in Hoosick Falls. The Town of Hoosick has made several such contributions in recent years to help and support our seniors.

Please be advised, we will not let an arbitrary border, that you believe you can impose, prevent us from our mission of serving our seniors with the best senior center possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. F. McLaughlin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "F".

Steven McLaughlin

County Executive