

**MINUTES
OF
THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 28, 2015
7:00 PM**

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 28th day of July 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was requested 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 were five interested citizens.

Supervisor Lounsbury opened the meeting by summarizing the purpose of the meeting which was to appoint an interim Clerk 1 to the Supervisor. Appointing an interim clerk allows the continuation of payroll and accounts payable until a full-time appointment can be made. Supervisor Lounsbury stated that she would like to appoint Linda McCormick. Mrs. McCormick has experience with both payroll and accounts payable. As Mrs. McCormick is currently serving as the Assessor's Clerk, Supervisor Lounsbury contacted the Association of Towns. According to the Association, it is permissible for Mrs. McCormick to keep her position as Assessor's Clerk as well as to serve as interim Clerk 1 to the Supervisor. Mrs. McCormick is willing to perform both duties. She has been in training for the Clerk 1 duties as of July 20, 2015. She has been keeping track of the hours spent training as Clerk 1 and will bill the Town as a subcontractor through the submission of a voucher.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to appoint Linda McCormick as interim Clerk 1 to the Supervisor; 2nd by Councilman Wood.
Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Marie Dermody inquired as to when the decision was made to call Mrs. McCormick in for training. Supervisor Lounsbury responded that it was on Monday July 20th, immediately following the July 19th Special Meeting accepting Sarah Hunt's resignation.

Mrs. Dermody also inquired as to when it was brought to the Board's attention that Supervisor Lounsbury intended to hire Mrs. McCormick as an interim. The response from the Board was that it was this evening and that no discussions were had prior to that.

Mrs. Dermody questioned what rate of pay Mrs. McCormick would be receiving as interim clerk. Supervisor Lounsbury responded that she would be getting the same rate as Sarah has been getting. Mrs. Dermody stated that it has been practice that people that are hired are paid commensurate with their qualifications. She felt that paying Mrs. McCormick, who has minimal municipal accounting experience, the same as Mrs. Hunt who has a 4-year college degree in accounting was not a decision made in good conscience.

Mrs. Dermody noted that despite the ad in the Altamont Enterprise for a Clerk 1, due to the time and money that has been invested in Linda, it would seem that Mrs. McCormick is the de-facto clerk.

Mrs. Dermody reminded the Board of the May 2012 Town Board newsletter's rules of order, which states that public participation at all regular and special meetings will be open to commentary to allow the public the right to have input before the Board takes action.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk