

**MINUTES  
OF  
THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD  
WORK MEETING  
MAY 12, 2015**

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 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 and one interested citizen.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None

**MINUTES, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS**

Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on May 14, 2015:  
April 7, 2015 – Work Meeting  
April 9, 2015 – Regular Meeting  
April 28, 2015 – Special Proposed Noise Ordinance

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

**TRANSFERS**

These will be addressed at the Regular Meeting on May 14, 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 May 14, 2015.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Councilman Bolte has sent several letters out to different people and government agencies, Homeland Security included, that he thought may be able to assist the Town in its pursuit of a generator.

## **REPORT FROM THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

1. Superintendent Bates presented the proposed 2015 Town Highway Agreement and asked the Board to please review it.

2. Superintendent Bates reported that he has located some old records that show which roads were repaired and how and when they were repaired. With this newly found information, he can determine what products and procedures have or have not held up over time, and therefore plan more effectively for the future. He explained that there are three types of repair materials: 1). Double chip seal which looks nice initially, but does not hold up well and costs approximately \$40,000/ mile; 2). Moto Pave does hold up very well and costs about \$64,000/mile; and 3). Hot asphalt overlay which also holds up quite well and costs nearly \$82,000/mile. Single chip seal, which is a preservation treatment costs in the vicinity of \$12,000/mile. CHIPS budget, typically \$181,000, is quite nice but unfortunately, does not go far.

3. Superintendent Bates will need approval to attend the Cornell Local Roads Program June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. The Town Clerk will need authorization to place a Legal Notice in the Altamont Enterprise announcing the receipt of the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2014, the mailing of the report to District users and location of copies for those who wish to have them.

2. Attorney Fallati will present the “Good Samaritan” Legislation which was signed into law and is intended to provide coverage when an out-of district volunteer firefighter or ambulance worker assists at a scene prior to the arrival of a jurisdictional officer. A Resolution must be passed in order to make the coverage available.

3. Attorney Fallati will also present the Bond paperwork at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

4. Supervisor Lounsbury will need the Board’s approval for the Seniors to take a bus trip to Fly Creek on either May 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

1. Councilman Bolte is in need of more names for the Veteran's Ring of Honor. New plates can only be engraved after a total of 21 names have been collected. Names may be submitted at the Town Clerk's Office. Please be prepared to provide the branch of service and rank.

2. The Board thanked Councilman Bolte for his hard work on the flowers and rose bushes at the Veteran's Memorial and noted how lovely everything looked.

3. Councilman Wood expressed his concern over the poor condition of the sidewalks in Preston Hollow. Superintendent Bates has spoken to the engineer at the Department of Transportation. The engineer indicated that it is the Town's responsibility to maintain the sidewalks, but cautioned that a permit is needed before any work can be performed. However, DOT cannot issue a permit until approval is obtained from the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). Approval from the Board will also be needed. Supervisor Lounsbury will check into the situation.

4. Councilman Wood stated that the park committee will send a 'thank-you' note to the Albany County Correctional Facility and also to Sheriff Apple for arranging for the inmates to work in the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park and at the cemetery.

5. Councilman Bolte is assisting in obtaining a genie-lift for the Rensselaerville Cemetery so that a tree can be taken down before it falls and damages headstones.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM; 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