

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

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 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  
Councilwoman Marion Cooke  
Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present was Highway Superintendent Randy Bates as well as one interested citizen.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None

**MINUTES, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS**

Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on March 12, 2015:  
January 21, 2015 – Informational Meeting Government Efficiency Plan  
February 10, 2015 – Public Hearing – National Flood Insurance Program  
February 10, 2015 – Work Meeting  
February 12, 2015 – Regular Meeting

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

**TRANSFERS**

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

**REPORTS**

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

### **REPORT FROM HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

1. Superintendent Bates has prepared the bid package for highway materials; the Board will authorize the advertising of such at the Regular Meeting.

2. Superintendent Bates has received price quotes from eight different dealers/manufacturers regarding the purchase of a new plow truck. He compared prices and specifications of a Kenworth, an International, and a Western Star and presented his findings in great detail. Comparisons of parameters such as frame extensions, air brakes, extended warranties, thickness of frame rails, plow and wing configurations, quality of the steel used to build the truck, and conveyor systems, were made just to name a few. Superintendent Bates has also spoken to others in the field in an effort to collect their experiences with the different manufacturers. He believes the Western Star is the overall best value as well as the best price. In addition, the Town currently owns a Western Star which has proven itself to be unparalleled. Parts for these two trucks will be interchangeable; another benefit of purchasing a Western Star.

The grand total for the Western Star truck is \$188,000. Superintendent Bates hopes to be able to sell the 1998 truck for approximately \$8,000 and the 1997 tandem for approximately \$12,000. Supervisor Lounsbury has gone over available funds. Councilman Bolte inquired about the FEMA funds; Supervisor Lounsbury said that they have not been cleared yet. The Town will be able to pay for a majority of the truck; the rest will have to be financed. She will contact the bank for the details on financing. The quotes Superintendent Bates received are only valid for 45 days and therefore a motion whether or not to purchase the truck must be made shortly.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Renewal of the on-line auction bidding authorization will be addressed at the Regular Meeting.

2. The Town's Liability and Vehicle Insurance renewal will be addressed at the Regular Meeting. This year's cost will be \$37,176.

3. Authorization to solicit bids for highway materials, mowing of the parks, and rental of port-a-pots will be addressed at the Regular Meeting.

4. Supervisor Lounsbury read a sample policy regarding employee tardiness. She accepted feedback from Board members and Highway Superintendent Bates, as well as a

comment from the audience. When a final version is drafted it must be approved by Attorney Fallati as well as the Union.

5. Supervisor Lounsbury and the Board discussed modifications to the noise ordinance which the Town of New Scotland currently has in place.

6. Supervisor Lounsbury has been contacted by several residents of the hamlet of Rensselaerville regarding a posted speed limit. Supervisor Lounsbury, in turn, spoke to Doug Rose from the New York State Department of Transportation. Mr. Rose advised Supervisor Lounsbury that in order for a speed limit to be posted, the Town must send a letter requesting that the State investigate and review the situation. The request would then either be approved or denied. Supervisor Lounsbury will also speak to Attorney Fallati in this regard.

7. Supervisor Lounsbury notified the Board that it has been brought to the Town's attention that a taxpayer has been incorrectly charged a 'hydrant district' tax on their property tax bills beginning in 2006. The Board will vote at the Regular Meeting to reimburse the taxpayer for the charges which total \$94.44.

### **COMMENTS**

Councilman Bolte stated that due to the fact that the hydrants in the hamlet of Rensselaerville do not and cannot work, he would like the Fire Districts to be notified in writing. He also requested a definitive answer to the question of liability. Councilwoman Sedlmeir suggested because the hydrants can never be functional due to their configuration, that they be removed completely.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 8:32PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

### **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk