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The month of January, so far, has been a very busy and challenging for me. On January 16th I attended the Amboy Historical Society's monthly meeting. Their officers will remain the same for this upcoming year. The society is refining their "schedule of events" for the year to be included in the Oswego County Tourism Spring/ Summer folder handout. I briefly discussed with the group of the importance of filing for tax exemption and the benefits of doing so. Many grants available will require the Society to have this status in place.

This brings me to my next project, attending available webinars and training sessions. This morning I participated in the webinar offered by the New York State Archives, "How to Write a Fabulous LGRMIF Grant Narrative", presented by CNY's Regional Office. This is my first step to prepare for submitting Grant Applications available to this office, as well as other grants available to the Town of Amboy as well. The next webinar is on January 25th, followed by a workshop to be held on February 3, 2016 to be held in Westmoreland, New York. I am planning to attend both of these sessions.

The New York State Archives sponsors the "Local Government Records Management Information Fund, (LGRMIF). This is a series of grants available to local governments for improving and updating record retention. Digitizing equipment, servers, computers or even "fire proof" areas are examples for requesting funds.

I am composing this report while i am working on a brief "History of Amboy" requested by the Oswego County Municipal Historians to be includes in the "Oswego County Sesquicentennial Booklet" that will be published later this spring. This piece will give a brief history of our town, list of past and present hamlets and ten interesting facts about our town.

This next project is also of a personal nature .I have applied to the "Certified Town Official Program". This program is available to all town-elected and appointed officials and employees. A total of 33 credits are needed for initial certification in eleven subject areas. The "CTO Continuing Education Program" requires to earn 11 credits of approved training within 3 calendar years. I am enrolling as the Historian as well as a Planning Board member.

As of this writing I have received two email request concerning family/genealogy research, which I have turned over to the Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

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