

**MINUTES  
OF  
THE TOWN OF RENNELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2014**

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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: Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury  
Councilman Robert Bolte  
Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir  
Councilman Gerald Wood  
Councilwoman Marion Cooke  
Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

There was one interested citizen present. Kim Graff and Connie Kudlack were also in attendance, representing the Rensselaerville Library.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to continue the review of the 2015 Tentative Budget.

1. Kim Graff made an extensive presentation on the Rensselaerville Library. She explained where and how the library has received their funding in the past and what their plans are for the future. 38% of their funds have come from the Town and the School district combined; the remaining is obtained through various avenues such as fundraising. Wills and securities have also helped. Ms. Graff hopes to do more fundraising in the near future, and also hopes that the four new people that are on the Board at the library will bring some fresh new ideas.

Ms. Graff pointed out that there are many new groups to the library such as the poetry group, writing group, and philosophy clubs. She also noted that with the increase in technology, she has been helping and instructing individuals on the proper use of their devices. She has been encouraging different groups and organizations to make use of the library for their meetings in an effort to increase participation and attendance levels. She is pleased to see new faces and new residents venturing into the library.

The largest line item in the library's budget is personnel. The library simply will not function without its employees and staff. Ms. Graff encourages students to complete their community service obligations at the library which helps out both sides.

The library is looking forward to decreased heating bills this coming winter. Windows have been replaced and a considerable amount of the building has been insulated.

On the down-side, restitution payments have been becoming less and less. There is no way the library can rely on this for revenue.

The computers are seven-year-old hand-me-downs and are still running on XP. Kim will be needing new computers in the very near future. She was able to purchase a server last year and will be able to do upgrades one time instead of spending hours on each individual computer.

On behalf of the library, both Kim and Connie are asking that the Town budget an additional \$2,500 for 2015. In prior years the library received \$25,000 with the exception of 2014, in which they received \$22,500. Supervisor Lounsbury will table this decision until all other items in the Budget have been addressed.

2. Neither the Fire companies nor the Ambulance requested funding increases over last year.

3. The only changes to the Sewer District will be to the ban principal which has increased by \$416.00; and these are scheduled payments. The electric has been raised by \$100 and the telephone lowered by \$100.

4. The same has been done with the Water District. The payment went up on the recap loan and the interest went down.

5. The Hydrant District will remain exactly the same as 2014.

6. Erin Nevins of Nevins Insurance Company will be shopping for insurance for the retirees. The retirees health insurance is increasing from \$301/month to 487/month. The retirees also are reimbursed for their Medicare premiums.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

Victoria H. Kraker

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Town Clerk