

**MINUTES
OF
THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2015**

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 13th day of October 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
Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir
Councilman Gerald Wood
Councilwoman Marion Cooke
Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT WAS: Councilman Robert Bolte

Also present was one interested citizen.

The purpose of the meeting was to begin the review of the 2016 Tentative Budget.

1. Supervisor Lounsbury wanted to make a correction under the ‘General Revenues - County Tax Distribution’ line item should read \$152,745.84. This does not include the third and fourth quarters of 2015.

2. The Board went through the Tentative Budget line-by-line. Highlights of changes are listed as follows:

➤ **Justices:**

Court Clerks’ salaries were raised \$200.00 each.

Computer supplies line item was raised by\$1,656.00 for the purpose of purchasing a computer software program used by almost all Courts across New York State.

➤ The Assessors requested a raise, but were denied. The Assessor’s Clerk line item will be raised by \$300.00 to cover the salary increase to \$15.00/hour. The Assessors requested \$1,000.00 for a laptop. Councilwoman Sedlmeir asked if it needed to be a laptop or if it could it be a workstation. Supervisor Lounsbury stated that the Assessors wanted a

- laptop to be taken out in the field. Discussion ensued over the Assessor's request. As no consensus was able to be reached, discussion will be tabled until the next meeting on October 20th when the Assessor's Chairperson will be invited to attend.
- The Town Clerk requested a raise, but was denied. Town Clerk Kraker requested that the Deputy receive a raise to \$12.00/hour; this was granted.
 - Minor increases and decreases in 'Buildings' were made.
 - Paramedics increased by \$3,477.
 - Superintendent Bates requested an increase. Councilwoman Cooke, Councilwoman Sedlmeir and Councilman Wood would like to see an increase in Superintendent Bates' salary. Also, Superintendent Bates asked for an increase in his clerk's wages, which was granted.
 - Councilman Wood questioned whether it would be more economical for the mowing of the Parks to be performed by the Town (perhaps by hiring a seasonal employee) or by putting it out for bid as has been done in the past. Supervisor Lounsbury has reviewed this subject in the past, but will update her findings.
 - Supervisor Lounsbury would like to see the Library bumped back up to the \$25,000 they were at several years ago. This would be an increase of \$1,250. Discussion ensued over donations, funding, and other avenues the Library has available to raise money. The Library will be invited to attend the next workshop meeting.
 - Supervisor Lounsbury would like to increase the Refuse & Recycling Coordinator's salary by \$550. Also, of interest was the incorrect classification regarding workers compensation. A "recycling center's" workers compensation is very high, but a "transfer station's" is much lower. Since the Town is a "transfer station", and is now classified correctly, the workers compensation will be much lower going forward.
 - 'Employee Benefits – Medical Insurance' went down by \$9,849 in the General Fund.
 - The Board reviewed the Highway's line items and will invite Superintendent Bates to attend the next workshop meeting.

- The Ambulance requested an increase of 5,000 which was granted.
- Workers Compensation increased \$880.00 for each of the three fire departments.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to go into Executive Session at 8:24 PM to discuss personnel and wages; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to return from Executive Session at 8:32 PM; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk