

**MINUTES
OF
THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD
WORK MEETING
7:00 PM
OCTOBER 6, 2015**

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 6th day of October 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 Robert Bolte
Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir
Councilman Gerald Wood
Councilwoman Marion Cooke
Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates and two interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

MINUTES, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS

Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on October 8, 2015:

September 8, 2015 – Work
September 10, 2015 – Regular

Vouchers and bills will be addressed at the Regular Meeting.

TRANSFERS

Transfers will be addressed at the Regular Meeting on October 8, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Trinity Episcopal Church will hold its 200th Anniversary Celebration on October 24, 2015. Activities start at noon at the Town Park. Everyone is invited.

SUPERVISOR

1. Supervisor Lounsbury wanted to address a matter that has come up regarding the Senior Car. The Town has been fortunate to obtain a new volunteer driver recently. However, the new volunteer has been a Good Samaritan for years, driving people to appointments, etc. with their own personal vehicle. Liability falls to the Town when a volunteer drives their own personal vehicle for an appointment that is scheduled through the Town or a representative of the Town. This will be addressed further at the Regular Meeting.
2. Supervisor Lounsbury will be sitting in on a tax webinar on October 7, 2015.

HIGHWAY

1. Superintendent Bates reported that he would like to discuss the issue of the 4-way stop at the intersection of Gerard and Barger Roads at the Regular Meeting.
2. Superintendent Bates inquired whether the Board felt it would be okay to place the 'Right to Farm' signs on the hamlet signs. The Board responded positively to this suggestion.
3. 'Truck #9', which is the small white dump truck, has very serious engine issues. The truck was purchased used in September 2010 for \$35,500. The first turbocharger had been replaced under warranty in January of 2012 at 60,500 miles and again in July of 2014, this time at 87,700 miles and a cost of \$8,500. It now again has the same problem.

Superintendent Bates received a rough estimate to repair the truck of \$5,000-\$10,000 from Bill's Trucking. A much more accurate quote would require disassembling. There is also a problem with the transmission as well as many on-going issues.

Superintendent Bates would estimate the cost of repairs at about the same as the purchase price of \$35,000 thus far. He believes at 99,000 miles, the truck is at the end of its useful life and does not feel that putting more money into it is the way to go. He would like to replace it.

\$50,000 is left in the General Repair line. Superintendent Bates asked if the Board would consider taking some of that money and put it towards a new small dump truck. A truck is needed for plowing small roads in the winter, for everyday maintenance and to move people around.

Superintendent Bates believes the Town would be able to purchase a new truck for about \$38,000 to \$40,000. The plow and the sander from truck #9 can be used on the new truck. He hopes to end the year with about \$15,000 in the equipment repair line and there is \$3,000 in the misc. equipment line. He also proposes selling truck #9, truck #8 and truck #15, which would hopefully bring in near \$20,000.

Superintendent Bates will prepare a bid package for Thursday's Regular Meeting so that the bids can go out as soon as possible thereafter if approved by the Board. Bids would then be opened in November and the Town could possibly have a new truck by the end of November.

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 October 8, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Attorney Tom Fallati will explain the next step for the proposed Zoning Law on Thursday.
2. Two resumes have been received for the position of Assessor's Clerk. Interviews for the position may be complete by the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget Workshops will be confirmed at Thursday's Regular Meeting, but are tentatively scheduled for October 13th, 20th, and 22nd, 2015 at 7:00 PM.
2. Supervisor Lounsbury will need authorization to sign the Capital Region Solid Waste Management Partnership Agreement at the Regular Meeting.
3. Supervisor Lounsbury and Councilman Bolte were invited to Westerlo to discuss grants available for Seniors. The bottom line is that there really isn't any money available to be given out unless the Town works with CDTA. With using CDTA, appointments must be scheduled through an '800' number. CDTA selects what they will and will not pay for and there is a tremendous amount of paperwork. Supervisor Lounsbury stated that both the Towns of Westerlo and Knox agreed they don't have the staff to support the paperwork required by CDTA. It was also agreed upon that what is in place now is working nicely.

Another topic was the senior meals. The Town of Berne has senior meals, but our Seniors do not want to go that far. Councilman Bolte said that the Westerlo church has meals for seniors, but they do not want the County involved. As soon as they would get money from the County, they immediately have to have an inspection by the Health Department and they would be required to install stainless steel equipment and they simply do not have the money for that. They would like to continue the senior meals the way they are running it now.

4. Councilman Wood attended a meeting where the Air National Guard explained what they may be able to do to help the Town in case of a flood. The Town would need to go through the County and the County would in turn contact the Air National Guard. It would be quite an expense if the Town ever needed to use this service.

Discussion ensued regarding the EMS. Councilman Wood stated that if something isn't done soon, there will no longer be EMS in this Town. The same problem exists in the Towns of Westerlo, Berne, and Durham just to name a few. Councilman Wood asked that pressure be put on the Towns to work together to see if something can be done. Supervisor Lounsbury stated that the training to become an EMT is extensive and that is one of the reasons it is difficult to get people to join.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk