

**MINUTES  
OF  
THE TOWN OF RENNELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING  
TAX CAP OVERRIDE  
6:45 PM**

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Public Hearing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2015 at 6:45 in the evening 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:** Attorney Thomas Fallati  
Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury  
Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir  
Councilman Gerald Wood  
Councilwoman Marion Cooke \*Arrived at 6:50 PM  
Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

**ABSENT WERE:** Councilman Robert Bolte

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear public comments on proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2015 – A Local Law Overriding the Real Property Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2016.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to open the Public Hearing at 6:45 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Wood.

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

As no citizens attended the Public Hearing and no written comments were received\*, Supervisor Lounsbury entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to close the Public Hearing at 6:57 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk

\* Addendum: An email was sent by Diana Hinchcliff at 6:18 PM, but not received by the Board and Supervisor Lounsbury until the morning of October 23, 2015. Ms. Hinchcliff's written comments are as follows:

Dear Members of the Town Board,

I was planning to attend tonight's hearing but will not be able to do so. Therefore, I am submitting this statement for the record.

As I do each year, I ask you, the members of the town board, to consider those residents of our town who cannot afford to pay higher taxes because, for example, they are low income, unemployed or retirees and seniors on a fixed income. As you may have read or heard, Social Security recipients will not receive a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in 2016 because low inflation has not caused the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index, on which the COLA is based, to rise. However, the cost of medical bills, medications, health insurance, food and other necessities will rise for those people and everyone else.

Therefore, I urge you to keep any increase in the town budget below the tax cap if at all possible.

Sincerely,

Diana Hinchcliff