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June 2011 Town Board Minutes Summary

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 14th day of June, 2011 at 7:10 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Dermody and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Marie Dermody, Councilman Robert Bolte, Councilman John Kudlack, Town Attorney Joseph Catalano, Town Clerk Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

ABSENT: Councilman Gary Chase, Councilwoman Marion Cooke

Also present were Acting Superintendent David Potter and 20 interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

- Jeff Pine asked about the renewal of the Veterans Garden.
- Mr. Amedure asked if the Annual Report has been submitted and about last month's meeting being one of the worst meetings concerning the politics and the highway superintendent.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to accept the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on May 10, 2011, Public Hearing held on May 10, 2011, Work Meeting held on May 5, 2011, Special Meeting held on May 5, 2011 and Special Meeting held on May 18, 2011; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

TRANSFERS:

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to make the following transfer;

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
SS8120.4 Sanitary Sewers	SS8130.4 Treat/Disp.	\$52.84

Central Hudson bill
2nd by Councilman Kudlack.

Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)

ABSTRACT 2011-06 5/11/2011 - 6/14/2011 - VOUCHERS, BILLS:

The General Fund - \$44,970.78; Highway Fund - \$44,525.05; Lighting District - \$589.90; Sewer District - \$52.84; Water District - \$407.77; Agency & Trust - 809.90. Total - \$91,079.54.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to pay all signed vouchers; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

CORRESPONDENCE

- Home & Community Renewal - They submitted a thank you for the support for the Small Cities Grant
- NYS Office of Real Property Tax Service - They reported that our Tentative Assessment is 56.2.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR DERMODY

- **OPERATING STATEMENTS:** Supervisor Dermody presented to the Town Board the Operating Statement as of May 31st for General, Highway and Special Districts; the Abstract of Audited Vouchers; and a Summary of the Accounts. Supervisor Dermody explained lines 3450 and 3410. Line 3450 has been zeroed out but the system won't delete the account. The money has been put in line 3410, the proper line.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to approve the financial report; 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)

- **PAYROLL AUDIT:** Councilman Kudlack will do the April and May payroll audit.

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Library Bookmark



What's New?

The Library currently has an opening for the Page position. Applications are available in the Library or online at http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/?page_id=176

Have you been thinking about **fishing this summer**? Did you know that the Library has **fishing poles**? Just like a book, you can take out a fishing pole with your Library Card. Stop in and ask about the fishing pole lending program. The equipment is on loan to the Library from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. You are responsible for obtaining appropriate fishing licenses.

The Library has **FREE Museum Passes** to the **Clark** in Massachusetts for two adults and the **Old Stone Fort Museum** in Schoharie for two adults and two children.

Weekend Film Series at Conkling Hall:

No movies in August the Weekend Film Series will return in September. Enjoy the Good Cause Club's production of Oliver Twist.

The next **Library Board Meeting** is on **Monday, August 15 at 7P.M.** Open to the public.

Letting Go! Thursdays August 4th through August 25 at 5:30P.M. Nancy Dyer's workshops will offer techniques on releasing and practices for letting go of those feelings and thoughts that hold us back. Materials will be provided.

Travel the World this Summer with the **Library's Summer Reading Program** which runs **through August 6th**. Online registration continues to the conclusion of the program <https://ny.evanced.info/rensselaerville/sr/homepage.asp>. This year's themes are *One World Many Stories* for birth through 5th grade and *You Are Here* for grades 6-12, parents you too can be involved with "Novel Destinations". Programs: **July 27th at 1P.M.** the movie *American Tail* at Conkling Hall. **July 28th at 7 P.M.** the movie *My Side of the Mountain* at Conkling Hall. **August 2 at 1P.M.** the movie *School House Rock! Earth* at Conkling Hall. The **program wraps up August 6th from 12-3P.M. with Game Day for all ages**. The Library will have a Wii Console so bring your favorite game. You will also be able to pick up your prizes.

August 2 at 5:30 P.M. Barbara Traynor will present *Second Career Volunteer*. Barbara will discuss her volunteering experiences and her book [Second Career Volunteer, a passionate, pennywise approach to retirement.](#)

The Library would like to **thank our sponsors** for the Summer Reading Program: FunPlex FunPark, The Huyck Preserve, The Price Chopper Golub Foundation, Spectrum Theatres, Stewart's Shops and Zume Flume for their support.

READ with Helen of Troy a Therapy Dogs, Inc therapy dog - August 27th at 10A.M. Sign up at the Library for your 15 minutes to read with Helen.

Water Bath Canning by Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County, **August 16, 2011, 6:30-8:30P.M.** at Conkling Hall. An introduction to safe techniques for canning fruits, tomatoes, pickles, jams and jelly. Space is limited so register early at the Library. There is a \$15 fee (due at time of registration) for the hands-on participation, a jar to take home and a new Ball book. Please make checks payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County.

Fine Amnesty: Do you have over due Rensselaerville Library books, audiobooks, movies, magazines? Starting August 30 through September 6 is Fine Amnesty. In order to qualify, you must bring in a bathroom supplies, nonperishable food items or school supplies for the Hilltown Resource Center. So dig through the closets, book bags and drawers, search the bookcases and family car, and recover those

The next **Library Board meeting** is on **Monday, July 18th at 7:00P.M.**
Open to the Public

The Library is located at 1459 C.R. 351, Rensselaerville.

Library Hours:
Tuesday & Wednesday:
10:00 AM to Noon, 4:00-9:00 PM
Thursday & Friday:
4:00—9:00 PM
Saturday:
9:00-1:00 PM

rensselaervillelibrary.org

Staff:
Kim Graff,
Director

Katie Caprio,
Library Technician

Position Vacant
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NEW Important Contact Information

Town Board Meetings
Second Tuesday 7:00 pm

Working Meeting
Thursday preceding regular meeting
7:00 pm

Town Justice Court
Mondays 7:00 pm

Planning Board
First and third Thursdays 7:30 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals
First Tuesday 7:00 pm

Building Inspector/Zoning Officer
Thursday 8:00-10:00am, 7-9 pm

Town Clerk's Hours
Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-3:30pm
Thursday 1:30pm-7:30pm
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Supervisor's Hours
Monday, 9am—12 noon
Wednesday, 9am—12 noon
Friday following monthly TB meeting
9am—12 noon
Other times by appointment

Assessors' Hours
Thursday 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Assessors' Clerk Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday morning

Dog Control Officer
Cheryl Baitsholts
518-797-5201

Town Refuse Station Hours
Wednesday and Saturday
7:00am-3:45pm

Water/Sewer District Meeting
Fourth Thursday 7:00 pm

Town Supervisor
Marie Dermody
518-239-4552 (H)

Town Clerk & Collector
Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Town Justices
Victor LaPlante
Timothy Miller

Councilpersons
Robert Bolte, Gary Chase,
Marion Cooke, John Kudlack

Building Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer
Mark Overbaugh

Assessors
Jeff Pine, Donna Kropp,
Michael Weber
Rachel Chase, Clerk II

Acting Highway Superintendent
David Potter

Planning Board
Muriel Frasher, Chairperson
Kathy Wank, Secretary

Zoning Board of Appeals
Roger Gifford, Chairman
Kathy Wank, Secretary

Deputy Town Clerk
Dee Andrus

Bookkeeper
Sarah Hunt

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518-797-3798; 518-239-4225
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Sen. Neil Breslin, 46th Dist.
Capital Bldg., Room 502
Albany, NY 12247
518-455-2800

Assemblyman John McEneny, 104th Dist.
LOB, Room 648
Albany, NY 12248
518-455-4100

County Legislature, 39th Dist.
Alexander (Sandy) Gordon
144 Beebe Road, Berne, NY 12023
518-872-2602

Albany County Highway Dept.
518-239-6715, 518-239-6710

Rensselaerville Fire Company, 911
Social Number - 797-3218

Tri-Village Fire Company, 911
Social number - 239-6780

Medusa Fire Company, 911
Back up emergency number,
765-5979
Social number - 239-6166

Rensselaerville Vol. Ambulance, 911
For Information - 518-797-5233

Albany County Sheriff, 911
518-765-2351
State Police

Rensselaerville and Hilltowns, 911
518-477-9333

Hilltown Community Resource Center
518-797-5256

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Councilman Gary Chase: gchase@rensselaerville.com
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Councilman Robert Bolte: rbolte@rensselaerville.com
Councilman John "Jack" Kudlack: jkudlack@rensselaerville.com
Acting Highway Superintendent David Potter: dpotter@rensselaerville.com

PRESTON HOLLOW BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Preston Hollow Beautification Committee would like to thank the following people who have donated to our wonderful hanging flower basket project to date.

IN MEMORY OF		IN MEMORY OF	
Edward J. Acciardi	Anthony Maltese	Edward Barnes	John and Bridget McCormack
James and Donna Barnes	Mike and Corky Mulqueen	Ronald Bates	Thomas and Mary Mullahy
Dorothy Como	Jeff and Sherry Pine	Irene Cook	Milton Cook
Edward and Susan Damm	Clara and Lloyd Potter	Kelly Davis	Brett and Connie Pruiksma
George and Carolin Dempsey	Betty Ann and Eddie Rogers	Anthony and Rosemary Donato	Dick Sabol
Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Ellinson	Walter Schloen	James A. Glorioso	Peter and Margaret Sedlmeir
Anthony Guadagno	Dorothy and Rick Simons	Carter D. Hodgkin	Wayne and Charlene Teter
Jeanette James	Holly and Robert Ullstrom	Barbara Juliano	Ray Juliano
Cooksburg Lumber Co.	Aurora and John Wennstrom	Wallace and Joan Kappler	Alice Schloen
Sean Keegan	Bill Whitbeck	Gregory and Sharon Kirby	Cynthia Willis
Karl and Amy Kraker	Kim Winans	Larry and Gail Losee	Gerald and Brenda Wood
	Jimmy Walker's Green-		

The Committee would also like to express its gratitude to Dottie Como for the donation of the American Flags that will be hung on the holidays in loving memory of her husband Joseph "Skip" Como.

The Committee continues to accept donations and anyone wishing to donate to this project can make your check payable to the Preston Hollow Beautification Committee and mail it, along with the form below, to Margaret Sedlmeir, 2 Pearson Rd., Preston Hollow, NY 12469.

** It's not too early to save the date of Saturday October 1, 2011 for our second annual Harvest Festival! **

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE IN MEMORY OF _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Conkling Hall—What's On In August

SUMMER: "Saturday on the Sidewalk" continues. Coffee, tea, lemonade, pastries, sandwiches, baguettes, special rolls, quiche, meat, chicken, eggs and green, yellow, and red produce from a local farmer. Saturdays July 2 through September 3, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6: Rensselaerville Historic District Association (RHDA) will have its Annual Meeting at 11:00 AM.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 AND 14: GOOD CAUSE CLUB PRESENTS ITS NEXT MUSICAL. A wonderful tradition of local talent from the younger set.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16: The R'Ville library and Cornell Extension present a class on capturing the bounty of summer. Learn how to can and preserve the best of summer fruits and vegetables. See library listing for details.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20: A PIANO CONCERT. Rosa Antonelli will perform here before she goes on to a Carnegie Hall performance. She is a leading exponent of Spanish and Latin American music. She will perform pieces from Astor Piazzolla, Alberto Ginastera, Isaac Albeniz, Floro Ugarte, Carlos Guastavino and Enrique Granados. Performance will begin at 7:30 PM. Admission: \$10.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18: Conkling Café hosted by Peter Michael. Come hear musicians from near and far. Open Mic. Musicians arrive 7:00 -7:30 PM. Music follows. Coffee, tea, and treats available. Free Will Offering.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. A LUNCHEON SPONSORED BY THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO HELP THOSE IN NEED. ADMISSION: \$10. AND A FREE WILL OFFERING FOR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING.

PILATES: SATURDAYS 9 - 10 AM. Strengthen your abdominals, gain long, lean muscles an wwork with good alignment. Appropriate for all levels.

YOGA: TUESDAYS 9 - 10:15 AM. Move, breathe, relax, Good for what ails you. Open to all. For class information call Sarah Nelson Weiss 518 239 6825.

You can reach Conkling Hall at 518 797 3459 or read our website at www.ConklingHall.org. We send frequent announcements/reminders via e-mail. If you wish to be added, please send your e-mail address to Info@ConklingHall.org.



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Library Bookmark (Cont'd)

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Library items. Fine Amnesty does not apply to damaged or lost items.

The Library is located at 1459 County Route 351 (Main St.), Rensselaerville. One street parking or along Methodist Hill Rd. If you would like to contact the Library Director by email please feel free to do so - director[at]rensselaervillelibrary.org Follow us on FaceBook at www.facebook.com/rensselaervillelibrary

Senior Corner

Need Information? Elder Source Line (447-7177) has information about Senior Services to help in a variety of ways. Call between 8:30AM-12:30PM Monday through Friday. Call for free assistance with housing options, insurance counseling, benefits and entitlements, community resources, adult daycare, and caregiver options. This program is funded by United Way of Northeastern New York and Senior Services of Albany Foundation.

Senior Citizens Club: We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Medusa Firehouse at noon. \$1.00 is collected. ALL senior citizens are invited to join the club. Please bring a covered dish to share and/or dessert. Members need to bring their own plates and utensils. Coffee is provided.

Senior Van: Tuesday: Bryant's Center, Greenville Thursday: Cobleskill (Wal-Mart) Monday, Wednesday and Friday: Van is available to travel to doctor appointments. Call Ann Vogel at 797-3376 regarding scheduling and/or arranging for van pick up.

Helderberg Senior Services: Lunches are served Monday through Friday at noon for \$3.75. A one-day advance reservation would be appreciated and can be made by calling Marie at 797-3652 between 9:00AM-1:00PM for information and reservations.

We need volunteer drivers!!!! If you have a valid driver's license and could volunteer a couple hours of your time now and then, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Kathy Hallenbeck, Town Clerk, for more details.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that the Board was going to go into Executive Session to discuss the Union Contract but with only three members here it will be put off until the July work meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. Motion Carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck
Town Clerk

(Note: Full Town Board minutes are available at Town Hall or on the Town's web site, www.rensselaerville.com.)

MEDUSA VILLAGE WIDE
GARAGE SALES
AUGUST 13th

9am to 3pm
RAIN OR SHINE

RUMMAGE SALE, MAPS, REFRESHMENTS
IN CHURCH HALL
MEDUSA MUSEUM OPEN

APPLICATION TO HAVE A SALE - AUGUST 13, 2011

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

(be sure to include house number and route number)

Applications must be in by August 10

\$10.00 per sale location- Make checks payable to:
United Church of Christ

Send or give to: William Moore, P.O. Box 35, Medusa, NY 12120 518-239-4843

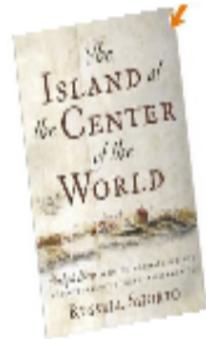
Please list some of the main items you are selling.

SALE LOCATION NUMBERS WILL BE GIVEN OUT THE DAY BEFORE SALE

**** We need your phone number ****

Maps are not ready or available until the day of the sale.

You are cordially invited to the
RHDA Annual Meeting



Saturday, August 6, 2011
11:00 am to meeting's close
Conkling Hall main floor

Hear Dennis Smith speak on "Rensselaerville: the Island at the Center of the Helderbergs" and witness the election of the new 2011-2012 RHDA officers

Dennis C. Smith, a resident of Westerlo, New York, has taught courses in public policy analysis at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service since 1973. Since 2000, he has been a professor in residence in the New York State Assembly Internship Program. He is a member of the faculty at New York University and currently directs the NYU Wagner/Accenture Executive Briefing Series.

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Alternate Bid - \$25,500.00; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to approve the Engineer Proposal from Fraser, A Weston & Sampson Company, for the construction administration, resident project representative, and reimbursable expenses for the amount of \$13,650.00; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

Attorney Catalano will contact Bond Counsel and have them prepare a Bond Anticipation Note. We won't have to issue this before the July meeting. We don't anticipate any bills coming in before the July meeting.

WATER DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION: Chairman Long mentioned that Mr. Story submitted a revised job description. Supervisor Dermody mentioned that everyone has the copy.

SEWER DISTRICT PUMP REPAIR: Chairman Long needs authorization to have the damaged sewage treatment pump repaired at a cost of \$1465.00. Discussed was the funding to pay the bill.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody authorizing the repair of the sewage treatment pump by JP Industrial Services LLC in the amount of \$1465.00; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

Councilman Bolte mentioned that it states in the rules that, even if you have certification and you turn in water without chlorinating it, it would be an immediate revocation of your license.

Chairman Long mentioned that they put in a new chlorinating device in which is an automatic chemical feed.

REFUSE/RECYCLING: Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of May: Green Fiber - 7.79 tons; Rensselaer Iron & Steel - 9.23 tons; 22 tires; Albany Landfill - 62.46 tons; Cans, plastic - 5.53 tons; and used oil - 53 gallons. The unit is almost full of the used oil; he will start working on the auxiliary tank.

Today we participated in the E-Waste Project. We filled three pallets. He will have the weight next month. This is a great free service for the people.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck's report; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

CURRENT EVENTS:

- Jason Hazen Benefit - July 10, 2011- Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Company - 10AM, BBQ - 1PM
- Pancake Breakfast - Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company - June 19th - 8 to 11AM.
- Middleburgh VFW - Sunday, June 19th - 7 to 11AM. All you can eat \$5.00.

OLD BUSINESS

- **LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2011 - CODIFICATION:** Attorney Catalano mentioned if the Board wants to adopt Local Law No. 2 they need to do a motion to adopt the law as presented.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to adopt Local Law No. 2 of the year 2011 as presented, a local law to provide for the codification of the local laws, ordinances, and certain resolutions of the Town of Rensselaerville into a municipal code to be designated the "Code of the Town of Rensselaerville;" 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays(0)*

The Town Clerk and the Town Attorney will do the paperwork and file the law.

- **VFW PARK MEMORIAL GARDEN:** Supervisor Dermody mentioned that Mr. Glorioso was unanimously voted Chairperson.

Mr. Glorioso, the Committee is seeking permission to have blanket coverage for the work to be done on the Veterans' site in front of the town building. He invited any resident or veteran to volunteer some time to help with the project. Mr. Glorioso is going to leave a sketch of the plan for people to look at. It all depends on how much in donations we get.

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that about 22 letters have gone out to vendors and merchants asking for donations for the Project.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to let the Garden Committee continue with their work without coming back to the Town Board and do what they feel is appropriate for the Memorial Park; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

NEW BUSINESS

- **MEDUSA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY - NEW MEMBER - JONATHON VETERE**

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to add Jonathon Vetere to the Medusa Volunteer Fire Company Membership list; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack, Nays (0)*

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Susan Lewis asked why the new position for the Highway Department is not being advertised.

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A Report from the Supervisor

We managed to survive our first official heat wave of the season. We can only hope to be able to look back on these scorching days with fond memories in January and February when Mother Nature again shows us who's boss! I remind everyone, when we are experiencing severe weather of one kind or another, to check in on your neighbors, especially the elderly and infirm, to be sure they are being cared for appropriately.

The following is an excerpt from a letter received from the Albany County Sheriff's Office: "Heat exhaustion can occur with as little as an hour's worth of activity in extreme heat. We can prepare by staying well hydrated and nourished during this activity. The EMS Unit has outlined some key considerations to staying safe and healthy during this heat wave.

- Stay well hydrated. If possible you should drink 6-8 ounces of water every couple of hours during your shift. If you prefer sports drinks try to alternate between them and water. AVOID caffeinated sodas and fruit juices.
- Avoid caffeine. Caffeine is a strong diuretic which can accelerate our dehydration.
- Fruits and vegetable are an excellent source of vitamins and water, and will assist in keeping you hydrated and nourished.
- With the forecasted high heat indexes sunburn can occur within several minutes of sun exposure. It is a good idea to keep sun block handy if you have the potential to be without shelter for an extended period of time.
- Signs of dehydration include but are not limited to; strong odor and dark colored urine, fatigue, nausea, tachycardia, headache, increased thirst, and in some cases vomiting. If any of these occur report it to a supervisor immediately.

Barbara Husek made a presentation to the Town Board on the Helderberg Hilltowns Association, an organization consisting of neighbors from Berne, Knox, Rensselaerville, and Westerlo working together to help preserve and promote local farms, businesses, and organizations. A website has been designed to help achieve these goals. Forms for registering your business are available at Town Hall or you can visit www.hilltowns.org to register.

Thanks to Tony Fontanelli and Sheldon Smith of Albany County Comptroller Michael Connors office for putting us in contact with the Albany County Department of General Services Purchasing Division.. As a result of this information, the Town Board unanimously passed a resolution agreeing to join a "purchasing co-op" whereby the Town of Rensselaerville can purchase office supplies at Albany County's bid prices, affording us significant/substantial savings on those products we use every day.

The VFW Memorial Garden continues to move along, but we now need donations to purchase the materials needed. Page 8 of this newsletter shows what we hope our finished product will resemble. Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause; it's the least we can do to show our gratitude for the service and sacrifices of our military personnel.

As always, please keep in mind that I keep regular office hours and am available all other times by phone or email. Feel free to stop by for a chat.

Marie

"Gasland" Viewing

Helena Kosorek of Greenville has arranged for a viewing of the film "Gasland."

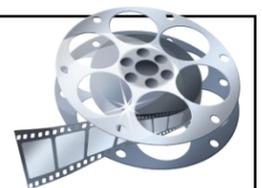
Gasland is a 2010 American documentary film written and directed by Josh Fox. The film focuses on communities in the United States impacted by natural gas drilling and specifically, a stimulation method known as hydraulic fracturing.

Date: Wednesday, August 3, 2011, 7:00 PM

Where: Town of Rensselaerville Town Hall

Who: Members of the Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and any other community members interested in the topic

Seating is limited and available on a first come/first serve basis.



Middleburgh Library Happenings

8/1 – 2:00 PM – Teen Scene Film – “Tron” (PG) -

8/1 – 6:30 PM – Reel Film Festival – “Flow” (not rated) - A look at the world's water crisis and how the causes of the depleting water supply are connected to pollution, human rights, and even politics.

8/2 – 10:30 AM – Winnie the Pooh Party - The perfect ending to our Summer Storytimes! Come enjoy Pooh games, treats and fun. Bring your favorite Pooh Character with you. For toddlers - 1st grade.

8/2 – 10:30 AM – Drop in Storytime - This fun program is designed for active children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. We'll read books, sing songs, play games and watch a short film based on a weekly theme. No registration required.

8/2 – 1:00 PM – Cupcake Wars - Come compete in the Cupcake Wars! This program is part of our Teen Summer Reading Program: *You Are Here!* Registration is required.

8/2 – 7:00 PM – Family Film – “The Aristocats” (G) -A French millionairess wills her entire estate to her family of cats. The butler, Edgar, catnaps and abandons them. They are rescued by Thomas O'Malley, a rough and tumble alley cat.

8/3 – 11:00 AM – Pre-school Films(***) – “Little Einsteins Flight of the Instrument Fairies” - Rocket transports you to the breathtaking Arctic wilderness, transforms into a submarine, and leads you on a thrilling underwater quest.

8/3 – 1:00 PM – Mother/Daughter American Girl Tea Party (***) - Bring your dolls and your Mom to the library where we'll talk about what it was like to be a girl in 1904. You'll make a Victorian craft and a calling card to bring to the Best House where we'll have our tea party. **For girls going into grades 3 - 6. Registration is required.**

8/4, 11, 18, 25 – 7:00 PM - Knitting Circle – Bring your project and join your neighbors for some creativity and conversation.

8/4 – 1:00 PM – Amazing Toys of Long Ago (***) - Learn about the kinds of toys children played with in the late 1800's and early 1900's. This program is brought to you by the [Bennington](#) Museum. **For kids going into Pre-K – 5.**

8/8 – 6:30 PM – Reel Film Festival – “The Future of Food” (not rated) - An in-depth investigation of the disturbing truth behind unlabeled, patented, genetically engineered foods.

8/9 – 11:00 AM – Art Start - Get ready for a fun time with your little one as we explore the world of art with hands on activities. Perfect for 3 & 4 year olds with caregivers help.

8/9 – 7:00 PM – Baseball & The Civil War - Civil War aficionado Dave Hubbard will detail the effects of baseball on the Civil War. Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. Registration is Required.

8/10 – 1:00 PM – Family Film – “White Lion” (PG) - A young African boy named Gisani finds himself destined to protect a rare and magnificent white lion cub named Letsatsi.

8/11 – 11:00 AM – One World – Many Animals(***) - Jason Reilly of Green Meadow Farms teaches the audience about each animal but gives everyone the opportunity to pet them in colorful tubs for a safe and easy experience.

8/11 – 1:00 PM – Science in the Summer(***) - This hands on Science fair, sponsored by the Mohawk Valley Library System and the GE Elfun Society, will introduce you to the fun of science experiments. **Appropriate for kids going into grades K and up. Registration is required.**

8/15 – 6:30 PM – Reel Film Festival – “The End of the Line” (not rated) - Imagine an ocean without fish. This is the future - in less than 40 years. Narrated by Ted Danson.

8/16 – 7:00 PM – The Benefits of Gas Drilling - A Case Study of the Ross # 1 Well in Maryland, Otsego County, New York. Richard Nyahay, who is associated with Gasthem USA, will discuss the positive aspects of gas drilling or "hydrofracking". **Registration is Required.**

8/17- 1:00 PM – One World - Many Magical Stories with Melvin the Magnificent - Take a trip around the world with magic and your imagination!

8/18 – 7:00 PM – Book Discussion – “The Help” by Kathryn Stockett - Set in Stockett's native Jackson, MS, in the early 1960s, this first novel adopts the complicated theme of blacks and whites living in a segregated South. Books available at the circulation desk.

8/18 – 7:00 PM – Hydrofracking – The Negative Impacts of Gas Drilling - Join Don Airy of the Schoharie Val-

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A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept the Acting Superintendent's report; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

TOWN CLERK: Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported the following collected and paid out for the month of May 2011: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected - \$812.75. Paid to the Supervisor - \$611.79 (fees); Paid to NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets - \$12.00 (Dogs - State Surcharge); Paid to NYS Departmental Conservation - \$188.96 (sporting licenses); Paid to NYS Department of Health - \$0.00 (marriage license). Water Rents Collected - \$0.00. Sewer Rents Collected - \$781.28. Tax Collection - \$3818.26 (March late fees).

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of May 2011; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR: In the absence of CEO Overbaugh, Supervisor Dermody gave the monthly report for May 2011: One new home construction, One deck, One Accessory Building, for total collected of \$252.00. He attended a four-hour course on storm water TTP on June 3rd.

- NEW ROAD NAME: CEO Overbaugh wrote a note stating the following: “It has been brought to my attention that the road going into Lake Myosotis is not named and has buildings that need 911 numbers.” He is asking the Board to approve the road name to be Lake Myosotis Road so they can complete this process.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack that we name this road Lake Myosotis Road; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to approve CEO Overbaugh's report; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT: Assessor Pine reported that they had 6 people at Grievance Day on May 24th; they did four stipulations that day.

He has been working with Attorney Catalano on a local law to extend the timeline for seniors to get their exemptions in from March first to May first. This law would have to be in place by January to be effective for next year.

- EQUALIZATION RATE: Assessor Pine reported that the Tentative Equalization Rate has been issued. The Towns can grieve this tentative rate if the wish to do so. Assessor Pine explained the share of value with the county and school districts with this tentative equalization rate.
- ASSESSOR TRAINING: Assessor Pine explained that they get their certification training at Manfred. They would like to have pre-approval for the courses. The cost is \$700.00 for two courses. It is not available for free from the State of New York. You have to give a deposit prior to taking the course.

Supervisor Dermody suggested coming to the next meeting with the cost for the deposit and the Town Board will pre-approve the expense.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to approve the Assessor's report; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE:

- BIDS -IMPOUNDING DAM PROJECT: Supervisor Dermody reported that we received a letter from Fraser Associates concerning the bid results received on June 8, 2011 for the Rensselaerville Water District Impoundment Dam Project. There were 5 bids received.
 - The low bid was received from William J. Keller & Sons Construction Corp., bid price \$52,381.00, alternate bid - \$25,500.00, total bid price \$77,381.00.
 - The highest bid came in at \$169,394.00 (combined price) Carver Construction.
 - Other bids received – Pollard Excavating, Inc., combined bid - \$106,976.00; JAT Construction Co., Inc. - combined bid \$118,750.00; J & A Bayly Construction, Inc. - combined bid \$131,360.00.

The bid submitted by William J. Keller & Sons Construction Corp. was formal and accompanied by a five percent Bid Bond drawn on First National Insurance Company, Syracuse, NY 13220. William J. Keller & Sons Construction Corp. has satisfactorily completed work of a similar nature and is considered well qualified to perform the work under this contract. We, therefore, recommend that the Town award the contract to William J. Keller & Sons Construction Corp. in the amount of \$77,381.00 for the Base Bid and Alternate bid.

Chairman Long had a written proposal from Fraser PE, LS, LA, A Weston & Sampson Company for the construction administration, resident project representative, and reimbursable expenses for \$13,650.00.

Chairman Long mentioned that with the cost of construction administration, the contractor and what we have spent so far the project would be \$112,596.00.

Attorney Catalano asked when the project would start.

Chairman Long, we anticipate in a matter of weeks. The cost is very reasonable.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to award the bid to William J. Keller & Sons Construction Corp. for the work on the Water District Impoundment Dam in the amount of \$77,381.00 (Base Bid - \$52,381.00,

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- SEASONAL EMPLOYEE: Acting Superintendent Potter mentioned that Mr. Marsh was hired to work 150 hours and that we were going to revisit this if we needed him to work more hours. At the end of this week, he will have 120 hours in, Acting Superintendent Potter would like to keep him on for another 100.

Supervisor Dermody mentioned with David Potter taking the Superintendent's pay, that frees up some money.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to extend Mr. Marsh's allotment for an additional 100 hours; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- MOWING: Acting Superintendent Potter would like to hire Doyle Shave for 150 hours to help with the mowing.

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that when we did the budget last year, we put in for a second part-time employee for seasonal work.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody that we hire the services of Doyle Shaver for the maximum of 150 hours, no overtime, no benefits. If more time is needed, Acting Superintendent Potter will come back to the Town Board. Rate of pay will be truck driver's pay; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Ayes (2) Dermody, Kudlack; Nays (0) Abstained (1) Bolte. Motion did not pass*

- WATER DISTRICT: Acting Superintendent Potter mentioned that the Water District needs a valve to be replaced on Methodist Hill Road. Would the Highway Department be able to dig up the valve? It will take about 4 hours to do.

Mr. Long mentioned that the town crew damaged the valve when they were ditching.

Attorney Catalano mentioned that you would have to keep track of the hours for purposes of billing the Water District.

- HIGHWAY AGREEMENT: Acting Superintendent Potter mentioned that Jaycox Road was on the original Highway Agreement. He thought they could do the work themselves with the equipment that they have. He is not positive about the culvert that may need to be replaced. That is why he took it off the Highway Agreement list; he thought it could be done cheaper and it may not be part of the CHIPS funds.

Attorney Catalano mentioned that the Highway Agreement deals with any of the projects that you do that are outside normal maintenance. The CHIPS fund is not the determining factor.

Councilman Bolte asked, under the Highway Agreement you have \$140,000.00, when you add them up, not including the alternate roads, it comes to \$180,000.00.

Acting Superintendent mentioned that the top ones come up to \$150,000.00 and some of the estimates are a little over. He thinks that they will be around \$145,000.00. The second and third sheets are all alternate roads.

Attorney Catalano mentioned that when the projects are completed and the estimates become real figures, you need to report back to the Board to re-adjust your expenditures. Anything more than \$140,000.00 you are not authorized to do.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to approve the Highway Agreement with the understanding that all roads listed on pages 2 and 3 are designated as alternate roads; 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)

- PRESSURE WASHER: Acting Superintendent Potter received quotes from the following vendors for a hot water pressure washer;
 - Van Buren Enterprises, Guilderland Center, NY, Model- MI-T-M, 13 HP for \$3930.00
 - Grainger, East Syracuse, NY, Model - MI-T-M, 9 HP for \$3903.19
 - Northern Tool, Model - King Brute, 8 HP for \$3349.99
 - Northern Tool, Model - Karcher, 7 HP for \$3,749.99
 - Northern Tool - Model Northern Stat, 6.5 HP for \$2599.99
 - Grainger, Model - Chore Master, 7 HP for \$3591.00
 - Grainger, Model - MI-T-M, 6.5 HP for \$3370.00
 - My Pressure Washer - Model - Honda, 13 HP for \$3596.00

Acting Superintendent Potter felt that the best pressure washer was from Van Buren Enterprises. He is local. The one that came in today from My Pressure Washer is out of Florida.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to purchase the pressure washer locally from Van Buren Enterprises, Inc. for the MI-T-M Hot Water Pressure Washer, 3.5 GPM, 3000PSI, 13 HP Honda GX engine with electric start for \$3930.00; 2nd by Supervisor Dermody. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to pre-approve the \$3930.00 tonight contingent on us getting a signed voucher for payment; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

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Notice to the Public - How Do We Say THANKS

What a wonderful turnout for our Help Jason Day! We had such a wonderful response from all the businesses we asked for Help. Thank You to GNH Lumber, The Milk Run, Garuc Distributing, Kathy Fallon, Pam Gordon, WalMart in Glenmont, Price Chopper in Glenmont, West Winds, Slater in Cairo, Firehouse Antiques, Story's Farm in Catskill, and Leah Sophia Jewelry.

Further appreciation goes to all the people who donated money so generously for Jason's benefit. Thank you to all the neighboring Fire Companies who donated with money, food, baked goods, help at the barbeque, and just participated in helping us have a SUPER day!

Thank you to so many people in the community who pitched in—Clara Potter for overseeing the Bake Sale sponsored by the Preston Hollow Beautification Committee, to Heather Kelly for the great car wash her Sunday School Classes at the Preston Hollow Baptist Church put on, to Dorothy Simons for overseeing the Chinese Auction, white elephant table, raffle sponsored by the Preston Hollow Baptist Church, to all the people who worked all the tables, to all the people far and wide who baked and baked and baked, to all those who donated new and saleable items, to all of the members of Tri-Village who worked so hard to make the day a HUGE success, and to Kim Winans for all her help gathering supplies and working in the hot kitchen.

It is so wonderful to see everyone come together in our community to work so hard for a common cause. It truly touches our heart to see how ready everyone is to help someone in their time of need. Most important it was so good to see Jason among us for a short time and to know how grateful he and his family were for such a wonderful turnout.

THANK YOU—THANK YOU - THANK YOU

Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Middleburgh Library Happenings

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ley Watch as he discusses the negative impacts of gas drilling or "hydrofracking." **Registration is Required.**

8/22 - 6:30 PM - Reel Film Festival - "Fuel" (not rated) - A powerful portrait of America's overwhelming addiction to, and reliance on, oil.

8/24 - 1:00 PM - Family Film - "Rango" (PG) - Rango, a kooky pet chameleon, accidentally winds up in the gritty, gun-slinging town of Dirt, a lawless outpost populated by the desert's most wily and whimsical creatures.

8/25 - 7:00 PM - In Concert - The Squid Jiggers - [The Squid Jiggers](#) are Maine-based folk duo comprised of inveterate musician-entertainers, Dave Rowe and Troy R. Bennett. Tickets are available at the door. \$10.00 suggested donation.

8/29 - 6:30 PM - Reel Film Festival - "The Cove" (PG-13) - In a sleepy lagoon off the coast of Japan is a highly guarded secret. During the night, Taiji fishermen engage in an unseen hunt for thousands of dolphins. Their work is so horrifying; a few desperate men will stop at nothing to keep it hidden from the outside world.

8/30 - 7:00 PM - A Discussion of Alternative Fuels - Dan Smith, from the Capital Region Energy Forum, will discuss the prospects of alternative fuels. **Registration is Required.**

8/31 - 1:00 PM - Family Film - "The Secret of Kells" (G) - In a remote medieval outpost of Ireland, young Brendan embarks on a new life of adventure when a celebrated master illuminator arrives from foreign lands carrying a book brimming with secret wisdom and powers.

Note: - Programs marked with (*) are part of the Summer Reading Program - One World, Many Stories.**

For more details go to our website at www.middleburghlibrary.org.



The Town of Rensselaerville VFW Garden Committee would like to offer you the opportunity to honor a Veteran through the rebuilding and re-dedication of the "VFW VETERANS MEMORIAL GARDEN."

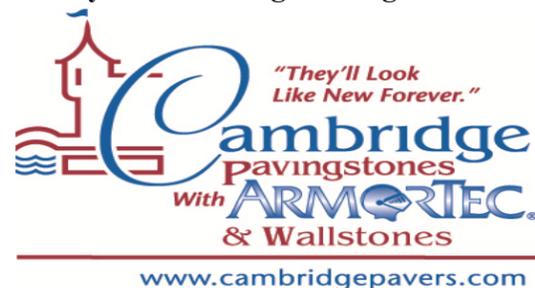
The picture depicts part of the renovation plans -- the center piece will circle the flag. We continue to investigate the possibility of engraving certain stones with the name of your VETERAN (family or friend); more information on this will be forthcoming. However, we are accepting donations, large and small, to cover the cost of materials needed to get this project started.

YOUR DONATIONS MAY BE GIVEN TO THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN CLERK.
PLEASE BE SURE TO NOTATE ON YOUR CHECK THAT THE
DONATION IS FOR "THE VFW MEMORIAL GARDEN."

We would like to thank you in advance for your donation.

Sincerely,
The VFW Memorial Garden Committee

Photo Courtesy Of Cambridge Pavingstones with ArmorTec



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- ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES YOUTH BUREAU: Supervisor Dermody reported that she received a form from them to apply for state aid for \$549.00 to support our recreation and youth services. She can't do anything without getting the reports from our Youth Coordinators. If she doesn't get any compliance for that request, she will have to waive our State eligibility for it and lose \$549.00.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept the Supervisor's Report; 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

Motion Carried. (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays; (0)

TOWN ATTORNEY

- BURKHARDT ROAD: Attorney Catalano reported that we had a resident complaining about truck traffic on Burkhardt Road. He is looking into this issue. He received the prior resolution regarding variance for that land use. He will be working with Code Enforcement Office Overbaugh to look that over and see if there are any enforcement issues.
- ACTING HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT DAVID POTTER: Attorney Catalano mentioned that in light of the Deputy Superintendent agreeing to be Acting Superintendent, he has been discussing with David Potter a number of issues that Mr. Potter is concerned about. Once his term of acting highway superintendent expires at the end of the year, he wants to go back to the highway department and make sure that he does not lose any benefits or any other seniority rights with respect to the Highway Union Contract. These are reasonable concerns. Attorney Catalano suggests that we enter into an agreement between the Town Board and David Potter to make sure that those concerns are addressed. Attorney Catalano suggested that the Town Board adopt a motion to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign this agreement. David Potter is in agreement with it.

Attorney Catalano mentioned that the Deputy Superintendent is a yearly appointed position; they cannot guarantee that appointment for next year.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack authorizing the Supervisor to enter into this agreement between the Town Board with Acting Superintendent David Potter; 2nd by Supervisor Dermody.

Councilman Bolte would like to hold off on this until we find out something from the Union.

Supervisor Dermody asked if the Union has seen this agreement.

Acting Superintendent Potter mentioned that he has discussed this with them.

Supervisor Dermody asked for a vote.

Ayes (2) Dermody, Kudlack; Nays (0), Abstained (1) Bolte. Motion did not pass.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept Attorney Catalano's report; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- CURRENT WORK: Acting Highway Superintendent Potter reported that he has purchased some culverts; they have been replacing culverts on Hale Road and Gravatt Road. A turnaround has been built on Gravatt Road. Currently they are ditching on Pond Hill Road, finished Gerard Road and part of Sayre Road. They have been grading roads and putting down calcium.
- TRUCKS: The Town Board had the list of trucks to auction off. Acting Superintendent Potter asked the Board if they want to proceed with the auction.

Attorney Catalano is looking into doing this on line.

Supervisor Dermody asked if we can start by advertising these items for sale as we did in the past.

Attorney Catalano mentioned that you can do both.

Councilman Bolte mentioned that www.auctionsinternational.com is a site that other towns use. There is no shipping, and we are not responsible for anything, no packing or anything.

Supervisor Dermody and Acting Superintendent Potter will investigate this site tomorrow as long as they have Town Board approval to move forward.

Attorney Catalano mentioned that you are accepting the highest bid and you should put an end time on the bid and advertise "As Is."

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to put the trucks on the internet for sale; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- JANITOR: Acting Superintendent Potter asked if they could have a janitor or use the same person you have up front to clean the lunch room and the office.

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that we have cleaner who is incredibly efficient; she will ask if she is interested in doing the cleaning in the highway department for 4 hours a week. That will give her 8 hours a week if she wants it.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to ask her if she is interested in cleaning in the highway department; 2nd by Supervisor Dermody. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

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- TRAINING -- WORKPLACE VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL HARRASSMENT: Supervisor Dermody reported that the first training session was on Monday; 12 people attended. There will be training sessions Wednesday evening and next Tuesday afternoon. There will be one more evening session. Based on information that she has gotten from our loss prevention specialist from Wright Risk Management, we as the Town Board have to decide what to do for those people who refuse or may refuse to take the training.

Councilman Bolte asked why we are required to take the training when on the website the law specifically says that it applies only to workplaces that have 20 full time employees or more. He called the Labor Department and they said elected officials and appointed that did not apply to them.

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that Jay Lewandowski reported when we met with him in January that there was a fire company that had two people who didn't take the training and the fire company was fined \$10,000.00, \$5000.00 for each non-compliance. He also sent an email concerning the issue of training. Supervisor Dermody read the email, which spoke about a small village that had no full time employees. Public Employees Safety & Health (PESH) required them to hold the trainings, giving them 30 days to complete the training. There were told that more than 20 people were exposed to these situations and that they were required to hold the programs. Mr. Lewandowski is telling every municipality that these are mandatory from PESH. He recommended that the Town implement these trainings on their own rather than have PESH come in and enforce the issue and possibly fine the Town for non-compliance.

Councilman Bolte had information from the NYS Public Employees Workplace Violence Prevention; you should read the section on who has to go.

Attorney Catalano mentioned that training is a good idea. Why would we not want to have the people that work in this building or any other area of the town not be educated on workplace violence issues? There is no clear-cut distinction he finds in that because we have a number of part time officials that could be considered full time based on the hours they work. It is good for insurance.

Councilman Bolte asked how can you be fined if you are not breaking the law?

Attorney Catalano felt that it is a policy and didn't see how anybody could argue against it.

Councilman Bolte mentioned that he argues against creating laws that are not written as laws.

The Town Board discussed this issue at length.

Supervisor Dermody will continue holding the training. Supervisor Dermody suggested making these training sessions mandatory.

Attorney Catalano, it is a proactive prevention program that you can't argue about having importance in any workplace. Attorney Catalano suggested that the Town continue the program. About making it mandatory, let's see how we stand at the end of the presentations.

- JUNE 8TH STORM: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that on June 8th we had a storm come through Town which did considerable damage. She has put the insurance company on notice.
- NYS COMPROLLER: One their web, the Town of Rensselaerville has some unclaimed funds sitting in an account. The paperwork has been filed.
- ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE: Supervisor Dermody reported that we are getting ready to go live with the Munis Accounting Software. There is a problem with the speed of our lines. Supervisor Dermody mentioned that the franchise agreement states that Milestone (now Mid Hudson) will provide cable service and one cable high speed modem account each when available to any public school building, town offices, library and fire companies in the primary service area subject to lines being in such locations. Mid Hudson will give us the silver package for 50% off the price.

Councilman Bolte mentioned that they should make it free to us.

Attorney Catalano mentioned that we should stick to what the contract says.

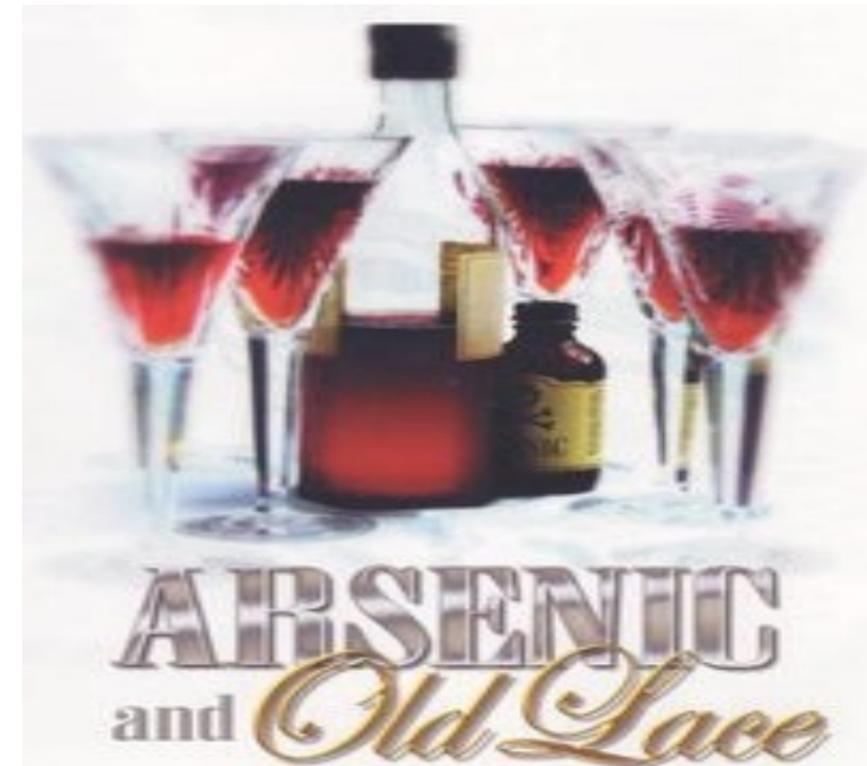
A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack authorizing Supervisor Dermody to continue the negotiation with Mid Hudson and insist that we get their service for free; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- AUD: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that we are getting close to completion. The scope of services that the accounting firm is providing for us, however, far exceeds what was in the original letter of engagement so at some point we will get billed for the additional hours as a result of straightening out these records. The State is with us in terms of getting it done right.
- CONNECT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO NETWORK: Supervisor Dermody spoke about connecting the Highway Department to the Town's network. i.t.s. sent a proposal of \$440.00 to hook up the Highway Department to the network.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to authorize the hookup of the Highway Department to the network for \$440.00; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (3) Dermody, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

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R'ville Stage Creations



proudly presents

Friday September 9th at 7:00 pm

Saturday September 10th at 7:00 pm

Sunday September 11th at 3:00 pm

Conkling Hall

Methodist Hill Road Rensselaerville, New York

Ticket Price Adult \$10.00

Senior or Student \$8.00

For Advance Ticket Sales Contact;

Linda McCormick at 797-5142 or

Susan Britton at 797-3383



HILLTOWN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROJECT

SCHOOL'S OUT, but we're planning for SCHOOL'S OPEN already!!

The old adage 'always be prepared' is certainly true when it comes time to return to school to begin the task of learning new and exciting things. Arriving in school that first day well prepared for learning sets the tone for success throughout the school year. The Hilltowns Community Resource Center (HCRC), an outreach site of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, wants to ensure that children from families in need that receive HCRC services are set for success each school year. To do so, HCRC is seeking individuals and organizations willing to 'adopt-a-student' and assist in sending him or her back to school prepared for learning. HCRC is asking sponsors to commit to providing each student a new backpack containing school supplies needed and a new pair of sneakers. Sponsors will be provided with a list of supplies each student is required to have, shoe size and color preferences. Please call the Resource Center at 797-5256 if you or your organization is interested in sponsoring a student.

In addition, during the remainder of July and all of August, HCRC will be conducting a BACK-TO-SCHOOL supply drive throughout the townships of Berne, Knox, Westerlo and Rensselaerville. Community members can help with the Resource Center's efforts by purchasing a variety of school supplies and dropping the items in bins at the following locations: Post Offices in East Berne, Berne, Knox, Westerlo, Medusa, Preston Hollow and Rensselaerville; transfer stations and libraries in Rensselaerville and Westerlo. Back-to-School items that can be donated include boys and girls sneakers (all sizes), pens, pencils, colored pencils, crayons, markers, high lighters, pencil holders, pocket folders, primary school writing tablets, 3-ring binders, binder paper, binder dividers, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, rulers, protractors, calculators, erasers, 3x5 index cards, tissues, post-it notes, small and larger zip-lock bags. Monetary contributions are always welcome. Checks can be made payable to HCRC and can be sent to the Hilltowns Community Resource Center, P.O. Box 147, Westerlo, NY 12193. Please call 797-5256 with any questions.

Volunteer News and Events

Medusa Volunteer Fire Department

Monthly Meeting: Monday, August 2nd, at 7:30PM
Company Drill: Monday, August 8th, at 7:00 PM
Work Night: Monday, August 15th at 7:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

Calls as of July 12, 2011: 24

Please note: There is no Battalion meeting August. Our next meeting is 09/07/11 at 7 pm

August:
1st - 7:00 pm Company Drill
8th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
31st - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

September:
7th - 7:00 pm Battalion Meeting
12th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
19th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
28th 7:30 pm Company Meeting

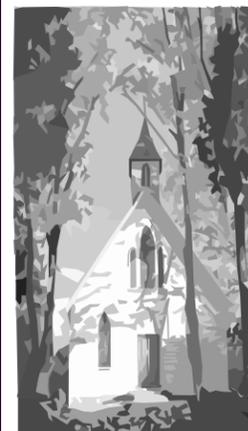
Enjoy your summer! If you are drinking, please do not drive!

Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, August 1st at 8:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, August 17th at 7:00PM



Church Services

Preston Hollow Baptist Church
Route 145, Preston Hollow,
239-6544
Worship: Sunday - 11:00AM

Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church
Summer Session Worship - 11:00AM
Coffee Hour following Service

United Church of Christ
Medusa, 239-4843 or 722-8126
Worship: Sunday - 10:00AM

Trinity Episcopal Church
Trinity Lane, Rensselaerville,
797-5395
Holy Eucharist & Church School Sunday
11:00AM

Potter Hollow Union Church
4824 Potter Hollow Mountain Road
Potter Hollow, 263-4478
Worship: Sunday - 10:00AM
Coffee Hour & Sunday School—11:30AM
Call for Bible Study and Prayer Group

RENSELAERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUMMER 2011 SERVICES

Services begin at 11 am. The church is located on Main Street in the hamlet of Rensselaerville.

- July 24 "Grounding in Mid-Air" Reverend Dr. Richard E. Spalding, Chaplain, Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts
- July 31 "What's Next?" Reverend Dr. Donna Schaper, Senior Pastor, Judson Memorial Church, New York City
- August 7 "Building Sanctuaries in Time, Lessons of the Sabbath" Rabbi Rena Kieval, Congregation Ohav Shalom, Albany
- August 14 "Perseverance" Reverend Ann Kansfield, Green Point Reformed Church, New York City
- August 21 "The Center Holds Us All" Sister Jane Frances Omlor, Saint Francis Convent, Tiffin, Ohio
- August 28 "Mystery School" Reverend Michael Ellick, Associate Pastor, Judson Memorial Church, New York City
- September 4 "A Little Bit Swerved" Barbara G. Wheeler, Auburn Center for the Study of Theological Education, New York City

SOMETHING NEW!!!! A Community Calendar

At their July 12, 2011 meeting, the Town Board approved a suggestion that was given regarding initiating a community wide calendar. The hope would be that such an instrument would be utilized by all committee chairpersons, Presidents of the Fire Companies, Ambulance Corps, coordinators of hamlet events, the Library, Conkling Hall, etc. so as to avoid doubling up events at the same time and date. The calendar will be housed at the Town Hall and Margaret Sedlmeir is in the process of contacting all the key persons of the various areas named above to give further information. THE ONE CONDITION OF THE AGREEMENT GIVEN BY THE TOWN BOARD MEMBERS (which is a very practical one) IS THAT THE KEY PERSONS FROM THE VARIOUS AREAS NAMED ABOVE WOULD HAVE TO COME AND RESERVE THEIR OWN DATE ON THE CALENDAR. THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CALL KATHY OR ANY OTHER OFFICE PERSONNEL TO DO IT FOR THEM. The main purpose of trying out this idea of a community calendar is so that the key persons would see right away whether their date is already taken for some other community event and then be gracious enough to choose another date.



Waste Oil Collection Day:

Saturday, July 30th
Saturday, August 27th
7AM—Noon