



# Town of Rensselaerville

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## October 2010 Town Board Minutes Summary

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 14th day of October, 2010 at 7 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 Gary Chase, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilwoman Dale Dorner, Councilman John Kudlack, Town Attorney Joseph Catalano, Town Clerk Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Also present were Superintendent Gary Zeh and 45 interested citizens.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

- Jeff Pine mentioned that he had the opportunity to work at the Harvest Festival. It was excellent; the Beautification Committee did an excellent job.
- David Bowdish mentioned that as a taxpayer he is starting to get a little disgruntled with the constant bickering, not just here but on a national basis. There is nothing we can do about the past; we need to go forward; we need to work as a team.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the following Town Board minutes: Regular Meeting - September 9, 2010; Work Meeting - September 7, 2010; Public Hearing - August 10, 2010; Special Meeting - August 31, 2010; Special Meeting September 23, 2010; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

**TRANSFERS:**

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that on the Water District transfer, there is no place to take the funding from. There is an account for the Water District with \$26,300.00 in it. The funding can be taken from the water district checking account and then reimburse it when the work is done from the FEMA account. Transfer of \$1415.00 from water account checking account 7031

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to make the following transfers;

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Contingency - A1990.4	Town Clerk - A1410.4	\$ 370.00
Purchase of General Code Maintenance contract.		
Contingency - A1990.4	Data Processing - A1680.4	400.00
Data processing charges for the current month and quarterly contract.		
Supt. Highways - A5010.2	Supt. Highway - A5010.4	170.00
Travel expenses for Highway Superintendent.		
Contingency - A1990.4	Program - Aging - A7610.4	10.00
Current charges for month - vehicle inspection.		
Indep. Audit - A1320.4	G. Health - A9060.8	24,000.00
Increase health insurance costs, for last quarter of year.		
General Repairs - DA5110.1	FEMA Coord. - DA5151.1	1,100.00
Payroll charges for the FEMA coordinator current/past month.		
H Health - DA9060.8	Disability Ins. - DA9055.8	40.00
Increase in disability transfer due to audit from carrier.		
Ck Ac. 7031	Water - SW 8340.4	1,415.00

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*Library Bookmark**What's New?*

**Second Weekend Film Series at Conkling Hall: Friday, December 10 at 6:30P.M.**  
 - *Shrek Forever After: The Final Chapter*. Runtime: 93 min. Rated PG.

**No Saturday Movie in December.**

**Saturday Story Time - December 18 @ 11am - Theme TBA.**

**Library Greenery Sale** - It's that time of year again! Stop by the Library's Annual Greenery Sale on **December 11 from 10A.M.-2P.M.** Wreaths and trees will be available for purchase along festive Main Street. Find the perfect gift for someone inside the Library, where local craft persons will peddle their wares. Visit the library web site for more information.

Are you starting your Holiday Shopping? Have you considered a Library tote bag, note cards or ornament? Stop into the library and check out our gift shop.

**Holiday Closings:** The Library will be closed from 6-9pm on **Friday, December 24th** and **all day on Saturday, December 25** for Christmas. The Library will also be closed from **6-9pm on Friday December 31** and **all day on Saturday, January 1, 2011** for New Year.

**Friends of the Library** are looking for new members to assist with the Greenery Sale, with sorting donated book sale items, and with the new mobile library outreach services. For more information please contact Connie Kudlack (797-3526).

The next **Library Board Meeting** is on **Monday, December 20** at **7P.M.** Open to the public.

**Story Telling at Conkling Hall (for adults and students age 14 and up)**- Rensselaerville is an area rich in stories, and in recent years the art of storytelling has reemerged as a way to gather and hear stories of the past. The Library is excited to bring local professional storytellers to Conkling Hall this winter. Jeannine Laverty will join us on **January 22 from 7-9P.M.**, and Nancy Marie Payne will join us on **February 26 from 7-9P.M.** for stories, coffee and dessert. Plans for a March event are underway. Tickets will be \$10 and proceeds will benefit the Library. Visit the Library's web site for more information on the events and the Story Tellers.

**Survey/Appeal Letter** - In November, the Library sent out a survey and appeal letter. Please consider the library during the gift-giving season. The survey is intended to assist the library staff and the board with planning for the future needs of the community. You can drop off completed surveys at the Medusa General Store, the Hilltown Café and the Library. Your opinions are valuable - please assist us in supporting and directing the future of the Library.

**Something for everyone at the Library** - Reacquaint yourself with the library and all it has to offer! As a resident of Rensselaerville, the Library (in addition to books) offers you the following services (some at a nominal fee): photocopier, fax, databases, four public computers connected to the internet with print capability, free wi-fi, movies, audio books, large print books, fishing poles, museum passes, a community room that can be reserved for meetings and events, and most recently a selection of audiobooks/books for the hearing impaired and the blind. So if you have not been to the Library in awhile come on in - we have something for everyone! If you are unable to travel, don't worry the Library can come to you! Contact the Library at 797-3949 for more information on our **new outreach mobile library service**.



The next **Library Board meeting** is on **Monday, December 20th** at **7:00P.M.**

*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**

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**Staff:**

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Director

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Library Technician

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## *Conkling Hall—What's On In December*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10:** Second Friday Children's Movie. 6:30 PM. Admission is \$1.00. BYO Teats.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11:** VILLAGE VOICES CONCERT. Featuring Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" with harpist Leah Kidwell (a wonderful musician who played last year too), and "When Icicles Hang" by John Rutter, with instrumental accompaniment. Admission: Free Will Offering. Concert at 4:00 PM.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2011:** RHDA'S New Year's Day Open House. Come join us for a pot luck open house to celebrate the beginning of the New Year. Food, wine, and desserts are welcome. Open to all. No charge. 1:00 - 4:00 PM.

**PILATES:** Saturdays 9 - 10 AM Mat Class. Strengthen your abdominals, gain long, lean muscles and work with good alignment. Appropriate for all levels.

**YOGA:** Tuesdays 9 - 10:15 AM . Move, breathe and relax. Good for what ails you. Open to all. Please call Sarah Nelson Weiss at 239 6825 for more information.

You can contact Conkling Hall at 518-797-3459 or read our website at [www.ConklingHall.org](http://www.ConklingHall.org). We send request email announcements/reminders about our events. If you wish to be added to the list, please give us your email address at [ConklingHall@earthlink.net](mailto:ConklingHall@earthlink.net).



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## *HELP IS STILL NEEDED*

### SUPPORT FOR SENIORS AND FAMILY SPONSORS SOUGHT FOR HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

IT'S THE END OF NOVEMBER...and, the Hilltowns Community Resource Center (HCRC), a program of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, is in the final stages of its annual winter holiday program. We are all feeling the economic pinch, so this is a hard time for us to ask but, as we proceed with our efforts we need to know that you are with us. We are still seeking individuals, families, organizations and businesses interested in assisting struggling Hilltown families with limited resources for providing clothing and gifts for their children during the December holidays.

*Cash donations* for sponsorship at this late date is most helpful.

In 2007, the Hilltowns Community Resource Center began the HCRC Holiday Fund for Seniors which replaced the Albany Times Union Fund for the Elderly. We are continuing that effort this year which provides seniors with a little extra cash during the December holidays. Annually, HCRC, with the help of the Helderberg Kiwanis and St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar, has served approximately 70 Hilltown senior citizens in December by providing a food basket meeting his or her dietary requirements, small gift items and a small check. Anyone interested may contribute to the Hilltown Fund for Seniors by writing a check payable to HCRC with a notation in the memo line...Senior Fund. Dollars will be redistributed to eligible seniors through Catholic Charities.

Volunteers are still needed to assist in sorting through donated items, setting up the Christmas Store at Woodman Hall, packing and delivering food baskets, and other tasks during the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Volunteers may also conduct workplace food drives which HCRC collects for distribution to families not only during the holidays, but year round. Please call HCRC anytime at 797-5256 to volunteer, or to ask questions about The Christmas Program or other Hilltown Community Resource Center services.

**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.

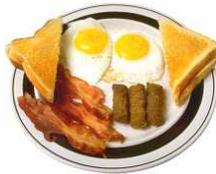
**Senior Van:** Tuesday: Bryant's Center, Greenville Thursday: Cobleskill (Wal-Mart) Monday, Wednesday and Friday: Van is available to travel to doctor appointments. Call Ann Vogel at 797-3376 regarding scheduling and/or arranging for van pick up.

**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.

**Applications for Food Stamps and Medicaid can be made at the Hilltown Community Resource Center. Please call the center at 797-5256 for detailed information.**

**Notice from Clara Potter**  
As one of the Senior Coordinators for the Town of Rensselaerville, I am in the process of compiling a list of caregivers in our area. These are paid or volunteer. If you want your name on this list or need assistance in finding a caregiver in the area, please call; Clara Potter, Senior Coordinator, 518-239-8265.



**All You Can Eat BREAKFAST**

- DEC. 18th**
- JAN. 15th**
- FEB. 19th**
- MAR. 19th**
- APR. 16th**

**Free Will Offering**

**7 AM TO 11 AM**

**MEDUSA FIRE COMPANY**

***Extra Helpings Food Buying Club — Available to Everyone***

Extra Helpings is a program of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York and is offered to the community through The Hilltowns Community Resource Center (HCRC) in Westerlo. The program is open to all individuals regardless age or income. Anyone is welcome to purchase any or all of the package options. December's Extra Helpings menus are as follows:

**Special # 3 Meat Box: \$32.00**

- 2 lbs. Apple & Cranberry Stuffed Pork Chops
- 3 lbs. Honey Mustard Flavored Chicken Breast
- 3 lbs. Beef Patties (80/20)
- 2 lbs. Breakfast Sausage Links
- 3 lb. Bag Chicken Patties

(Substitutions of equal value may be necessary due to availability.)

**December's Regular menu: \$21.00**

- 3-¾ lbs Avg. Wt. Bavarian Holiday Ham Half
- 1 lb. Pkg. Chicken Patties
- 1 lb. Pkg. Hamburger (90/10)
- 1 lb. Pkg. All Beef Hot Dogs
- 20 oz. Bag Peeled Butternut Squash
- 1 lb. Bag Baby Carrots

**Special # 1: \$15.75**

- 5 lb. Cranberry & Apple Stuffed Boneless Pork Loin Roast

**Special # 2: \$11.75**

- 2 lb. Bag Bay Scallops 80-120  
(No Glazing or Chemicals Added)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Orders *with payment* are due at the HCRC office by **December 4<sup>th</sup>** for pick-up on **December 14<sup>th</sup>**. HCRC distributes Extra-Helpings at the Rensselaerville Firehouse from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on delivery days. Anyone wishing more information regarding Extra-Helpings or other Hilltowns Community Resource Center services, please call 797-5256. HCRC's mailing address is P.O. Box 147, Westerlo, NY 12193. Please include your phone number on all correspondence.

***HEAP Outreach Days Scheduled***

HEAP has scheduled the following days to be at the Rensselaerville Town Hall:

01/13/11 12:30pm-3:30pm  
 03/10/11 12:30pm-3:30pm  
 05/12/11 12:30pm-3:30pm

**Monthly Income Eligibility Guidelines**

<u>Household</u>	<u>Tier I \$</u>	<u>Tier II \$</u>
1	0 - 1,173	1,174 - 2,129
2	0 - 1,578	1,579 - 2,784
3	0 - 1,984	1,985 - 3,439
4	0 - 2,389	2,390 - 4,094
5	0 - 2,794	2,795 - 4,749
6	0 - 3,199	3,200 - 5,404
7	0 - 3,604	3,605 - 5,527
8	0 - 4,009	4,010 - 5,650
9	0 - 4,415	4,416 - 5,773
10	0 - 4,820	4,821 - 5,896
11	0 - 5,225	5,226 - 6,029
11+	+405	+ 468

***Historical Society Research Group Meets at Library During Winter***

By Janet Haseley, Research Chair, edhase@aol.com

Due to no heat in the Grist Mill, the Rensselaerville Historical Society Research Group meets at the library on Wednesdays during the winter months. And, of course, Grist Mill tours have been suspended until spring.

Seventy-two looseleaf notebooks written in the 1960s and 1970s have been moved to the library for the winter. These include much genealogy, cemetery and land transfer information. The Research Group meets and works in the basement meeting area at the library until spring. But much of the research information cannot be moved and will not be accessible until spring.

People wishing to do some genealogical research during the winter are welcome to visit the Research Group on Wednesday mornings during library hours (10 a.m. to noon).

Volunteers are always needed; if you would like to help on some of the research projects underway, just show up on a Wednesday morning and you will be offered a choice of several projects which need help.

## *Middleburgh Library Happenings*

12/7, 21, 28, - **Drop-in Storytime** - This fun, interactive program is designed for 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 is required.

12/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - **1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinee** - Foreign Film Festival Month - "Secret Ballot" (G) in Farsi, "Under the Same Moon" (PG-13) in Spanish, "The Dinner Game" (PG -13) in French, "Joyeux Noel" (PG-13) in French, German, & English, "Life is Beautiful" (PG-13) in Italian.

12/2, 9, 16, 23 - **7:00 PM - Knitting Circle** - Do you like to knit or crochet or do you participate in other fiber arts? Bring your project and join your neighbors for some creativity and conversation. No registration is required.

12/11 - **1 to 4 PM - Victorian Christmas Tea at the Dr. Best house**, 1568 Clauverwie, Middleburgh, featuring an Exhibit of Christmas Trees by Hattie. Donation \$5.00. The Dr. Best House is a 19<sup>th</sup> early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Medical Exhibit and home of Dr's Christopher and Duncan Best, prominent Middleburgh Doctors, and is operated by the Middleburgh Library. Web Site [www.mvls.info/lhg/besthouse/index.html](http://www.mvls.info/lhg/besthouse/index.html).

12/15 - **10:30 AM - Library Babies** - Library Babies is a language enrichment program for caregivers and babies from 3-15 months old. Parent/ Caregiver participation is key to the success of this program. Older siblings are welcome. No registration required.

12/29 - **10:30 AM - Drop-in Storytime** - Doreen McCoy is back with a once a month storytime for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. She'll read stories, sing songs and do a craft based on a theme for that month. No registration is required

More programs may be planned. Stop in the library, or visit our web site at [www.middleburghlibrary.org](http://www.middleburghlibrary.org) for more information.



**CONCERNED  
CITIZENS**

**We promote ethical,  
honest, and  
competent town  
government  
regardless of party  
affiliation!**

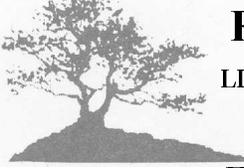
**What's on YOUR mind?**

We would like to know your ideas and what you feel we should be writing about in our Concerned Citizens newsletter. Also, we would like you to know that we need financial support in order to continue publishing our newsletter. Please let us hear from you.

Contact us to contribute to our work

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***Notice from the Town Clerk***

ALL payments for newsletter ads MUST be made to the Town Clerk **no later than the Friday after the Town Board Meeting.**

Any ads not paid for by the deadline WILL NOT appear in the monthly newsletter. NO exceptions will be made.

We appreciate your understanding.

# **13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEDUSA COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING**



**NOVEMBER 28**

**Starting at 6 PM  
at the Church in Medusa**

***WITH SINGING of CAROLS,  
SPECIAL READINGS,  
“The Night before Christmas”,  
ENTERTAINMENT,  
TREE LIGHTING, &  
REFRESHMENTS***

**DONATIONS OF GOODIES ARE NEEDED**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT GROUPS,  
INDIVIDUALS, SCOUTS, SENIORS,  
4-H CLUBS, ETC. ARE INVITED  
TO DO SKITS or SING  
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SONGS  
(religious or non-religious)  
DURING THE PROGRAM.**

**Contact Bill Moore at 239-4843  
before Nov 24<sup>th</sup>.**

***ALL ARE INVITED TO COME  
from Medusa and other communities***

***And you never know.... Santa might just come by too***

## *A Report from the Supervisor*

It's a pleasure to begin this report with good news and congratulations. It is obvious that Town of Rensselaerville residents are environmentally conscious in a big way. In the first three weeks of our association with Green Fiber, we have collected just over 7.5 tons of paper and cardboard for recycling! Not only are we providing a tremendous benefit to the environment, we are also improving the Town's bottom line.

Along the same vein, in order to maximize container capacity, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck reminds us that all cardboard boxes need to be flattened. He reports that the "cardboard stomp" or simply kicking out the corners of the boxes does not create the space needed, especially considering the volume of material we seem to be collecting each week. We would appreciate everyone's compliance with this request.

I am saddened to report the resignation of Clerk1/Bookkeeper Andrea Cornwell, effective November 29, 2010. She has accepted a full-time position elsewhere, enabling her to receive benefits and better salary. Andrea has been an invaluable member of this administration and will be sorely missed. However, she has agreed to be available on a limited basis to assist in the transition with her replacement. I thank her for her service to the Town of Rensselaerville and wish her well.

The Town Board unanimously agreed to appoint Sarah Hunt as interim Clerk1/ Bookkeeper until the end of this fiscal year. Sarah worked for the Town in this capacity previously and I am delighted to have her on-board. She already has knowledge and skills with regard to the Town's financial software, policies, and procedures. I am confident that we will have a smooth transition in the Clerk's office. Please feel free to stop by and welcome Sarah back.

Anyone interested in seeking the position of Clerk1/Bookkeeper, effective January 1, 2011, is invited to submit a letter of interest with resume and references to my office by December 15, 2010. A copy of the job description for this position is available from the Town Clerk.

I wish to thank all parties responsible for the timely removal of political signs throughout the Town. Although these signs served a necessary purpose, it was refreshing to see the Town's landscape unfettered by these signs after the election.

County Comptroller Michael Connors and his staff have completed the audit of Town finances from 2005-2009. The report can be found at [Rensselaerville review wit~1.pdf](#). It has also been sent to the Town's web site at [www.rensselaerville.com](http://www.rensselaerville.com). The audit makes significant recommendations regarding insufficient internal fiscal controls, policies, and procedures. I believe I speak for the entire Town Board when I state that we have every intention of addressing all these recommendations in order to remedy the deficiencies of the past. Many corrections have already been put in place since January 1, 2010, and I expect that our forward progress will continue. And I again extend a sincere thank-you to Mr. Connors and company for the comprehensive work done on the Town's behalf.

The budget process for 2011 is complete. The 2011 budget, adopted on 11/17/2010, has been sent to the Town's web site. I am pleased to report that, contrary to other nearby municipalities, this budget represents a 1.1% decrease over the 2010 budget. The Town Board worked diligently to provide a fiscally responsible budget without sacrificing services. I hope you agree.

A Town taxpayer recently took me to task for expressing a personal opinion in last month's newsletter. (I have the email for anyone interested in reading it.) Town Supervisors in the past have used this forum to politicize many issues; I just didn't realize that a six-word qualifying phrase (the only opinion expressed) would cause such concern. However, I do appreciate the fact that this taxpayer had the decency and courtesy to bring this matter to my attention rather than making it a public, political issue. Please know that anyone and everyone is invited to contact me, as did this taxpayer, when such issues or concerns arise. My door is always open and I do keep regular office hours.

As we enter the holiday season, it is my hope that you have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving and that your Chanukah and Christmas are merry and bright. Best wishes to all.



*From The Albany County Department of Health***INFLUENZA (FLU) UPDATE: 2010-2011 FLU SEASON  
October 4, 2010**

Dear Citizens of Albany County:

This week marks the official beginning of flu season. The World Health Organization (WHO) formally declared an end to the global 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic on August 10, 2010. In Albany County we were able to effectively respond to the serious challenges posed by the H1N1 pandemic due to the helpful partnerships with healthcare providers, medical reserve corps volunteers, and many community partners. One successful strategy was to offer as many H1N1 vaccination opportunities as possible. As we look to the upcoming flu season, as with any flu season, it is difficult to predict what to expect. However, global and statewide influenza surveillance patterns suggest the 2009 H1N1 flu virus will continue to circulate this season, as will other seasonal flu strains that are contained in the current seasonal flu vaccine.

Vaccination remains the best way to protect against the flu. Unlike last year when the vaccine supply lagged behind the spread of illness, vaccine is now readily available and early vaccination is strongly recommended. Please don't wait until flu illness becomes widespread to get yourself and your family vaccinated - it might be too late. Now is the ideal time. I hope the information in this Influenza Update is helpful. Throughout the upcoming 2010-2011 flu season we will provide these updates when any new information becomes available to keep you informed.

Sincerely,  
James B. Crucetti, MD, MPH  
Commissioner of Health, County of Albany

**FIGHT THE FLU**

It is that time of year again - time to prepare for the annual flu season, which typically runs from October through May. We have already had one documented case of the flu in Albany County this September and it is only a matter of time before we see an increase in local flu activity. The flu is a viral respiratory infection, easily spread from person to person, which usually comes on suddenly and can cause some or all of the following symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, headache, fatigue, and in some cases vomiting or diarrhea. Illness can vary from mild to severe and some people will develop complications which can lead to hospitalization and even death.

**Take Three Actions to Fight the Flu** (recommended by the CDC or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention):

**1. Take time to get a flu vaccine.**

- This is the first and most important step to protect against flu viruses (see section on flu vaccination information for more details on vaccination). 1 of 2

**2. Take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs.**

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue, or the bend of your elbow, when you cough or sneeze. Throw tissues in the trash after use.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible.

**3. Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them.**

- People who are very sick with the flu or people who are at high risk for flu-related complications (see list below) may benefit from antiviral drugs. These drugs can make illness milder, shorten the length of illness, and prevent serious complications.

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## *From the Albany County Health Department*

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- Antiviral drugs work best if started within 2 days of getting sick. Call your health care provider at the first sign of illness if you think you may need antiviral drugs.
- Most people do not need prescription antiviral drugs to fight the flu.

### FLU VACCINATION INFORMATION

#### **The 2010–2011 seasonal flu vaccine:**

The 2010-2011 seasonal flu vaccine is now available and supplies are expected to be adequate. As with all seasonal flu vaccines, this year's vaccine will protect against three different flu viruses that research indicates will cause the most illness. The 2010-2011 flu vaccine will protect against the 2009 H1N1 virus, which caused most of the illness last year and is likely to circulate this season as well. Therefore, only one flu vaccine will be needed this year, not two.

#### **Who should get vaccinated?**

Experts now recommend that everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine each year. This "universal" flu vaccination is a change from prior recommendations.

As always, it is especially important for people who are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications or people that live with or care for people at high risk for developing flu-related complications to get vaccinated. People at high risk of flu-related complications include the following:

- Children younger than 5, but especially children younger than 2 years old
- Adults 50 years of age and older
- Pregnant women and women after they have delivered their baby
- People who have an underlying medical condition including asthma, lung disease, heart disease, diabetes, a weakened immune system, etc.
- People younger than 19 years of age who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy
- People who are morbidly obese (BMI or Body Mass Index of 40 or greater)

The flu causes more hospitalizations among young children than any other vaccine-preventable disease. It is very important for children to get the flu vaccine. Most children 6 months through 8 years of age will need to receive two doses of this year's flu vaccine, given at least 4 weeks apart, to be fully protected. Since children younger than 6 months of age are too young to be vaccinated, it is very important for members of their household and child care providers to get the flu vaccine in order to protect them.

#### **Where to get vaccinated?**

The flu vaccine is available at a number of different locations.

- Call your doctor's office. Most primary care providers offer the flu vaccine to their patients.
- Check with your local pharmacy. Many offer the flu vaccine for a moderate fee.
- The Albany County Department of Health, located at 175 Green Street in Albany, offers the flu vaccine during specific clinics, by appointment only. Please note we accept most insurances plans. To schedule an appointment and to check on any applicable fees call the Flu Hotline at 447-4505, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.





*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, 239-6119  
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

***Medusa Church Hosting a  
Candlelight Service***

Medusa Church is hosting a Christmas Eve candle-light service beginning at 8:00PM. All are invited to come and enjoy the beauty of this small church in candle light.

Waste Oil Collection Days:

- Saturday, November 27th
- Saturday, December 18th

***Christmas Tree Lighting in Preston Hollow  
(5<sup>th</sup> Year)***

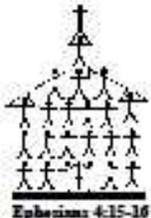
Celebrate the start of the Christmas Season in Preston Hollow! Gather at Jimmy Walker's Greenhouse on Rt. 145- at **5:30pm Saturday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**. Meet Santa for carols and tree lighting at 6:00 pm. Join in the caroling through the village to the Fire House for the Youth Group Christmas Party. All are welcome!

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*The Family of Kathleen Bennett  
would like to thank you for your kind  
words, thoughts, and prayers for the loss  
of our Mother, Grandmother, and  
Great-Grandmother*

*Kathy (Hallenbeck), Michael, Lee and  
Rose Bennett & Families*





Ephesians 4:15-16

## The Church @ Potter Hollow

### Potter Hollow Union Church News

Visit us in our Fellowship Hall! 4824 Potter Hollow Rd. Potter Hollow NY.

**ATTENTION!!! Time Change!** Our service times have changed!

**New Times:** Sunday School 9:30am-10:15am

Worship Service 10:30am

**December**

**12<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 pm**

Area youth  
present...



A Christmas  
musical the whole  
family is sure to  
enjoy!  
Refreshments and  
birthday party  
for Jesus to  
follow.

## Swap Shop Christmas Gift Swap



Through the month of December we will be designating a special area in our Swap Shop for a Christmas gift swap! Bring in those stockpiled gifts that you just can't figure out who to give to and exchange it for something else!(All items must be NEW for this exchange, and exchanges will be on a item for item basis).



## Ongoing Events

.2nd Tuesday Family Night will be replaced by our family Christmas program on December 12th

.The Old Country Church Swap Shop open Wednesday & Friday 10am -2pm  
Located in our historic building at the start of Scott Patten Rd. in Potter Hollow

Contact us: Potter Hollow Union Church, Po Box 576, Preston Hollow, NY 12469

Phone:(518)263-4478 or (518)239-8011 e-mail: nathandmiles@hotmail.com

or look for us on FACEBOOK!

### *A Note from Marion Cooke*

Finally I have time to get an article back in the newsletter this month.

First of all, I think it is great that more people have been attending Town Board meetings!

Budget hearings are over and the final budget will have been approved by November 20<sup>th</sup>. While I understand that costs are rising on the Town level just as it is in your personal budgets, I still say that in order to have a good budget your expenses can't be higher than your revenues. While the Town has been fortunate to have "saving accounts" that have built up over the years from your tax dollars, by using large sums to prevent a tax increase, this will eventually catch up to us as it did in some other nearby Towns, the State and also the Federal Government this year. It works this year but what about next year? I would like to thank all the people that spoke at the public hearing on the budget and I agree with your concerns.

The free audit that Albany County Comptrollers' office generously did for the Town is published on their website. While some issues in the report have been corrected, I think that there is still a lot of room for improvement as Mr. Connors stated. Also attached to the report is the Risk Assessment that the taxpayers paid over \$10,000 to have done which until now had not been made public. There are a lot of recommendations on that document that we should be acting on also.

It was quite an uneventful Town Board meeting in November other than Local Law #3 on new dog regulations and Local Law #4 on exemptions for Cold War Veterans were approved.

Gary Zeh is still looking for a used heavy duty truck and does have a couple of leads on used trucks so hopefully he will be getting that piece of equipment that is needed soon. The "new" used medium duty truck is here and ready to roll out for the winter season. A new full time highway employee was also approved at the meeting.

The final issue I would like to address is that my article is a paid ad in the newsletter and clearly states that it is my opinion only. It would seem that when any elected official states their opinions in articles in the town's newsletter, such as writing about letters written by the disgruntled few in the local newspapers, (wasn't a couple of those letters from our Town Supervisor?) those articles should be paid for also. From the phone calls and e-mails I have received quite a number of the taxpayers feel the same way. I look at differences of opinions as concerns that taxpayers have and welcome criticism as well as praise. I certainly don't think I do everything right, so I think by listening to criticism you can do a better job for the people that elected you to serve them.

By the time you read this I hope that you had a Happy Thanksgiving and would like to wish you all Happy Holidays for the season that is fast approaching!

As always, these are my opinions only and do not represent the opinions of the rest of the Town Board.

Until next time-----

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Happy  
HANUKKAH



Happy Holidays

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Repair to Water District dam. Please discuss with Jack Long.

No place to take it from. Need budget modifications from fund balance.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

### ABSTRACT 2010 - VOUCHERS, BILLS

The General Fund - \$9,522.28; Highway Fund - \$64,237.47; Sewer District - \$1869.24; Water District - \$235.70. Total - \$75,864.70. (10/13/10)

Pre-Pays

General Fund - \$8,053.92; Highway Fund - \$5,198.00; Sewer District - \$434.45; Trust & Agency - \$3,098.34. Total - \$16,784.71. (09/29/10).

General Fund - \$1,234.27; Highway Fund - \$44,954.91; Lighting Districts - \$659.97. Total - \$46,849.15. (10/4/10)

Supervisor Dermody, there is a request from the Water/Sewer Advisory Committee to approve the quote submitted by JP Industries LLC for J. Hall Inc. for the repair of the sewer pump in the amount of \$1,465.00. This is only one vendor; it is a specialized repair and it is recommended by the repair company. A new pump would cost \$3,294.00.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorner to authorize the repair of the sewer pump for \$1,465.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

Councilwoman Cooke talked about a voucher that came out of the General Fund (V10-870) for Main Care for 43.31 gallons of fuel for \$994.00. It is coded to Highway. Supervisor Dermody will check into this; the change will be initiated.

Councilwoman Cooke, the voucher for the Westerner is on the abstract but not included in these vouchers. Supervisor Dermody mentioned that she pulled the voucher. It was already processed by the Bookkeeper and that's why it's on the abstract. However, it was clothing for the new hire who is still under his 90 days probation and he doesn't assume Union rights until he is here for 90 days.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to approve all signed vouchers based on these corrections pointed out by Councilwoman Cooke; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

### CORRESPONDENCE

- NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets - Dogs - Municipal Shelter Inspection Report & Dog Control Officer Inspection Report - We passed our inspections.
- County of Albany, Department of Audit & Control - regarding Veterans Memorial Services on October 31, 2010. Albany County Volunteer Recruitment Task Force - Looking for donations.
- Phone Review - Telephone Billing Audit - We have been charged correctly. There is no money coming back.
- Hilltowns Community Resource center/ Catholic Charities - They are looking for people to sponsor families for the holiday season.
- HEAP Dates - Heat Energy Assistance Program - Dates and income eligibility guidelines for the dates that they will be here. This information will be put in the newsletter.

### REPORTS

#### **SUPERVISOR DERMODY**

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The Board received the account summary and operating statement as of September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Cooke, when we get the budget report you have year to date, 9/29; is that incorrect or is this incorrect? Supervisor Dermody mentioned that when we begin to meet next week we will have up-to-date figures as of Monday.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Supervisor Financial Report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Dorner. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- WASTE OIL: Supervisor Dermody reported that 14 gallons of waste oil were collected on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The next collection date is October 16<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to do this until the weather changes.
- BERNE AUDIT: Supervisor Dermody asked how we are doing with gathering figures for the different projects. Councilwoman Cooke has one quote, Councilman Kudlack hasn't gotten a quote yet, Councilwoman Dorner is waiting on a design so it conforms with the handicapped access, and Councilman Chase is waiting for a call back.
- PAYROLL AUDIT: Supervisor Dermody thanked Councilman Kudlack for doing the August payroll audit. Coun-

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cilman Chase will do the September audit.

- FEMA: Supervisor Dermody reported that we have one Highway FEMA project folder left to go and there is only one road left in that folder. There is one for the Impounding Dam; she will talk to Maryanne Wollaber about that project to see what we have to do.

Pearson Road: One of the strong recommendations recommended by Comptroller Connors and his team is that we appeal FEMA's decision on their payout for the Pearson Road Project. FEMA gave us \$21,000 and change, it cost us \$394,000 and change. It is their contention that even if we don't get all of it back, some is better than none. Maryanne Wollaber did not recommend it.

The Town Board had a lengthy discussion on this matter. Attorney Catalano mentioned that FEMA funds are only to be used or calculated to restore the in fracture to the condition prior to the storm. Supervisor Dermody will call Maryanne Wollaber and ask her to send a detailed explanation of what would be involved if we decided to appeal the original funding.

- POTTER HOLLOW PROPERTY: Supervisor Dermody reported that we received two quotes from vendors to take the debris away from the Potter Hollow old building site, Philip Pearson and Edward Reinhart. Mr. Reinhart was the low quote at \$1,400.00. He will schedule the debris pickup with Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck.
- ON-STAR: Supervisor Dermody reported that the subscription for the On-Star service for the senior car had expired. The cost to renew it is \$199.00 for the Safe and Sound Program. Supervisor Dermody explained what is included in this program.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke authorizing Supervisor Dermody to contract with On-Star for the Safe and Sound Program for \$199.00 for the Senior Car; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- ALBANY COUNTY COMPTROLLER'S DRAFT AUDIT AND MUNIS SOFTWARE: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that in part of the Preliminary Draft Audit by the County Comptroller's Office on Tuesday they highly recommended an integrated software package to prevent a lot of the issues that they have picked up in their review of Town operations. The Town Board received a packet from Tyler Technologies. Supervisor Dermody explained that they offer a software package for Munis Systems. Supervisor Dermody explained their two levels of service, one is self-hosted, which means everything is here, the other is their ASP Program, in which they host everything. The County is letting us use their license. Because the County is helping us with implementation and training, the price is half of what it would have been if the County wasn't helping us. The minimum start would be accounting, purchase orders, payroll, accounts receivable, and the Munis Office which allows you to import any of these reports into an Office based application. Only in the first year is there an installation cost. The cost for the first year would be \$32,800.00, second year - \$28,800.00 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> year - \$28,800.00. It would be a good idea to start in January; we would have two systems running. This is real-time operations; the minute it is put into the computer it is available to anybody else who needs that data.

- Councilwoman Cooke mentioned that it would be very aggressive to have this up and running by January 1<sup>st</sup>. We don't have any money budgeted at this time for it. The time to bring this up is at the budget preparation. You can change it on April 1<sup>st</sup> you would still have your reports. I'm not saying that we don't need it; we need other things too; this is a lot of money.

- Supervisor Dermody mentioned that if you do it on April 1<sup>st</sup> you have to go back and input everything from January 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Councilwoman Dorner thought that it would be a liability if we don't have it just because of the integration getting it done on time and based on what the Comptroller said in their report.

- Councilwoman Cooke, how will we pay for this?

- Supervisor Dermody mentioned that she has some figures from Mr. Fontanelli; we can use some of the 2009 unexpended.

- Supervisor Dermody asked what the Board wants to do.

- Councilwoman Dorner thought that it is necessary and that we should do it.

- Councilman Kudlack, according to the auditor's report, they wouldn't have had that much problem with the audit if all that stuff was in place. We need to look at this and go ahead. It will make our accounting that much more accurate. If we need to do an audit at a later date, it will make it easier to do it.

- Attorney Catalano, having a system like this would have alleviated many of the errors that occurred in the past.

- Councilman Chase, we need it. Even in trucks and equipment we need a regimented kind of program. Without a program like the Comptroller said, the more people you have in there doing your books, the less and less people are actually leaning how to do the program and the systems that we had. If you have one system and that everybody that comes in that is the way the system operates. We have had a lot of different systems; that is where the problem started.

- Supervisor Dermody mentioned that there needs to be an understanding that this is going to be the program that

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the Town uses regardless of who is in any office.

- Councilwoman Dorner, the other advantage is that the County uses it and they will basically be a back-up.
- Councilwoman Cooke asked about the yearly maintenance and the server.
- Supervisor Dermody explained the cost; the installation is a one time charge. We don't need a server; it's being hosted by the company.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorner to move forward in purchasing the Munis System from Tyler Technologies and that the funding come from the 2009 unexpended balance; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack.

*Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- Supervisor Dermody mentioned that we have the Draft Audit and Comptroller Connors wants our responses to the recommendations in writing by October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Attorney Catalano suggested setting a time to go over the recommendations at the second budget meeting and put it all together on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The Board agreed to do this.

- **JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** Supervisor Dermody reported that Justice La Plante is filing a grant application in the amount of \$3,159. for cameras and a DVR for the Court Room. He has completed the necessary paperwork; part of the requirements is that they need to have a formal Town Board resolution. The following resolution was introduced by Supervisor Dermody;

I HEREBY RESOLVE to support the grant application of Judge Victor La Plante to the Justice Court Assistance Program for the cameras and DVR for the Town Court Room; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Dorner. *Motion Carried.*

*Ayes(5)Supervisor Dermody, Councilman Chase, Councilwoman Cooke, Councilwoman Dorner, Councilman Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- **NOVEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGE:** The November Regular Meeting falls on Veterans Day and Supervisor Dermody will be out of Town. We need to change the meeting date to the 9<sup>th</sup> and there will be no work meeting that month.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to change the November Regular Meeting date to Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at 7 PM and publicly notice it; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Dorner. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept Supervisor Dermody's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

**TOWN ATTORNEY:** Attorney Catalano mentioned that the he has been working on a number of items but they are all under Old Business so he will defer his report until then.

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- **ROADS:** Superintendent Zeh reported that they are currently working on Pucker Street - completed sub base today, Fleming Road - start stone sub base next week, Pond Hill Road - completed the ditching, culverts installed between County Route 10 and Littner Road. Paving is competed on Siebert Road. He is coordinating with the County to use their widener to do the shoulders. Pearson Road - paving is complete. Tanglewood Road, some ditching has been done. Wood Road - ditching has been done. On October first we got a big rainstorm; we had over 8 inches of rain. Hale Road - there was a landslide on a culvert crossing that they had to repair. There was also a large washout on Pond Hill Road at the Bryan Road intersection that took about half a lane out. Between Littner and Bryan Road they had to close Pond Hill Road for a time because of numerous washouts.
- **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:** Superintendent Zeh reported that they spend \$12,350.00 on repairs and maintenance. They had to put a set of springs in one of our newer trucks.
- **TRANSFER REQUEST -- GENERAL REPAIRS/MACHINERY:** Superintendent Zeh asked if we can transfer \$10,000.00 from the General Repairs payroll (DA5110.1) to the Machinery Repair line (DA5130.4). He would hope that that would take us to the end of the year.
- Supervisor Dermody asked if he has enough to cover the payroll beyond that.
- Superintendent Zeh, yes. November 1<sup>st</sup> they move to the Snow line.
- A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to transfer \$10,000.00 from General Repairs Payroll (DA5110.1) to the Machinery Repair line (DA5130.4) to cover anticipated repair costs; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
- **CHIPS:** Superintendent Zeh asked if the remaining CHIPS Money could be transferred over. We had \$85,000.00 in the budget; he received a letter from the State stating that we will get over \$143,000.00.
- Supervisor Dermody asked if we got the money yet.

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- Superintendent Zeh mentioned that we have to do the work first and then we will be reimbursed from the State. The cutoff date is the 4<sup>th</sup> of November; the paperwork must be filed by the 10<sup>th</sup>.

- Attorney Catalano mentioned that we can't transfer out of that line item until we actually receive that money. You have to use that money out of that line item and then transfer it back in.

- PLOW TRUCK: Supervisor Dermody asked Superintendent Zeh if he has looked for any other options beyond the Oshkosh.

- Superintendent Zeh mentioned that he hasn't found anything suitable. He has numbers on other trucks; depending on the age they go from \$10,000 to \$80,000.

- Attorney Catalano asked about a new truck.

- Superintendent Zeh mentioned a new truck would cost between \$179,000 and \$220,000; they would have to be special ordered.

- Supervisor Dermody asked if we had to get something now, what do you need?

- Superintendent Zeh, 4 wheel drive, one way plow, a wing, sander, 50,000 GVW.

- Supervisor Dermody mentioned that she went on line today and pulled up some trucks: a 2000 Ford F750, 52,000 miles, a 2009 Freightliner for \$106,000. Supervisor Dermody mentioned that she spoke to Mr. Fontanelli; the unexpended from 2009 was \$361,839. We want to give some of it back to the taxpayer, and we need to leave a little cushion. Could we find something in the \$100,000/\$110,000 range?

- Councilwoman Cooke asked if we have to rebid it.

- Attorney Catalano, we had advertised a couple of months ago, asked for anything from 1985 and newer. As long as we don't change the bid specification, you are all right to look on your own.

- Supervisor Dermody mentioned that you said that you could also come up with a little from your present budget, would that get you anything?

- Superintendent Zeh mentioned that it would.

- Councilman Chase spoke to a couple of dealers today; they have some leased vehicles coming back.

- Councilwoman Cooke asked if this could be discussed further at the October 26<sup>th</sup> budget meeting.

- FEMA CLERK: Superintendent Zeh asked for a copy of the payments made to the FEMA Clerk. Yes, he could.
- LIMITED USE HIGHWAYS: Superintendent Zeh will submit the list at the November meeting to be voted on. The roads close on December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- NEW HIRE APPLICATIONS: Superintendent Zeh mentioned that the legal notice that went in the newspaper for the new hire applications states that the applicants that submitted before have to resubmit. Is there a reason why?

- Supervisor Dermody mentioned that the Town Clerk is the Records Manager and we have no record of who applied the last time. They need to come to her first, and she will give you copies.

- Attorney Catalano mentioned that the previous job was advertised for part time, to go into full time after a probation period. We want to make sure that they are still interested so that they are not in the applicant pool for this job when they may already have a job.

- Superintendent Zeh has received applications from people, whether we are posting jobs or not they are still applying for a job.

- Superintendent Zeh should call them and see if they are still interested and reapply if they are interested.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorner to accept the Superintendent's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

**TOWN CLERK:** Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported the following collected and paid out for the month of September 2010; Town Clerk Department - Total Collected \$4,752.46. Paid to the Supervisor - \$833.46 (fees); Paid to the Albany County Clerk - \$25.32 (dog license); Paid to NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets - \$9.00 (spay and neutering Program); Paid to NYS Departmental Conservation - \$3,862.18 (sporting license); Paid to NYS Department of Health - \$22.50 (marriage license). Water Rents Collected - \$565.20.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of September, 2010; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR:

- CEO Overbaugh reported the following collected for the month of September 2010; 1 - New Home Construction, 2 - Home Additions, 2 - Decks, 2 - Building New Accessory, 2 - Septic Repairs, 1 - Pool Permit, and 1 Building Repairs. Total Collected - \$344.71.

- FEE SCHEDULE: Supervisor Dermody asked about the progress of the fee schedule. CEO Overbaugh is work-

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ing on the fee schedule for his office. He is not sure about the other departments. CEO Overbaugh mentioned that the Fee Schedule is a local law. The Town Board discussed this issue. The local law will be done after January and have the fees effective at the date the law is passed.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept CEO Overbaugh's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack.  
*Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

**ASSESSING DEPARTMENT: CIRCUIT BREAKER AND CAP ON SCHOOL TAX:** Assessor Pine mentioned that the Circuit Breaker and Cap on School Taxes are not going to be discussed any further this year.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Assessors report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

**WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE:** No Report.

### **CURRENT EVENTS:**

- Holiday Gift Bazaar - November 27, 2010 - 10 AM to 4 PM - Conkling Hall - 15 to 20 vendors
- Blood Drive - October 23, 2010 - 7:30 Am to 12 Noon - Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire House

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:** Attorney Catalano mentioned that the Federal Government started this program, coming out of FEMA and the National Security office. They implemented a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. You can apply for grants in order to mitigate potential hazards. In order to be eligible for these funds, you have to have a Hazard Mitigation Plan adopted as a pre-requisite. Albany County has adopted a county wide Plan that has already been approved by FEMA. We have been invited by the County to participate in their Plan and to adopt the County Plan. The Plan is called the County-Wide Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

- Councilman Chase asked if there would be anything in our town that would be covered by the County Plan. Attorney Catalano mentioned some of the things that might occur in our town, ice storms, snow storms, flooding, national security issues, terrorism type of things also are included in there. Attorney Catalano's recommendation to the Board is to adopt the County Plan and to look into the Federal Grant Program to come up with items that could potentially be available. They won't pay for things that are already done, but like the Pearson Road project (if it was available then) would have been a prime choice for that. The water supply is another possibility and the large dam.

- Supervisor Dermody went over the list of municipalities and cities that have already adopted the County's Plan.

- The Town Board discussed this issue. The following resolution was made by Councilwoman Dorner;

WHEREAS, Albany County has adopted a County-Wide, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan that has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Town Board has been invited by the County to adopt said Plan so as to be a participant in the Plan and to be eligible for federal grant funding for hazard mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that the Albany County Hazard Mitigation Plan is appropriate for the Town of Rensselaerville and that it is in the best interest of property owners and residents of the Town of Rensselaerville to participate in the Plan and to be eligible for potential grant funding for applicable hazard mitigation projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that the Albany County County-Wide, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and /or Town Clerk forward this resolution to Albany County and to such other agencies as is appropriate.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- **LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF THE YEAR 2010 - A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED "DOG LICENSING AND CONTROL LAW OF THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE":** Attorney Catalano mentioned that the State is not going to administer dog licensing; that burden is going to be placed on the towns throughout the State. We have to authorize the Town to do it and authorize a fee schedule so that the Town can get reimbursed for the extra administration costs supplying the applications, the mailings, the dog tags, etc. Attorney Catalano had passed out a draft law at the work and since then our Dog Control Officer has made some recommendations to him, he has modified the law. He distributed to the Town Board a revised version of the law so the Town Board can see those modifications. There were changes in Section 5 and Section 7. Attorney Catalano went over these revisions. DCO Baitsholts had a few more changes. DCO Baitsholts, Attorney Catalano, and the Town Board went over these changes.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to accept proposed Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2010 - A Local Law entitled "Dog Licensing and Control Law of the Town of Rensselaerville" as revised by the Town Board

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at the October 14, 2010 monthly Town Board Meeting and to schedule a Public Hearing for said Law for November 9, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall, and duly legal notice it; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Dorner. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- **LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF THE YEAR 2010 – A LOCAL LAW "COLD WAR VETERANS PROPERTY EXEMPTION LAW OF THE TOWN OF RENNELAERVILLE"**: Attorney Catalano explained that this law defines a Cold War Veteran as serving in active duty in the US Armed Forces, from September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991. The amount of the exemption is 15% of the assessed value of the property, provided that the exemption does not exceed \$36,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit. As a rough estimate, you are looking at possibly a loss of Town revenues in the range of \$4000 to \$6000. It is only a ten-year exemption and is only on the primary residence.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to introduce Local Law No. 4 of the year 2010 – A Local Law "Cold War Veterans Property Exemption Law of the Town of Rensselaerville" and to hold a Public Hearing on proposed said law on November 9, 2010, 6:45 PM at the Town Hall, and to be legally noticed; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Dorner. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept Attorney Catalano's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

**BUDGET MEETING DATES:** Supervisor Dermody mentioned that we need to set our budget meeting dates. Because of the deadline for publicly noticing them, she had to do the notice by Supervisor Order. Monday October 18th we expect to do the General Fund part of the budget, Wednesday October 20<sup>th</sup>, the Highway Fund, Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup> the Special Districts and tentatively schedule Tuesday October 26<sup>th</sup> if needed to finish up. We will schedule a public hearing on the budget when we are done either on October 21<sup>st</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>. People submitting budget requests will be notified of the schedule.

A motion was made by Councilwoman to ratify the following dates for budget workshops: October 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> .and 26<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the Town Hall; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Chase. *Motion carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

**GREEN FIBER:** Supervisor Dermody mentioned that on Tuesday we had a presentation by Kelli Driessen of Green Fiber. Town Board authorization is needed to enter in a contract with Green Fiber for our paper and cardboard recycling. They will provide the container, pick it up, and pay us for it.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase authorizing Supervisor Dermody to sign the contract with Green Fiber for our paper and cardboard recycling upon the approval of the Town Attorney; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Dorner. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business to discuss.

### AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Walter Cooke mentioned that in the past the Potter Hollow Cemetery received \$1500.00 per year for maintenance. Is there anyway possible that they will be getting funding?
- Supervisor Dermody mentioned that a voucher needs to be submitted.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorner to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried.*

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**  
Kathleen A. Hallenbeck, Town Clerk

(Notes: Full Town Board minutes can be found at the Town's web site [www.rensselaerville.com](http://www.rensselaerville.com) or at Town Hall.)



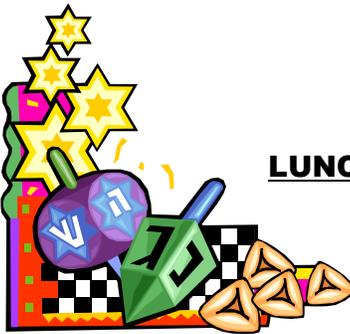
# HOLIDAY RUMMAGE SALE

## MEDUSA CHURCH HALL

**December 3 & 4 10AM TO 3PM**

**December 18 10AM TO NOON**

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS & DECORATIONS  
BOOKS – TOYS – RECORDS  
LOTS OF GOOD MISC. ITEMS**



**LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE (\*\*on Sat the 4<sup>th</sup> only\*\*)**  
***SOUP – SANDWICHES—HOT DOGS - CHILI***

***Museum of Medusa History will also be open on these days***

### *Volunteer News and Events*

#### **Medusa Volunteer Fire Department**

*Company Meeting:* Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 PM  
*Drill & Work Meeting:* Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

#### **Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department**

**Merry Christmas to ALL & ...**

Calls as of November 10<sup>th</sup> : 46

December:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - 6pm Battalion Christmas Party
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 3:30pm Kids Christmas Party
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 7pm Company Drill
- 13<sup>th</sup> - 7pm Company Drill
- 29<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm Company Meeting

January:

- 3<sup>th</sup> - 7pm Company Drill
- 5<sup>th</sup> - 7pm Ladies Battalion
- 10<sup>th</sup> - 7pm Company Drill
- 26<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm Company Meeting

Special Events:

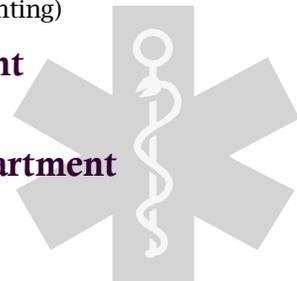
12/4 at 3:30pm Kids Christmas Party - Bring your children for fun, games, goodies and a visit from SANTA !!!  
(All their friends will be looking for them..... Followed by the Christmas Tree Lighting)

#### **Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department**

*Company Meeting:* Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00PM

#### **Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department**

*Company Meeting:* Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM



# Christmas Word Search Worksheet

**Directions:** All words are positioned left to right.

Z B J H M C L T E I Q M F I R E P L A C E X G  
 T M X E I Y E I M J R W V K R R X K R M R B P  
 G G R G S K T N Y M I W G O W X A D E R K S Q  
 T R K G T U S S C R I P B M Q P M W I X C G Q  
 M J D N L N U E Q S O L I E X T H W N J N G U  
 A V G O E S V L B I S I Q M R H A E D S U Q A  
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 C A J F E J A R F M C O C K W Y B A R L X R X  
 G R R M T M H U O T L G R G V Z E U C U W O P  
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 R A D E C O R A T I O N S M V X R P V K F A S  
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 F K O M T I L S D T C Y E X O H G J S W X T Q  
 C C C A T X P Q L S A D V E N T D G U A G T J  
 C N W O C H I M N E Y P R E S E N T R V B J L  
 C X R P E M X T O Z S P B K Y U X Q K Z X M K

DECORATIONS	TINSEL	GARLAND	WREATH
REINDEER	MISTLETOE	ADVENT	CHIMNEY

## Writing Letter To Santa's Worksheet

Santa Claus  
1 Reindeer Lane  
North Pole  
99705

Dear Santa Claus,

I am sure you are very busy getting ready for the holidays. I am glad you took a few minutes to read my message to you.

This year I have been very good. I have:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

This year, I hope that you will remember me as you deliver your wonderful gifts. Some things that I would like this year are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You,

***NEW Important Contact Information***

Town Board Meetings  
Second Thursday 7:00 pm

Working Meeting  
Tuesday 7:00 pm  
before regular meeting

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  
First 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  
Gary Chase, Marion Cooke,  
Dale Dorner, John Kudlack

Building Inspector  
& Code Enforcement Officer  
Mark Overbaugh

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

Highway Superintendent  
Gary Zeh

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

Town Hall  
518-797-3798; 518-239-4225  
Fax: 518-239-6339

Town Highway Department  
518-239-4225, 518-797-3798

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

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Councilwoman Dale Dorner: [ddorner@rensselaerville.com](mailto:ddorner@rensselaerville.com)

Councilman John "Jack" Kudlack: [jkudlack.rensselaerville@yahoo.com](mailto:jkudlack.rensselaerville@yahoo.com)

Highway Superintendent Gary Zeh: [hwysupt@rensselaerville.com](mailto:hwysupt@rensselaerville.com)

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