

**MINUTES
OF
THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD
WORK MEETING
7:00 PM
AUGUST 11, 2015**

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 11th day of August 2015 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 Gerald Wood
Councilwoman Marion Cooke
Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT WAS: Councilman Robert Bolte
Councilwoman Sedlmeir

Also present were Assessors Kropp, Tollner, and Wank as well as two interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

ERIN NEVINS

The Town's current health care plan expires at the end of August. Erin Nevins of Nevins Insurance Agency attended the meeting to present the Board with the new health care plans available. Mrs. Nevins explained that no plan is exactly the same from year-to-year. If the Town were to choose a health care plan as close to the one now in effect, the increase in premiums would be just under 12%. Primarily the plans are the same; the deductible is the same, but the out-of-pocket expense has increased slightly with the Federal level. However, of utmost importance is the way the deductible is calculated. Going forward, the deductible will be considered aggregate instead of embedded. Mrs. Nevins explained that embedded is better. Currently, under a family contract, no *one* person shall exceed the individual deductible amount; each member is capped at \$5,000. Under an aggregate plan, until the \$10,000 deductible is met, either by *one* family member or by the entire family, no benefits are paid out. Because the Town is funding the deductibles, the liability on the Town will be doubled. More than 50% of those employees enrolled are family contracts.

The second issue is that CDPHP has adopted a new rule that states no employer shall fund more than 50% of the deductibles. Currently, the Town is covering 100% of the deductibles.

She also introduced an option to switch to MVP and the pros and cons of switching carriers.

Mrs. Nevins announced that the premiums for the Delta Dental and the Empire Vision plans will remain the same.

Mrs. Nevins also discussed supplemental options for the retirees.

MINUTES, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS

Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on August 11, 2015:

- June 30, 2015 – Special – Authorized purchase of used Oshkosh
- July 7, 2015 – Public Hearing – Noise Ordinance
- July 7, 2015 – Work Meeting
- July 9, 2015 – Regular Meeting
- July 19, 2015 – Special - Resignation of Clerk 1, Sarah Hunt
- July 28, 2015 – Special – Appointment of Interim Clerk 1, Linda McCormick

Vouchers and bills will be addressed at the Regular Meeting.

TRANSFERS

Transfers, if any, will be addressed at the Regular Meeting on August 13, 2015.

REPORTS

Regular monthly reports from the Supervisor, Attorney, Highway Department, Town Clerk, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Assessors, Water/Sewer Committee, and Recycling Coordinator will be given at the Regular Meeting on August 13, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Public Hearing for the proposed Zoning Law will be held on August 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Supervisor Lounsbury spoke with Attorney Tom Fallati and he suggested holding the Hearing in sections in order to make it more organized and manageable. His thoughts were to address Articles 1 through 4 and Article 13 together; Articles 5 through 8 and Article 10 together; and finally Articles 9 through 11 together.

2. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh will address the Unsafe Building issue in his report at the Regular Meeting.
3. Attorney Tom Fallati will address the issue regarding Olmo Road in his report at the Regular Meeting.
4. Town Clerk Kraker gave an update on the Canon copier. The copier has been cleared of all data/memory. The Town must submit a final payment of \$384.00. When the payment is received, instructions on how to return the copier will follow.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Assessors Kropp, Tollner, and Wank presented their views on the possibility of being without a clerk if Linda McCormick is appointed as permanent Clerk 1 to the Supervisor. They suggested setting special hours for each of them and absorbing the duties of the clerk; dividing the responsibilities among the three of them; similar to what was done when Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Mark Overbaugh's clerk resigned. The Assessor's are concerned about training a new clerk with a busy season upon them. A discussion ensued on the pros and cons of having a clerk versus having the Assessor's absorb the duties of the clerk.

Marie Dermody directed an inquiry to the Assessors as to how many hours, on the average, each of them worked per week. Assessor Kropp responded that she put in an average of 6 to 7, and sometimes up to 20 during the busy season.

The Assessors expressed that they would like to be compensated for performing the duties of the Clerk.

2. Supervisor Lounsbury announced that she received two applications for the position of Clerk 1. Linda McCormick was one and the other withdrew her application when she learned that she would not be allowed to perform the duties of Clerk 1 during evening hours and weekends. Supervisor Lounsbury would like to appoint Mrs. McCormick as Clerk 1 on Thursday.

3. The Trinity Episcopal Church of Rensselaerville is hosting a "Good Neighbor" bible day camp August 24th through 28th. They have requested the use of the Senior/Youth Bus for August 25th between 10 AM and noon to transport the children from Trinity Church to the Lewis Dale Farm. Bob Bolte has volunteered to drive. The camp is open to children ages 4 through 12 and activities are scheduled every day from 10 AM until noon. Day one will consist of a visit to the Rensselaerville Historical Society and E.N. Hyuck Preserve; day two, children will get a tour of the Lewis Dale Farm; day three will be a

tour of the Library; day four, a visit to the Rensselaerville Fire Department; and day five 'neighbors as artists'.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (3) Lounsbury, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk