

**MINUTES
OF
THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD
WORK MEETING
JULY 8, 2014**

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 8th day of July 2014 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury
Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir
Councilman Gerald Wood
Councilwoman Marion Cooke
Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker
ABSENT WAS: Councilman Robert Bolte

Also present were two interested citizens.

NEVINS INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

Erin Nevins from Nevins Insurance Agency made an extensive presentation on the new healthcare packages available to the employees of the Town. A Special Meeting will be scheduled to review the options.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

MINUTES, TRANSFERS, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS

These items will be addressed at the Regular Meeting on July 10, 2014.

REPORTS

Reports from the Supervisor, Attorney, Highway, Town Clerk, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Assessors, Water/Sewer Committee, and Recycling Coordinator will be given at the Regular Meeting on July 10, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

1. It has been brought to the attention of the Board that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 28, 2014 to review the zoning regulations, identified Jeannette Rice in her capacity as a Zoning Board of Appeals member. Mrs. Rice attended the meeting solely as a concerned citizen not as a Board member. The minutes will be amended.

2. Assessor Chairwoman, Donna Kropp, spoke in regards to the interviews that were conducted on June 19th in search a clerk. All three assessors were present as well as Councilwoman Sedlmeir. The Assessors feel that Martha Davis, although not a resident of Rensselaerville, is most qualified for the job with three years' experience as an assessor's clerk. Chairwoman Kropp along with Assessor Tollner and Assessor Wank recommended that the Board appoint Ms. Davis as the clerk and also recommended that the hours per week be reduced from 20 hours to 15 hours. The Assessor's feel that throughout the year, 20 hours is excessive.

Several Board members have concerns regarding the policy of hiring from within the Town.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke at 7:07 PM to go into Executive Session to discuss the Assessor's Clerk appointment; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.
Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke at 7:27 to return from Executive Session; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.
Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0).

The Town Board will conduct their own interview of the one applicant, who is from the Town of Rensselaerville, on Thursday at 6:30 PM.

3. The newspaper advertisements for Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector's Clerk received one resume. It was brought to the attention of Supervisor Lounsbury that the ad contained an 'end-date' which was not part of the original motion allowing the advertising. A new ad will be placed in both the Altamont Enterprise and the Greenville Pioneer; this time stating that any resumes must be received by August 12, 2014.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to run the ad for the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector's Clerk again in both the Altamont Enterprise and the Greenville Pioneer stating that resumes must be received by August 12, 2014; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (3) Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0).

Supervisor Lounsbury abstains from the vote

NEW BUSINESS

1. The new Court Clerk, Emileigh Tanner will be appointed at the Regular Meeting on Thursday and the Board will be in possession of Mary Carney's resignation on Thursday as well.

2. A motion will be needed at the Regular Meeting to set up an account with Mail Chimp.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Regarding the issues on the high cost of health insurance and the fact that the Town of Rensselaerville by itself is a very small group, Ernest Kuehl suggested that perhaps the Town could join forces with other neighboring towns in hopes of increasing the numbers which might decrease the cost for all involved. Supervisor Lounsbury will look into the legal issues and also contact Nevins Insurance Agency to see if this would be feasible.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk