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**NEWS RELEASE  
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**DRAKE RECOGNIZED BY JONESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

The Jonesville City Council recognized Council member Jerry Drake for more than 30 years of service to the Village and City of Jonesville. After 20 years of service on the City Council, Drake has decided to not seek re-election in November. Drake volunteered his services for 11 years on the Planning Commission, prior to being appointed to fill a vacancy on the then Village Council.

Mayor Gerry Arno presented Drake with a proclamation at the October 19<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. The proclamation recognized Drake's service on the City Boards, as well as for leadership and positive representation of the City on various boards, including the Region 2 Planning Commission.

Mayor Arno noted that Drake's experience as a professional engineer had been an asset to the City Council. "Your engineering knowledge was a big help in understanding the importance of having safe water to supply to our citizens," Arno said. "Thank you, Jerry, for your dedication and 30 years of service to the citizens of Jonesville."

Members of the City Council, Planning Commission Chair Christine Bowman, and former Village President and Mayor Bob Snow shared their appreciation and fond memories of working with Drake over the years. Many noted that Drake's thoughtful questions and attention to detail will be missed.

Addressing the full Council Chambers that included several members of his family, Drake was clearly feeling the emotion of the moment. "I have truly enjoyed being on this 'tour,' so-to-speak, with all of you. Keep up the good work," he told them.

Drake's seat on the City Council will be filled at the November 8<sup>th</sup> general election. Incumbent Council members Brenda J. Guyse and George L. Humphries, Jr., along with newcomers Christopher Grider, Roger Sands, Todd Shroats, and David Windle are seeking seats on the Council. The top three vote-getters will be elected to four-year Council terms. Current Mayor Gerald E. Arno is running unopposed for a two-year term as Mayor.

**Photos:**

IMG\_3124C.jpg – Mayor Gerry Arno presents a proclamation to Council Member Jerry Drake on behalf of the Jonesville City Council recognizing Drake's 30 years of service to the people of Jonesville. Pictured (left to right): Council Member Jerry Drake, Mayor Gerry Arno. Photo credit: Carol Champion

IMG\_3135C.jpg – Council Member Jerry Drake addresses the City Council at their October 19<sup>th</sup> regular meeting after being recognized for 30 years of service to the people of Jonesville. Photo credit: Carol Champion

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