

**MINUTES
OF
THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 30, 2015**

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 30th day of June 2015 at 7:00 PM 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 one interested citizen.

The purpose of the meeting was for the Board to authorize the purchase of a used 1986 Oshkosh from the Town of Catskill.

In April Superintendent Bates had made an offer to the Town of Catskill to purchase a 1986 Oshkosh for \$6,000. The offer was denied at that time. The Town of Catskill then placed the Oshkosh for sale on Auctions International, but was unsuccessful. Catskill then contacted Superintendent Bates to inquire whether he would be interested in placing another offer. Superintendent Bates offered \$5,000 which, this time, was accepted by the Catskill Town Supervisor.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to allow Highway Superintendent Bates to purchase the 1986 Oshkosh from the Town of Catskill; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

Supervisor Lounsbury noted that Superintendent Bates has the funds on the miscellaneous equipment line item.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Although the meeting was scheduled for the specific purpose of authorizing the purchase of the used Oshkosh, Marie Dermody inquired if Audience Comments

would be accepted. She stated that she understands the rationale, but inquired whether the Town Board was aware of how much has been spent on equipment and machinery since January of 2012. Councilman Bolte responded by stating that the Board was more than aware of how much has been spent and that he thinks people are very happy with the amount the Board has actually saved the Town.

Mrs. Dermody stated that in a recent FOIL request she asked for vouchers and invoices for machinery and equipment purchases. She stated that the total is over \$400,000. As a taxpayer, she has a hard time understanding why the Town continues to purchase equipment, but yet still had to issue a bond for \$50,000. She noted that however low the interest rate was, it is still an additional expense. Looking back on the Bond, it states that \$65,930 comes from other funds, but does not state where those other funds are coming from.

Mrs. Dermody prepared a graph based on the vouchers she received and provided copies to the Board members.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk