

**MINUTES
OF
THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held A Special Meeting on the 18th day of February, 2014 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Attorney Tom Fallati (arrived late at 7:10 PM)
 Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury
 Councilwoman Marion Cooke
 Councilman Gerald Wood
 Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir
 Councilman Robert Bolte
 Town Clerk Victoria Kraker

Also present were four interested citizens.

The purpose of this meeting was only to review proposed changes to the procedures of the Board of Ethics. No audience comments were accepted.

Attorney Fallati has reviewed the proposed changes recommended in a study performed by Councilwoman Sedlmeir and former Councilman Jack Kudlack; as well as suggestions of the Board of Ethics committee. Attorney Fallati has prepared a legal memo which is privileged and confidential and is not subject to disclosure.

However, the following are a few suggestions that should be addressed:

- 1). Should written complaints be filed with the Board of Ethics within a certain amount of time; either from the date of the event or from discovery of the event;
- 2). What will be the standard of proof;
- 3). What is the Board's obligation, if any, to cover a defendant's expenses if a defendant wishes to hire his/her own attorney and would it depend on the outcome of the complaint;
- 4). Should hearsay be admitted;
- 5). What record keeping policies should be put in place; and
- 6). Is the attendance of former employees required;

Attorney Fallati will prepare a draft addressing the concerns and suggestions made.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk