

**MINUTES
OF
THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD
WORK MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 10th day of February 2015 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury
Councilman Robert Bolte
Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir
Councilman Gerald Wood
Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker
ABSENT WAS: Councilwoman Marion Cooke

Also present was Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Mark Overbaugh and Highway Superintendent Randy Bates as well as one interested citizen.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATION FROM NOLAN PAZIN OF MARSHALL & STERLING INS.

Nolan Pazin made a presentation of the liability insurance changes that will be taking place effective in March when the Town is up for renewal. There will be a 5% increase, but with that comes an increase in property value from 1.5 million to 1.7 million.

Councilman Wood recommended that Mr. Pazin and Highway Superintendent Bates get together to review the coverage in the highway department.

MINUTES, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS

Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on February 12, 2015:
January 2, 2015 – Organizational
January 6, 2015 – Public Hearing – Tax Cap Override
January 6, 2015– Work Meeting
January 8, 2015 – Regular Meeting

Vouchers and bills will be addressed at the Regular Meeting also.

TRANSFERS

These will be addressed at the Regular Meeting on February 12, 2015.

REPORTS

Reports from the Supervisor, Attorney, Highway, Town Clerk, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Assessors, Water/Sewer Committee, and Recycling Coordinator will be given at the Regular Meeting on February 12, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Thomas Cetrino from SUNY New Paltz, and Frank Commisso and Ashley Brennan from the Albany County Comptroller's Office held an informal meeting on January 21st for the purpose of introducing the Town to Albany County's Government Efficiency Plan. Their objective was to inform the Town of the plan that Albany County is putting together and to explain what they were looking for.

2. Local Law No. 2 of 2015 will be addressed at the Regular Meeting.

3. Supervisor Lounsbury received an email from Auctions International offering the Town a contract to sell used assets. There will be no charge to the seller; the purchaser is required to pay all fees. Superintendent Bates is in favor of this as he is interested in selling two of the Town's older trucks to help pay for the new truck he would like to purchase.

4. The Albany County Mutual Aid and Assistance Program will be addressed at the Regular Meeting on Thursday. Superintendent Bates has agreed to be designated contact for this program.

5. Councilwoman Sedlmeir and Councilman Bolte expressed their concerns over the hydrants in Rensselaerville and to what extent the Town might be liable knowing that the hydrants do not work.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Mark Overbaugh suggests that the Town notify each of the Fire Departments in writing that the hydrants are not functional.

6. Councilman Wood would like to address the issue of the ice on Route 352 where a pond has overflowed and is running into the road. Supervisor Lounsbury will contact the Commissioner of Albany County Department of Public Works.

7. Superintendent Bates has been approached by the Town of Conesville's Highway Department regarding particular sections of road that are plowed at one end by Conesville and at the other end by Rensselaerville. For Conesville to plow their sections of these roads they need to send a truck down from the top of Potter Hollow Mountain almost into the village of Potter Hollow and then back up again just to plow a total of approximately 1.3 miles of road; this simply is not practical. Superintendent Bates stated that Conesville is interested in a possible agreement between the Towns where the Town of Conesville would compensate the Town of Rensselaerville for plowing these roads all the way through. Superintendent Bates figured it costs the Town approximately \$4,000/mile for snow and ice removal per season. (Note: this agreement would only be for the winter; the Town of Conesville would still be responsible for all other spring, summer, and fall maintenance.) The Town of Rensselaerville is already on these roads, but as of now, the trucks stop plowing at the County line. Also, this would serve as a model for working with other Towns – and perhaps the Town would be able to use it towards the Shared Services program.

8. Superintendent Bates has received several quotes on the new truck he is looking to purchase. He will address this issue in more detail at the Regular Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk