



# Town of Rensselaerville

The Hamlets of Cooksburg, Medusa, Potter Hollow, Preston Hollow, and Rensselaerville

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## October 2011 Town Board Minutes Summary

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 11th day of October, 2011 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 Robert Bolte, Councilman Gary Chase, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman John Kudlack, Town Attorney Joseph Catalano, Town Clerk Kathleen A. Hallenbeck  
Also present were Acting Superintendent David Potter and 38 interested citizens.

Supervisor Dermody explained why she called the two special meetings last week October 3<sup>rd</sup>: one for the purpose of the Town Clerk delivering the 2012 Tentative Budget to the Town Board. The second one was to update the Town Board and the Community on what has been accomplished since Irene's visit... what has been completed, what we were currently working on, what still needed to be done and to respond to the needs of the Highway Department in order for them to continue their work. Whether you agree or not, it was her intention not to prevent dialogue but to prepare the way for dialogue that was meaningful.

Supervisor Dermody introduced Mr. Richard Keith from FEMA. He is from the Public Assistance portion of FEMA. He is a task force leader for 13 counties. He is the one who schedules, gets the PACs going to get the Kick Off Meetings going.

Mr. Keith mentioned that they are trying to come together. They are starting to gear up for DR4020 right now. One of the first concerns is to try and get down here to address your issues and start going forward with any project worksheets to be able to give you an idea of what is eligible and what is not eligible for funding.

Valerie Lounsbury - would you like to clarify, you do not go in and FEMA does not pay for personal property to be restored, but you do pay for the work to be done to protect personal property.

Mr. Keith, it is going to be done on a case by case basis. FEMA, public specialist along with this PAC, also a debris expert will be coming out here to take a look at that. He will make it a priority, the first thing on the list to take it up and take a look at it.

Richard Tollner - how quickly can you guys respond with either allowing them to do the work and come up with the funds?

Mr. Keith, you never wait for FEMA to do the work. Do the work. If you are an eligible applicant and the cause for the damage is due from the storm, they will write you a project worksheet and reimburse 75% of the cost.

Councilwoman Cooke - do you have to have all the projects listed before you apply or do you come out and assess them?

Mr. Keith - we will ask you what the projects are. Once you do the Kick-Off meeting, you have 60 days to identify all damages. He suggested that any kind of damage that you have at the time of the Kick-Off Meeting you identify them at that time and any ideas that you can come up with would maybe do hazard mitigation.

Acting Superintendent Potter - should they put out an application for a bid for contractors so that we have the equipment so that when we have this done, so we could be done in the streams by November 30<sup>th</sup>?

Mr. Keith, you should go through your normal procurement policy. If you have a way to do bids, you have to do it that way. As of now you have a 90-day emergency permit for the streams, but also get with DEC to make sure that it is covered.

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## Library Bookmark

### What's New?

As part of the Greenery Sale the Library will be holding a **Book Sale**. Please **drop off donations by December 7<sup>th</sup>** during Library hours. Please Do Not drop off dirty or damaged books or any encyclopedias or text books.

**Friday, December 9, 2011 at 7pm** experience a rare and unusual opportunity to view the rehearsal of **TROUT FISHING in SPACE**, a collaborative live music + video performance envisioning a future when humans will leave Earth for good at Conkling Hall in Rensselaerville, NY. The performance is a free will donation to benefit the Rensselaerville Library. Drinks and desserts will be available. The performance is the work of local resident Charles Lindsay, the first Artist in Residence at The SETI Institute in Silicon Valley. The debut performance will be Saturday, December 10th, 2011 @ The Byrcliffe Kleinert/James Art Center, presented by The Center for Photography at Woodstock in conjunction with the exhibition CARBON on view at CPW through January 29, 2012.

**Meet Helen of Troy a Therapy Dogs, Inc. therapy dog - Saturday, December 10 at 10A.M.** Come meet Helen of Troy and her handler Helene Goldberger. Parents, Helene will be happy to answer any questions about Helen or the program. Children can sign up for a date and time to read with Helen in December.

**"Science is FUN" Story Time! December 10, 2011 at 10:30A.M.** The theme is "Rainbow of Color". Holiday cookie decorating will follow.

**Saturday, December 10, 2011** the Library's annual **Greenery Sale** from **10am-2pm** wreaths, roping and trees will be available for purchase along festive Main Street. Find the perfect gift inside the Library, where local craft persons will peddle their wares. For children **Science is Fun Story Time** a "Rainbow of Color" will start at **10:30am** with holiday cookie decorating to follow. We have an extraordinary number of books for sale too. If you would like to contribute to the **book sale** please drop off books before December 7<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.rensselaervillelibrary.org](http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org) for more information.

The **Library Board Meeting** is on **Monday, December 12 at 7P.M.** Meetings are held at the Library and are open to the public.

**Fine Amnesty:** Do you have over due Rensselaerville Library books, audiobooks, movies, magazines? Starting December 13 through the 30th is Fine Amnesty. In order to qualify, you must bring in 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 Library items. Fine Amnesty does not apply to damaged or lost items.

The Library has a number of board games (Awkward Family Photos, Loaded Questions, Greatest Day Ever, Wits and Wagers, PayDay, Fishing Frenzy, Nascar Race Cards to name a few) we encourage you to come in on **Friday nights for Game Night**.

Are you **Holiday Shopping**? Have you considered a Library tote bag, note cards, ornament or "Our Side of the Mountain" tee shirts? Stop into the library and visit our **gift shop**.

The Library would like to thank everyone who attended the annual Lawn Party in September. You made it possible for the **Library to donate \$3,360 to the Tri-Village Fire Department, the Rensselaerville Ambulance Squad, and the Hilltown Resource Center**. The Hilltown Resource Center is working directly with those families impacted by the devastation caused by Hurricane Irene and Tropi-



The October Board of Trustees meeting is our Annual Meeting

**Monday, December 12th 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](http://rensselaervillelibrary.org)*

**Staff:**  
Kim Graff,  
Director

Katie Caprio,  
Library Technician

Amber Case  
Madeline Ouellette  
Pages

## Conkling Hall—What's On In December

**DAY, DECEMBER 3:** Village Voices's winter concert. Charpentier's "Messe de Minuit pour Noel" accompanied by the Willow String Quartet and keyboardist David Spring. Carl Rutti's new settings of three familiar carols. And carols arranged by Bob Chilcott. 7:00 PM

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10:** Children's Movie: "Pirates of the Caribbean, On Stranger Tides". 3 PM. Donation \$1. BYO treats.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10:** SECOND SATURDAY MOVIE FOR GROWNUPS. "Water for Elephants". 7:00 PM. BYO treats.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15:** Conkling Café. An Open Mic Coffeehouse hosted by Peter Michael. Musicians arrive 7:00 - 7:30 PM. Music follows. Free will offering. Coffee and treats available.

**Classes with Sarah Nelson Weiss**, for information call 239 6825.

**Tuesdays 9:00 - 10:15 AM Yoga**

**Wednesdays 5:45 - 6:15 Pilates**

**Thursdays 8:30 - 9:45 AM Yoga (for experienced practitioners)**

**Saturdays 9 - 10 AM Pilates**

All classes open to all except as noted.

You can reach Conkling Hall at 518 797 3459 or read our website at [www.Conklinghall.org](http://www.Conklinghall.org). We send frequent announcements/reminders via email. If you wish to be added, please send your email address to [Info@ConklingHall.org](mailto:Info@ConklingHall.org).



Methodist Hill Road  
Rensselaerville, NY  
(518) 797- 3459

*Submitted by Diana Dietrich*

### A Lasting Gift from John Gertiz

*The Rensselaerville Historic District Association has recently planted five sugar maple trees on the Main Street of the hamlet. These trees are the bequest of John Gertiz, whose devotion to the hamlet is apparent in many aspects of our life here.*

*Thanks to the following people for their efforts to see this project completed: Sue Arbit, Bill Logan, Jeanne-Marie Lusk, Micah Kuhar, Tom Delp, Eric Wilson, Jan Bishop and Charlie Borgess..*

*We hope you will enjoy these trees, and appreciate John's generosity for years to come.*

*Submitted by Sue McChesney*

### Library Bookmark

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cal Storm Lee in Preston Hollow and Cooksburg.

Save the date for the next **Festival of Writers: Country and Conflict, July 27-29, 2012**. The FOW Committee is planning the next event and has confirmed the participation of children's author Candace Christiansen, illustrator Thomas Locker, local author Helen Benedict and former head writer of the Daily Show and Air America Lizz Winstead. We will continue providing updates on the progress.

The Library would like to welcome Tom White, Donna Bartlett and Rochelle Rowlee to the Board of Trustees and thank Elizabeth Britton and Dianne Rizzo for their years of service.

**Do you have an eReader (nook, kindle, smart phone etc.) and a library card?** You have access to **free ebooks and audio books** through the library. Visit <http://digitalcollection.uhls.org/> to start downloading. If this is your first visit click on the MyHelp! on the left hand side to walk through downloading your first book.

**The Library will have normal Saturday hours on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year!**

*Submitted by Kimberly Graff*

## 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.



**NEW YEAR'S DAY  
OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, January 1, 2012  
2:00PM to 4:00PM  
Conkling Hall  
Methodist Hill Road, Rensselaerville

PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE

Sponsored by RHDA  
(Rensselaerville Historic District Association)

Waste Oil Collection  
Days:

Saturday, November 26th  
Saturday, December 31st



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## *A Report from the Supervisor*

I would first like to take this opportunity to thank Inspector Mark J. De Francesco, Station Commander out of the Voorheesville station of the Albany County Sheriff's Department, for his presentation made to the Town Board and interested citizens at the November 3, 2011, work/agenda meeting. In addition to providing us with the article in last month's newsletter, "Tips for a Safer, More Secure Home and Community," he provided those in attendance with information regarding recent criminal activity in the hamlet of Rensselaerville and assured us that they were isolated incidents and only coincidental that they happened at about the same time. He encouraged all residents to report suspicious activity and to watch out for each other. If you are going to be away for a period of time, it is wise to contact the Sheriff's Department Command Center at 756-2351 so they can monitor your residence in your absence. He also invited anyone to contact him directly (787-5199) if they have any questions or concerns.

At the November 17, 2011 Special Town Board meeting, the Town Board made appointments to the newly formed committee to study hydraulic fracturing as it relates to the Town of Rensselaerville. Those chosen to serve on this committee are Dave Bowdish, Scott Kunkler, John Mormile, Jeannette Rice, and Dave Warburton. Their "organizational meeting" is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30, from 7pm to 9pm at Town Hall. All interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting as well as any others that are scheduled in the future. I would like to thank these people for their willingness to serve their town in a very important capacity.

As a reminder, the sixth and final training session for this year on Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment is scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2011, at 7pm at Town Hall. This is mandatory training that must be taken by all Town employees, appointees, and elected officials and anyone else who is covered under the Town's workers' compensation insurance. That includes members of the fire departments and ambulance squad. Anyone who has not yet availed themselves of this training **must** attend this session. It is unknown at this time whether Jay Lewandowski (Loss Prevention Specialist) or I will be doing the training; one or both of us will be at the session.

This is the last call for letters of interest from those interested in serving on any of the following boards/committees:

- \* Board of Assessment Review
- \* Board of Ethics
- \* Zoning Board of Appeals

All letters of interest should be sent to Town Clerk Kathy Hallenbeck by fax (239-6339), by email (townclerk@rensselaerville.com), by snail mail (87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120), or delivered in person. They must be received by Thursday, December 8, 2011.

And finally, I wish to extend to all my heartfelt wishes for a wonderful holiday season. May you and yours enjoy the beauty of the season with family and friends.

*Marie*

P.S.: 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.



### *HEAP Outreach Days Scheduled*

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

01/12/12	1:00pm - 3:00pm
03/08/12	1:00pm - 3:00pm

### *VFW Memorial Garden — Many Thanks to the following Contributors To Date:*

The Committee thanks the following contributors. We envision the final result as a tribute to our veterans as well as a peaceful gateway to Town Hall. We continue to gratefully accept any and all donations.

*Submitted by Town Supervisor, Marie Dermody*

- American Legion Clarke White Post & Auxiliary Unit
- American Legion Durham Valley Post #1416
- American Legion Mohican Post #983
- Gregory Bischoff
- Jan & Dave Bowdish
- Ralph Britton & Eileen Britton
- Dave Dillworth, Phase III Electric (East Durham)
- Disabled American Veterans
- Marie & Ed Dermody
- Lauren Endres
- Richard Ferriolo
- James Glorioso
- Barbara Heath
- Susan Holmes
- John Ingalls, GNH Lumber (Greenville)
- Jeanette James
- Wallace Kappler
- Donna Kropp
- Cindy Adams-Kornmeyer
- Vic and Gail La Plante
- Steven Lewis & Family
- Elsie Lier
- Lou's Automotive (Greenville)
- Otto Metzger
- Perry & Ellen Moak
- John & Linda Mormile
- Erik & Janet Nelson
- David Potter and Town of Rensselaerville Highway Department
- Ed Reinhart & Reinhart Contracting
- William & Jeannette Rice
- Richard Sabol
- Walter Schloen
- Peter & Margaret Sedlmeir
- Irene Tanner
- Linda Tozer
- VFW Post #7229
- Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Wacheter
- Mary Weidman
- John Wennstrom, Electrician



#### **The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on:**

Monday, December 26, 2011, for the Christmas Holiday  
Monday, January 2, 2012, for the New Year Holiday



# TOY DRIVE

November 5 – 30, 2011

To benefit the Hilltowns Community Resource Center  
Hosted by the RVFD Ladies Battalion

Hilltown High Achievers 4H Club will also be collecting  
new and gently used stuffed animals

### Suggested items to donate:

**NEW** only please, unwrapped toys for infants – teens

Gift cards to stores (music, department, toy)

Gift wrap, ribbon, tape

Cash/checks payable to HCRC

### Drop off locations:

Hilltown Café Rt. 353, Rensselaerville

Medusa General Store, Medusa

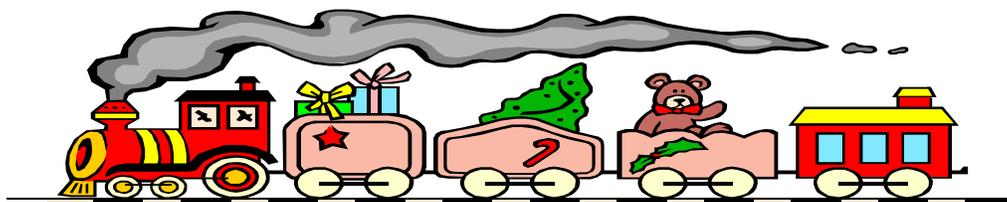
Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Rd. Medusa

Rensselaerville Transfer Station

HCRC serves the towns of Berne, Knox, Westerlo and Rensselaerville.

They currently assist well over 300 families in need.

Please contact Kathy Wank @ 797-9292 with questions, monetary donations or any large donations – I can arrange for pick up ☺



# HOLIDAY RUMMAGE SALE

## MEDUSA CHURCH HALL

**December 10 - 9AM TO 3PM**

**December 17 - 10AM TO NOON**



**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS  
GIFTS - BOOKS - TOYS  
LOTS OF GOOD MISC. ITEMS**

**LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE (\*\*on Sat the 10<sup>th</sup> only\*\*)  
SOUP - SANDWICHES—HOT DOGS - CHILI**

- Submitted by William Moore

### *Volunteer News and Events*

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

Monthly Meeting: Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30PM  
Company Drill: Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM  
Work Night: Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

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

Calls as of November 10, 2011: 53

**December:**

3<sup>rd</sup> - Children's Christmas Party  
5<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm Company Drill  
7<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm Battalion Meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm Company Drill  
28<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

**January:**

4<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm Battalion Meeting  
9<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm Company Drill  
16<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm Company Drill  
25<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

**Upcoming Events:**

- Toy Drive November 5<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup> - Collection bin at Café
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Children's Christmas Party 3:30 pm. Santa will arrive on the Fire Truck at 5:00 pm. Join us for a hayride from the Fire House to the Tree Lighting at 5:30 pm.

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

Company Meeting: Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00PM

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

Company Meeting: Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00PM



# Children's Holiday Party

Come join us again this year  
We are going to have more Games,  
More Crafts and a visit from  
Santa Claus.

December 10th 2011  
1pm to 3pm

## Medusa Volunteer Fire House



- Submitted by Joli Pizzigati

## 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEDUSA COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING

Nov 27

**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***

-Submitted by William Moore



DONATION FOR THE VFW MEMORIAL GARDEN  
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Pavers are 6" x 9" with up to 2 lines of engraving, a maximum of 11 characters & spaces per line. The minimum donation per engraved paver is \$30.00. Please use block letters only.

Example:

G	E	O	R	G	E		R	U	D	D
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Paver #1:


Paver #2:


For additional engraved pavers, please use a separate sheet of paper.

We are pleased to announce that we are now also accepting orders for engraved pavers from commercial enterprises. These pavers will form the outside border of the VFW Memorial Garden. The cost is the same, \$30 per engraved paver.

Total number of engraved pavers: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*\*I/We wish to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward the rehabilitation of the VFW Memorial Garden. (Please make checks payable to the Town of Rensselaerville & note "VFW Garden Memorial Garden" on the memo line.)

\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\* I/We are willing to donate my/our labor to make this rehabilitation a reality. My/Our days and hours of availability are: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*

The VFW Memorial Garden Committee thanks you in advance for your cooperation & participation in this project to honor those who have served honorably in our Armed Forces.



*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***

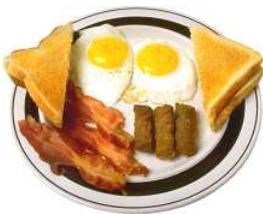
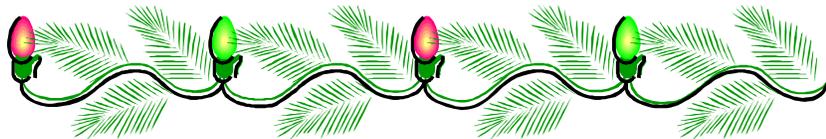
4824 Potter Hollow Mountain Road  
Potter Hollow, 263-4478  
Worship: Sunday - 10:00AM  
Coffee Hour & Sunday School—11:30AM  
Call for Bible Study and Prayer Group

***Community Christmas Services***

The Medusa Annual Community Christmas Eve Candle Service will be held on December 24th, at 8:00pm at the Medusa Church. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS DAY Service at the Medusa Church will be held at 10:00am. Everyone is welcome.

*-Submitted by William Moore*



**All You Can Eat BREAKFAST**

**Free Will Offering**

**DEC. 17th**

**JAN. 21st**

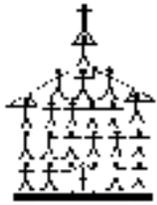
**FEB. 18th**

**MAR. 17th**

**APR. 21st**

**7 AM TO 11 AM**

**MEDUSA FIRE COMPANY**



Ephesians 4:15-16

# The Church @ Potter Hollow

Potter Hollow Union Church News

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Sunday

Morning Worship  
10:30am

Mustard Seed Coffee Hour,  
Youth & Adult Bible Studies  
9:30am

Various mid-week bible studies  
(Call for location and details)

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> (and every 2nd Sunday) pot  
luck following 10:30 service

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> No 9:30 Bible Studies

"The Old Country Church  
SWAP Shop" will be officially  
closed as of November 17<sup>th</sup> for the  
winter Season. However if a  
emergency need arises special  
arrangements can be made call  
518-965-2908

**Food Pantry** We now have a food  
pantry available, located at our  
fellowship hall. Open Saturdays  
from 10am-2pm  
call 518-965-0507

## VISIT US

Potter Hollow Union  
Church Fellowship Hall  
4824 Potter Hollow Rd.  
Potter Hollow NY.  
nathandmiles@hotmail.com  
(518) 263-4478  
(518) 965-1741

## *"Baby Jesus We Love You"*

### *Christmas Musical and Puppets*



*Sunday*  
*Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>*

*6:00pm*

*Come Join us!*

## Community Toy Drive

Saturday  
December 17

10am-2pm



We will be collecting and distributing toys in our community. With the effects of Irene and the state of our economy there are many needs this year. Toys will be collected at the Potter Hollow Union Church Fellowship Hall Up to Dec. 16th And handed out on Dec. 17th @ Our Fellowship Hall.

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Mr. Keith - we also have historical issues. Do you have damage to historical issues?  
Acting Highway Superintendent - they have been filed.

Mr. Keith - he will have somebody up here by end of next week to take care of the stream issues. That is an ongoing concern with FEMA; there are a lot of different elements involved in that with all sort of different agencies.

Randy Bates - we have completed project identification forms and assessment damages. When we present your staff with this information at the Kick-Off meeting, what is the time frame for reimbursement?

Mr. Keith - there is no time frame for reimbursement. You are a sub- grantee; the main grantee is the State. Once you have been okayed by FEMA, you will get an eligibility issue and it will be taken over by the State and they will be doing all the information that you need. Once the project worksheet is approved and eligible from FEMA you will be getting a letter from the State.

Mr. Keith - case by case basis, there is difference in projects, large projects, how long it is going to take, when you got it done, if it was estimated or a completed project. There is no set time limit.

Councilman Chase - are we going to need to hire an engineer? Are those estimates fine?

Mr. Keith - if you have a large project and you need an engineer, hire an engineer. Yes, the estimates would be all right for the Kick-Off meeting.

Supervisor Dermody - at the Kick-Off Meeting, we show you what areas are of concern and you will give us advice to whether or not we should get an engineer in here and we still have time to advertise.

Mr. Keith -he will be working with the County DOT. This is a critical area. You have to understand -- we are in Schoharie County, Montgomery Counties and a few others and we are hit very hard and we are trying to work with them quickly. As the Staff becomes available, they will be addressing the Albany County flooding.

Councilman Chase - is there a way to fix the streams from the pre-existing permits or can it be modified?

Mr. Keith - it is by a case by case basis. If it needs to be modified to keep it from doing it again, they will look at it. You shouldn't be in the creeks with a dozer without DEC permits.

Chad Jemison, Director of the EN Huyck Preserve- as a not-for- profit, we have found it very difficult to access any FEMA funds. We have been told we have to go through the Small Business Administration for loans and when we are denied we can apply for FEMA funds. Are you aware of any other programs that might be helpful?

Mr. Keith - that is correct. Bring all your documentation to the Kick-Off Meeting. They will answer all those questions. It is a case by case basis.

Supervisor Dermody - any of the expenses incurred by the Fire Company and Ambulance Squad for helping out in this disaster are also eligible for reimbursement.

Mr. Keith - also anybody that has donated resources, it will be used toward the 12 1/2 % cap. Did any of the fire companies go outside the county?

Yes.

Mr. Keith - when you went outside the County, we need to know where you were and what you were doing so we can make sure it is captured to the right places. This will be addressed at the Kick-Off meetings.

Councilwoman Cooke - how are you going to notify people when the Kick-Off meeting is going to be held?

Mr. Keith - they will start making phone calls from the paper work they received.

Attorney Catalano - individuals who have private property located by the creek that has damage, the Town doesn't have jurisdiction over that property. How does that individual get notified?

Mr. Keith - the individual has to go through what we call Individual Assistance which is IA which is 1-800-621-FEMA. They probably have done this a long time ago. You do this as soon as possible.

Supervisor Dermody - those of you who did apply for individual assistance, did you point out the creek issue at that time or did was it just your home damage?

Valerie Lounsbury - she applied immediately; when the adjuster came he was not interested in the anything but the damage to their home.

Mr. Keith - that would be basically a home inspector; that is his job.

Valerie Lounsbury - that was all he was interested in. He said that FEMA did not cover the type of damage. We need the stream bank restored and stabilized to protect our property because there is no point in us investing our money to repair our homes and property to have it happen again in six months.

Supervisor Dermody - that is why we are trying to involve the State and the Federal government to foot the bill for doing that, which is mitigation.

Valerie Lounsbury - I need to clarify that; there is an interest for the County in the Catskill Creek.

Supervisor Dermody will go through her list of contacts later on in the meeting. It is the Town's responsibility to try and get these other entities in here to do what we feel they need to do.

Valerie Lounsbury - Your job is to help the people of Preston Hollow get to these agencies, meet collectively and do

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the repairs so we can protect our property. I'm trying to make it perfectly clear that we want the stream fixed so we can protect our property; otherwise we can't.

Councilman Chase agreed with Valerie. That is the purpose of the Board, to find avenues and people that can fix the problem. He was talking about modifying the stream; he is not talking about fixing personal property, he is talking about finding somebody that can say, "The stream needs to be moved over ten feet." We need that person.

Mr. Keith - that will be coming.

Valerie Lounsbury - the Preston Hollow Cemetery, would the Cemetery Association be considered a non-profit?

Mr. Keith - if it is an association that takes care of it, it is non-profit, they have a letter from IRS stating that they are tax exempt, that they are a non-profit organization. If it is handled by the County, Town, State entity, then it would be their concern and they would be eligible.

Supervisor Dermody asked if the cemetery has applied.

Valerie Lounsbury - she is not sure.

The Regular Meeting was officially opened to conduct needed business matters.

### **FEMA REPORT**

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that on the sideboard there is a list of names, addresses and contact information for the people she has spoken to regarding the creek issue in Preston Hollow. You are all welcome to have a copy of the contact list. Perhaps if these individuals hear from more than just her, it might move the process faster.

Valerie Lounsbury - today she met with Water VanDeLoo, Albany County DPW Commissioner. He felt that the stream bank was an urgent issue and that Albany County is going to have to correct. They will have an interest in the cleanup of the debris influx because of the bridge on Mercer Lane.

Supervisor Dermody - she got a copy of the stream map with assessments done by DOT. In the comments of all the streams, one was considered high and one or two were considered medium priority; everything else according to DOT was considered low priority. That is another issue that we are dealing with, they make the assessment but they don't live here and don't see the impact on the people. We are in this together; we are doing everything within our power to get what it is our need rightfully so. If you want to start making your phone calls and contacting them as well, maybe it will work faster.

Valerie Lounsbury - she has Wayne Teter's file on the stream damage and stabilization from 1978. Mr. VanDeLoo took a copy today.

Supervisor Dermody thanked Susan Lewis for bringing the Chemung County Soil & Water Conservation District Stream Processes books. As information becomes available you will be notified of it. If she can get other individuals who are willing to address your concerns, who knows what they are talking about and give you answers to your questions, she will do that.

Councilwoman Cooke - as you are getting information, perhaps we should have a special meeting to update the Board and individuals on what is going on.

Supervisor Dermody - it depends on the information. If it is information in which their action can move us forward, she has no problem with having a meeting.

Mr. Keith - thinks you have covered everything very well. They are here and they are going to get started.

Councilman Chase - after the Kick-Off Meeting, perhaps more meetings will spur off on what needs to be done. He is in favor of having a special meeting if we need one.

Attorney Catalano suggested using the website for updates.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

- David Lewis would like to know who they hired to drive the grading because they filled in all the ditches.
- Richard Amedure spoke about the political signs going up too soon.
- Margaret Sedlmeir spoke about the special meeting not allowing these people affected by the storm to speak.
- Dave Bowdish spoke concerning the lack of courtesy, lack of compassion, lack of common sense and the violation of our constitution rights to be able to voice our opinion.
- Attorney Catalano mentioned that he wanted to point out that the courtesy issue goes both ways. To criticize somebody that is working so hard on the Town's behalf is something that should also be taken note of because nobody else is coming forward and doing the work that she is doing. He wanted to point out that there is a lot of work that is going on behind the scenes.

### **MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the minutes for the Work Meeting held on September 8, 2011, the Regular Meeting held on September 13, 2011 and the Special Meeting held on October 3, 2011, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

### **TRANSFERS:**

Supervisor Dermody explained how in the past we budgeted on a .1, .2 and .4 line and now each of those categories

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have been expanded so we are specific to what we have spent.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to make the following transfers:

From	To	Amount
	Specialty Equip. SS22080	\$ 402.80
	(J Hall LTD, replace chart motor)	
General Fund -A44001	Property repair/rental- SW 44071	68,575.25
	(Impoundment Dam Repair)	
Interest - SW7700	Consultant Fees - SW44047	3,150.00
	(Fraser, Water Supply)	
Electric - SW44101	Consultant Fees - SW44047	826.77
	(Fraser, Water Supply)	
Principal - SW66000	Misc. Contractual Exp.-SW44999	6,238.75
	(Fraser-)	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack.	

This money is being lent to the Water District who will pay back the General Fund when they receive their funding.

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

### ABSTRACT 2011 - VOUCHERS,BILLS:

The General Fund - \$11,131.46; Highway Fund - \$32,562.48; Lighting District - \$665.21; Sewer District - \$506.60; Water District - \$6,483.43.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to pay all signed vouchers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Chase.

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

### CORRESPONDENCE

- Dave Warburton - Letter of Interest - Hydrofracking Committee
- Scott Kunkler - Letter of Interest - Hydrofracking Committee
- John Mormile - Letter of Interest - Hydrofracking Committee
- April Caprio - Medusa Council on the Arts
- Arthur Pizzigati - Letter of Interest - Board of Assessment Review
- Sherri Pine - Letter of Interest - Board of Ethics

### REPORTS

#### SUPERVISOR DERMODY

- FINANCIAL REPORTS: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that we have the Summary of Accounts and Operating Statement from Enhanced. Supervisor Dermody mentioned that it will be so much easier next year when we are all on one system.
- PAYROLL AUDIT: Councilman Bolte will do the July payroll audit, Councilman Chase will do the August payroll and Councilwoman Cooke will do the September payroll.
- PROPERTY TAX CAP MEETING: Supervisor Dermody reported that on October 4<sup>th</sup> she went to a Property Tax Cap Legislation training class sponsored by the Office of the State Comptroller. She will have this completed by the budget workshops.
- LOCAL BREAK-INS: Supervisor Dermody reported that she received two emails from residents in the Hamlet of Rensselaerville concerning burglaries. She called the Sheriff's Department and spoke with Mark DeFrancesco, Patrol Station Commander. He will send her some information for the newsletter on how to keep yourself safe. The Town Board will invite Mr. DeFrancesco to speak at our November 3<sup>rd</sup> Work Meeting.
- 2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET: Supervisor Dermody reported that the 2012 Tentative Budget was delivered to the Town Board by the Town Clerk on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Her goal in creating this budget was to continue offering the essential services that we have but at a cost hopefully we can all afford. Keeping in mind the property tax cap, the loss of sales tax revenues due to the 2010 census, and the fact that right now we are still responsible for 12 ½% of non-federal reimbursement for storm damage. Budget workshops will be set up later in the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Supervisor report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack.

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

#### TOWN ATTORNEY

- PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF THE YEAR 2011. Attorney Catalano explained that this local law would allow the assessors to accept applications from seniors 65 years or older who do not submit their renewal application for exemptions by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Assessor Pine suggested changing the date to file to May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year; this would give the Assessors time to get in touch with someone if they have to talk to them about their form. The Town Board agreed with this date change.

- CHECK LIST FOR GUIDELINE FOR SECURITY ISSUES/NYS COMP. ALLIANCE: Attorney Catalano mentioned that he had no suggested edits or changes or resolutions or anything like that. He suggested moving forward with this and having the Town Board members take a look at them and see what they want to do.

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

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Acting Superintendent Potter mentioned it is great news about FEMA, he can't wait to hand them a pile of paper-work.

- TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE DOYLE SHAVER: Acting Highway Superintendent mentioned that he would like to hire Mr. Shaver for another month, he has worked 14 weeks.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to extend temporary employment to Doyle Shaver for another month, 30 hours a week up to 150 hours, no overtime and no benefits; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- Acting Superintendent Potter mentioned that the work they are doing in the ditches is basically from 1991, regulations that the Town Board adopted for cutting the shoulders.
- HIGHWAY AGREEMENT: Acting Highway Superintendent Potter would like to transfer \$4000.00 from Scutt Road to Jaycox Road. This is out of the CHIPS Program.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to amend the Highway Agreement to transfer \$4000.00 from Scutt Road to Jaycox Road; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- Acting Superintendent Potter mentioned that contractors bid out by the hour, when dealing with the State and County, they have contractors in place for emergency repairs. They have all the insurance and information ready to go. All the DOT people have to do it pick up the phone and make a call. That would be a good thing to do with all the FEMA projects, under the procurement policy; put this out to bid and try to have that set up. When FEMA slows up, then we are ready to go with the non-highway projects. The contractor would give us an estimate of what the cost for the equipment would be, the labor, etc. to have on hand. Attorney Catalano mentioned that the Town is going to be responsible for paying for any of that work at 12 ½ percent.

The Town Board discussed this issue, creek work and RFPs at length.

Councilwoman Cooke asked if we you contacted MaryAnn Wollaber concerning the old FEMA funding.

Supervisor Dermody, she did and hasn't heard anything from her.

- OLD EQUIPMENT: Acting Superintendent Potter mentioned that he pulled out the 1964 Sweeper, the old Ford engine from a '55 backhoe, a 12 year old pressure washer, and some garage doors and asked if these items could be put out for bid.

Acting Superintendent Potter should supply us with a description on these items.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to put these items out to bid; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

Attorney Catalano asked if we could develop a page or section on our webpage for where you can show pictures of these items and then put the bid notices on it also.

Supervisor Dermody asked Acting Superintendent to send this information to her and she will put it on the website.

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

### EN HUYCK PRESERVE - GRANT - TROPICAL STORM IRENE:

Attorney Catalano mentioned that the Preserve needs the needs the Town's endorsement in order to file for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund to apply for funding for the bridge that was destroyed by Tropical Storm Irene.

Resolution No. 10/11/11A

Supervisor Dermody made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve, Inc. is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund for a park project to be located at the Huyck Preserve, a site located with the territorial jurisdiction of this Board; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of these programs, said not-for-profit corporations must obtain the "approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located".

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by this august body that the Board of the Town of Rensselaerville hereby does approve and endorse the application of The Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve, Inc. for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund for a park project known as "Bridge Replacement for Irene Destruction" and located within the community.

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

### TOWN CLERK:

Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported the following collected and paid out for the month of September 2011: Town Clerk Department - Total Collected - \$5,964.76. Paid to the Supervisor - \$2138.83 (fees); Paid to NYS Department of Agri-

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culture and Markets - \$16.00 (Dogs - State Surcharge); Paid to NYS Departmental Conservation - \$3,742.43 (sporting license); Paid to NYS Department of Health - \$67.50 (marriage license). Water Rents Collected - \$501.42. Sewer Rents Collected - \$131.08.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of September 2011; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR:

CEO Overbaugh reported the following collected for the month of September 2011: New Home Construction - 1 Permit; Decks - 1 Permit, Building Repairs - 1 Permit and Accessory Buildings - 2 Permits. Total funds collected \$386.76.

CEO Overbaugh reported that the home at the end of Fox Creek Road on Route 145 has been taken down. The Zoning Review Committee meets two times a month. He thanked the Highway Department for fixing South Street, alleviating the concern of the house falling in the creek.

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

### ASSESSING DEPARTMENT:

Assessor spoke about opening up the assessment rolls to assess the damage from the storms and the not charging people with damage late for school, county and town taxes, if the tax bills are late.

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

### WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE:

- **WATER DISTRICT:** Chairman Long spoke about the change order that was recommended by the Engineer for the Impounding Dam Project in the amount of \$1,835.70.

Chairman Long mentioned that he has given Acting Superintendent Potter the FEMA paperwork on the damages to the Water and Sewer Districts from the two storms. It is \$2200.00 on one and \$2000.00 for the other. There is one more bill that will come from the contractor on the Impounding Dam. The total project cost for the dam is within the budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Cooke authorizing Supervisor Dermody to sign the Change Order in the amount of \$1,835.70 for the work on the Impounding Dam; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- **CERTIFICATION OF OPERATOR:** Councilman Bolte asked about the operator certification.

Chairman Long mentioned that he hasn't completed everything yet but Mr. Brady of the Health Department is pleased with what we are doing.

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

### REFUSE/RECYCLING:

Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of September 2011:

Green Fiber - 12.18 Tons; Rensselaer Iron & Steel - 6.97 Tons; Tires - 11; City of Albany Landfill - 94.51 Tons; Sierra Fibers - 5.65 Tons and Oil - 23 gallons. Recycling Coordinator reported that 60.18 tons of the 94.51 tons that went to the Albany County Landfill was refuse from Tropical Storm Irene and will be covered by FEMA.

Councilman Bolte asked Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck what he was getting for steel.

He is getting \$50.00 a ton because it is unprocessed steel.

The electronics pickup is working out very well.

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

### CURRENT EVENTS:

- Blood Drive - Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company - Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM.
- Breakfast - Medusa Volunteer Fire Company - October 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 to 11AM - Free will offering
- Trinity Church Dinner - October 29<sup>th</sup>
- RHDA - October 15<sup>th</sup> - 11:30AM to 1:30PM - Candidates Forum

### OLD BUSINESS

- **LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF THE YEAR 2011:** A Local Law entitled "Gas Drilling Moratorium Law of 2011 of the Town of Rensselaerville". Attorney Catalano mentioned that we need to table this and vote at the next Regular Meeting. It has been referred to the Albany County Planning Board and we are waiting for their comments.
- **FEMA REPORT:** This was done earlier in the meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

- **RENSELAERVILLE PLAYGROUND:** The Playground Committee submitted a quote for pea stone for the play-

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ground, the cost is \$92.06. The Board said to go ahead and order the pea stone since is under the procurement policy.

- **REGULAR MEETING DATE CHANGED:** Supervisor Dermody mentioned that our next Regular Meeting falls on Election Day, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to change the Regular Meeting date from November 8, 2011 to November 10, 2011, 7 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- **PUBLIC HEARING – 2012 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to hold the Public Hearing on the 2012 Preliminary Budget on November 10, 2012 at 6:30 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried. (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- **LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF THE YEAR 2011**

RESOLUTION- 10/11/11B

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Assessor, Jeffry Pine, has suggested that the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville provide authority for the Town Assessors to accept renewal applications for senior exemptions that are not timely filed on or before the taxable status date as many seniors forgot to file such applications by that date; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board agrees that senior property owners should be able to renew exemption applications if they miss the early date for submission; and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney has prepared a proposed local law that proposes to grant authority for the Town Assessors to accept renewal applications for senior exemptions up until May 1<sup>st</sup> and a copy of said proposed law has been provided to each member of the Town Board at this meeting for their consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Town Board hereby introduces and proposes for adoption Local Law No. 4 of 2011, regarding the authority for the Town Assessors to accept renewal applications for senior exemptions up until May 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. The Town Board determines that the adoption of the proposed Local Law No. 4 is listed as a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and, as such, further environmental review is not necessary or required.
3. The Town Board hereby schedules a public hearing for the proposed Local Law to be held at the Town Hall on November 3, 2011 at 6:45 PM.
4. The Town Board hereby orders that notice of the public hearing be posted at the Town Office, on the Town's website, and published once in the Town's official newspaper at least ten days before the hearing date with any other notice or referrals as required by law.

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

### SPECIAL MEETINGS – BUDGET WORKSHOPS

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to hold a Special Meeting on November 15, 2011 for the 2012 Town Budget adoption; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to hold the following Special Meetings to work on the Proposed 2012 Budget; October 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, meetings 7PM to 10PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to go into Executive Session regarding negotiations for personnel matters and that Attorney Catalano attend; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Chase.(9:20PM) *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to come out of Executive Session; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Kudlack. (10:25PM). *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

### ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.rensselaerville.com)

***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 La Plante  
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

Highway Superintendent  
David Potter—Acting

Planning Board  
Muriel Frasher, Chairperson  
Kathy Wank, Secretary

Zoning Board of Appeals  
James Glorioso, 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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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

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Rensselaerville and Hilltowns, 911  
518-477-9333

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

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