

**MINUTES
OF
THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD
WORK MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 11th 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: Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury
Councilman Robert Bolte
Councilwoman Sedlmeir
Councilman Gerald Wood
Councilwoman Marion Cooke
Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present was Highway Superintendent Randy Bates and two interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

MINUTES, TRANSFERS, ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS AND BILLS

These items will be addressed at the Regular Meeting on February 13, 2014

CORRESPONDENCE

Many thanks from retired Town Clerk Kathleen Hallenbeck for the lovely reception on January 5, 2014.

SUPERVISOR

1. Schoharie County Veterinary Clinic Fee Schedule has been received.
2. Response from the Middleburgh Central School District in response to the letter the Town sent them regarding the dangerous road conditions on January 6, 2014.
3. A suggestion to charge \$1.00 per page for incoming faxes as well as the existing \$1.00 per page charge on outgoing faxes – a motion needs to be made at the Regular Meeting.
4. Deputy Clerk Kathryn Wank is not able to attend the Water/Sewer meetings due to the fact that she is paid hourly through the Town Clerk fund; since the Water/Sewer District is a separate entity, it would be a cross-over of funds. The meetings have been changed to Wednesday nights because a new member is unable to attend on Thursdays. The current liaison, Councilwoman Sedlmeir, is unable to attend on Wednesdays; therefore, Supervisor Lounsbury has volunteered to be the new liaison.

5. Automotive liability insurance coverage is expected to go up 13-18%. Marshall and Sterling Insurance Company will make a presentation in March.
6. A reminder of the Board of Ethics Special Meeting on February 18th at 7:00 PM.
7. The audits for Town Justices Miller and Bischoff have been completed and are ready to be signed.
8. Fire and Ambulance contracts are signed and in place; checks will be issued.
9. A term has expired on the Board of Ethics; Maryann Overbaugh has shown interest in serving another 5-year term. The plan is to have all terms expire on December 31st of each year. The issue has been raised that because Maryann is related to a Town official, it may be cause for concern. However, Councilman Wood made a point that the Ethics Board only makes *recommendations*; the *final* decision whether or not to go forward lies with the Town Board.

REPORTS

Reports from the various departments will be given at the Regular Meeting on February 13, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Barry Kuhar will be attending the training in New York for the Planning Board.
2. Councilwoman Cooke will give update on the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Rensselaerville Fire Company would like to have the following citizens approved for membership:
 - Chris Schiralli
 - John Delia, Jr.
 - Ethan Willsie
2. Carey Institute HeldeGrant resolution will be addressed at the Regular Meeting. Last year we approved resolution to apply for the grant. There is no monetary obligation from the Town. Berne and Knox are co-sponsoring the grant. Supervisor Lounsbury will send the Resolution over to Attorney Fallati for review.
3. In anticipation of the upcoming storm, the Senior Bus will make the shopping trip tomorrow, instead of Thursday. Also, Tom Snyder will be driving the Senior Bus to Saratoga on April 1st and April 15th, 2014.
4. A Safety Meeting is scheduled for February 21st at 10:00 AM. Councilwoman Cooke's term expires in May and Councilman Wood will be taking her place.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 7:56 PM by Councilman Bolte to go into Executive Session to interview Maryann Overbaugh for the Board of Ethics; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made at 8:23 PM by Councilman Bolte to come out of Executive Session;
2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 8:24 by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting;
2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk