

**MINUTES
OF
THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2014**

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 16th 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.

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

1. The Attorneys to the Town have requested a \$2,000 increase. Supervisor Lounsbury has contacted the attorneys and requested that they remain at the same level of compensation of \$34,000 and not be raised to \$36,000. They are willing to do this.

2. Councilman Bolte would like to revisit the Supervisor's line item for equipment. Supervisor Lounsbury is in need of a printer. She uses the printer in the hallway, but is concerned that all too frequently there is confidential information that is being printed where it may be seen by all.

3. Office Supplies line will stay the same.

4. Supervisor Lounsbury would like to invite I.T.S. to come to the next meeting to review their charges.

5. Supervisor Lounsbury will speak to Zee Medical to see if some modifications can be put into place regarding the inventory of the first aid cabinet.

6. Councilwoman Cooke expressed her concerns over the cost of the extra copier in the meeting room.

7. Discussions were had over the cost of fuel oil and electricity. The consensus was to keep fuel oil the same as 2014, but to raise the amount for electricity.

8. Town Clerk Kraker will be keeping close track of exactly how much postage is being used for the initial mailing of taxes, receipts, and second notices.

9. While most line items for the Dog Control Officer will be decreasing, kenneling fees will be going up.

10. Supervisor Lounsbury has spoken to Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh regarding his clerk. Officer Overbaugh is willing to take half of the clerk's annual wages and serve as his own clerk.

11. The Highway Superintendent's wages as well as his clerk's will remain the same.

12. Veteran's Services will remain exactly as it was for 20104.

13. The Preston Hollow, Medusa, and Rensselaerville Parks will remain the same as they were for 2014.

14. The vehicle maintenance line will be increased under Programs for the Aging.

15. The Substitute Recycling Coordinator's line item will be decreased. However, the line item for vehicle maintenance will remain the same.

16. Supervisor Lounsbury learned from the State Comptroller's Office during her training, that there should not be any funds in a contingency account for the Highway Department. Once money is put into Highway, it cannot be taken out. However, money which is in the General Fund's contingency line may be transferred into the Highway if necessary.

17. Supervisor Lounsbury will double check the figures for Highway employee's wages once the Union Contract is ratified.

18. Under the Highway Department, Road Materials and Gas/Oil have been increased by 2% due increases in costs.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk