

**MINUTES  
OF  
THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD  
WORK MEETING  
JANUARY 7, 2014**

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 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  
Councilwoman Cooke  
Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates and one interested citizen.

**MINUTES**

Minutes for the Public Hearing on December 10, 2013; the Work Meeting on December 10, 2013; and the Regular Meeting on December 12, 2013 must be reviewed and signed at the Regular Meeting.

**TRANSFERS, ABSTRACTS / VOUCHERS, AND BILLS**

These items will be addressed at the Regular Meeting

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Trident Insurance expects a possible 13-18% increase in automobile insurance premiums; and deductibles increasing from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00.
2. Go Green Day is scheduled for April 26, 2014 at the Farnsworth Middle School in Guilderland from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
3. John Clarkson has updated the status on the HVCC chargebacks. They have been lowered but are still being worked on.

**REPORTS**

Reports from the various departments will be given at the regular meeting.

**SUPERVISOR**

1. Councilman Wood and Supervisor Lounsbury will be attending the Newly Elected Officials Training in Albany on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

2. The Association of Towns Annual Conference will be held in February. The Town no longer pays for this, however, anyone wishing to attend may do so at their own expense. No one has come forward and shown interest in attending up to this point.

3. We are most grateful to Gerald and Brenda Wood for the mopping of Town Hall and to Margaret and Peter Seldmeir for their organizing of Kathy Hallenbeck's retirement reception. Also much gratitude to those who contributed to any and all incidentals which made the event go so smoothly.

4. The paper shredder that was ordered from Staples arrived damaged and will be returned. Robert Bolte has offered the Town a commercial shredder for \$250.00 and will warranty it.

5. Councilwoman Cooke has a disclosure which will be read at the regular meeting.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

1. Superintendent Bates addressed the issue of the extremely icy road conditions on the morning of January 6, 2014. Despite being advised of the hazardous conditions, the Middleburgh Central School District did not delay the opening of school. Two Middleburgh buses got stuck and the Town received several calls from parents expressing their fears about the dangerous road conditions. Supervisor Lounsbury would like to send a letter to the District expressing our concerns.

2. Superintendent Bates has expressed his difficulty in obtaining salt. There is a shortage state-wide. He has contacted several suppliers repeatedly but to no avail. However, Superintendent Bates was able to get salt from Carver due to an order that was not fulfilled. Supervisor Lounsbury recommends that the Board approves Highway Superintendent Bates to purchase salt wherever possible on an as-needed basis.

3. The loader needs new tires. The tires that are on now are cracked and dangerous. Superintendent Bates has received several quotes all plus or minus \$4,000.

4. Cost of repairing/replacing the axle on the Oshkosh is unknown at this point. Superintendent Bates is having difficulty obtaining parts for this also. The Oshkosh is old but is an important member of the team.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. A Special Meeting should be scheduled to review the procedures of the Board of Ethics.

2. The next town-wide picnic will be scheduled for the first weekend in June.

3. Supervisor Lounsbury would like to postpone Executive Session until the Regular meeting on Thursday when all council members are present.

4. Authorize Supervisor Lounsbury to sign Water District and Sewer District Warrants.

5. Justice Miller's and Justice Bischoff's annual reports have been audited and should be signed.

6. Councilman Bolte asked why the Water/Sewer District borrows money from the Town when they have the money in their own account. Supervisor Lounsbury will contact the Comptroller's Office.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM;  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (4): Lounsbury, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Bolte*

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk