

**MINUTES
OF
THE TOWN OF RENNELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD
WORK MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 9th day of September 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
Councilman Robert Bolte
Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir
Councilman Gerald Wood
Councilwoman Marion Cooke
Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were two interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

MINUTES, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS

Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2014:
August 7, 2014 – Special Meeting Board of Ethics
August 12, 2014– Work Meeting
August 14, 2014 – Regular Meeting
August 27, 2014 – Special Meeting Zoning Review

TRANSFERS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

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 September 11, 2014.

On Thursday, Attorney Fallati will have a Resolution regarding the Code of Ethics procedures as well as a Resolution regarding the online bidding for the Highway Superintendent.

OLD BUSINESS

1. It will cost \$220.00 to renew the bulk mailing permit and \$0.156 per piece to mail the flyer for the Newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The bike path in the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park is in need of a seal coating. Three estimates have been received; Brand's Paving, Inc., Hannan's Paving and Sealing, Inc., and Simpson Sealing. The Board will make a final decision at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

2. The Agreement for Shared Bus Services between the Town of Rensselaerville and the Town of Westerlo must be renewed. Supervisor Lounsbury will need authorization on Thursday to sign and renew the contract.

3. Highway Superintendent Bates reported that the Town has been dumping incredible amounts of money into the 1995 excavator. Although the digger part is still good, the carrier is a loss. Last year alone, \$20,000 was put into it to try to keep it running. In addition, Superintendent Bates is concerned about how safe the machine is. To purchase a brand new one would cost in the vicinity of \$175,000. Superintendent Bates made a trip to Oswego to see an excavator that is being auctioned on Auctions International. The Board will vote on Thursday on a resolution allowing Highway Superintendent Bates to participate and bid on Auctions International.com.

4. There is a bus trip to Saratoga scheduled for October 7, 2014. Depending on how many seniors are interested in going, the bus may need to make an additional.

5. Recently, there has been a problem with one of the toilets not flushing properly. Robert Bolte was called upon and found the problem to be in one of the pump station's float switches under the floor in the kitchen area. Mr. Bolte donated his time and also the parts to fix the problem. The only cost the Town incurred was to have the septic tank pumped out.

6. Also, Mr. Bolte has ordered and installed two new batteries for the emergency lighting in the hallway and the meeting room.

7. Mr. Bolte is preparing a map of Town Hall to show the location of the septic tank, grinder pumps, plumbing, electrical wiring, etc. This will be kept in a notebook in Town Hall along with information regarding the batteries for the emergency lighting, etc., so that it is readily available when needed. Supervisor Lounsbury thanked Bob for his contribution to the Town once again.

8. Councilman Wood mentioned that there has been trash left behind/dumped at the Honor Roll. This has also been a serious problem at the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park. Councilman Wood asked if the Highway Department could occasionally check in on these locations in their travels. Superintendent Bates suggested security cameras as a possible deterrent. Supervisor Lounsbury also suggested game cameras.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to go into Executive Session at 7:38 PM for the purpose of Union Contract Negotiations; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0).

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to return from Executive Session at 7:54 PM; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk