

September 2015 Historian Report for October Board Meetings
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Historian Activities During September 2015:

- Town Board monthly meeting September 2, 2015; provided August Historian Report
- Village Board monthly meeting September 21, 2015; provided August Historian Report
- Provided more research regarding Barcelona Lighthouse and Keepers cottage for client
- Met with artist client regarding projects for Chautauqua County History Fair 2015.
- Researching historic photos of Barcelona Lighthouse for ones depicting the original Lighthouse Keeper's cottage.
- Received a historic photo purportedly depicting "graffiti" on the approach to the former Rorig Bridge fencing, and discovered that the words were actually advertisements for two businesses in Westfield. One was for Douglas Grocer. The other was for a Photograph Studio that did portraits and had a name something like "Pens and Crayon" or "Flyrs Studio" in two separate double ads on the fencing; both saying "Westfield." Several letters were undecipherable despite magnification.
- Thanks to my suggestion regarding identifying the board members for attendees of meetings the Village Board now has name stands to set in front of them. I still would like to see the names of the heads/supervisors of each department listed with their reports on the agenda. I think it is important to develop a positive, welcoming image for residents and others attending and/or presenting at the meetings to know the names of the people who deal with the nitty-gritty work of running our Town and our Village. Thanks for listening.
- Note there will be no BeeLines for 3 weeks because I am going on a postponed vacation to Silverton CO. Will return late October 15, 2015. I may be reached via 716-397-9254 (cell)
- BeeLines articles researched, written, and published with historic photos in September:
 1. "Naming of Barcelona" - photocopy/scan of Frenchman DeLery's Map from mid 1700s
 2. "Westfield's Pioneer Era Schools" - Photo circa 1860s of 1837 Westfield Academy
 3. "Grape Season - An Unusual Grape Container" - Photo of 1867 Round Paper Grape Box