



Town of Rensselaerville

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

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November 2010 Town Board Minutes Summary

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 9th day of November, 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, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilwoman Dale Dorner, Councilman John Kudlack, Town Attorney Joseph Catalano, Deputy Town Clerk Deidra Andrus
Also present were Superintendent Gary Zeh and 35 interested citizens present.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

- Michele Curtis, Preston Hollow: Spoke about the drainage problem on Tanglewood Road by her house.
- Edna Stoudemire, Medusa: Spoke about the continuing drainage problem on Siebert Road. If she has to pay someone again to rake gravel out of her yard, she may have to bill the town.
- Chad Jemison, Director of the E.N. Huyck Preserve: Spoke about the Helderberg Hilltown Association and its effort to coordinate the Hilltowns together to try and support the economic vitality.

ALBANY COUNTY COMPTROLLER MICHAEL CONNERS - AUDIT

Comptroller Connors handed out copies of the 2011 audit done by his office; it will also be on their website. The Town has been very open and very forthright in sharing information with them. This was a lot more work than they thought there would be.

Comptroller spoke on about FEMA, the accounts payable recommendations and the responses, cash receipts and disbursements, proper internal controls, the Carver bill and the possibility of turning this issue over to the DA.

Comptroller Connors mentioned it is important to recognize the first step in fixing anything is to accept responsibility and move forward. You have already done that by unanimously passing a resolution inviting them in. You have talked as a group about putting in a new software system that you really need and taking advantage on what they can do to help you save money. Don't rely on one person to do this; it is everybody's responsibility, get trained on it.

Councilwoman Cooke, will our beginning yearly balance be furnished so that we can correct last year's annual report and start fresh with this new one?

Comptroller Connors, you have to close out 2010 and have your AUD correct when you file it in April. When you start with Munis on January 1st you will be running parallel with your current program to make sure it works. This will help you with the AUD.

Supervisor Dermody, on behalf of the Town she thanks you and your staff for the kind of job you did. It is helping to set us straight and know where we need to go and what we need to do in order to get there.

MINUTES: Councilwoman Cooke mentioned that she didn't recall saying anything

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*Library Bookmark**What's New?*

Holiday Closings: The Library will be closed **Saturday, January 1, 2011**. Have a wonderful and safe New Year!

Second Weekend Film Series at Conkling Hall:

Friday, January 7 at 6:30P.M. - *Despicable Me*. Runtime: 95 min. Rated PG.

Saturday, January 8 at 7:00P.M. - *Salt*. Runtime: 100 min. Rated PG-13.

The next **Library Board Meeting** is on **Monday, January 17 at 7P.M.** Open to the public.

Saturday Story Time - January 22 at 11A.M. - Theme: Fabulous Food.

Spoken Word 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 and Dan Berggren will join us on **January 22 from 7-9P.M.**, Nancy Marie Payne will join us on **February 26 from 7-9P.M.**, and Bairbre McCarthy will join us on **March 26 from 7-9P.M.** Coffee and dessert will also be available. Tickets will be \$10/person (or \$25/person for all three events), 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. Thank you to all who donated for your generosity. Thank you also to everyone who returned a survey. We received a positive response and have begun to compile the results, which will assist us with planning for the future of the Library.

Calling all Crafters! The Library is starting a **craft night** on **Thursdays at 6:00P.M.** Bring your current project to the Library and chat with others, show off, or swap tips as you work. No need to register, just come as you can.

Something for everyone at the Library - Items for the hearing or vision impaired. Reacquaint yourself with the library and all it has to offer! Do you have difficulty reading standard-sized print? Perhaps you have difficulty hearing books on tape or CD? The Library has something for you! We have a permanent collection of **Large Print books** (as well as rotating collections, courtesy of the Upper Hudson Library System). Recently, we have acquired **Braille books and special players** from the NY State Talking Book and Braille Library. We also offer **books on cassette or CD**, as well as **Playaways** (no player required - just plug a set of headphones into the self-contained unit). Please stop by the Library and "check out" all that we have to offer!



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.



The next **Library Board meeting** is on **Monday, January 17th 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

rensselaervillelibrary.org

Staff:

Kim Graff,
Director

Katie Caprio,
Library Technician

Conkling Hall—What's On In January

Saturday January 1: RHDA 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.

Friday, January 7: Second Friday Children's Movie. 6:30 PM. Admission \$1. BYO treats.

Saturday, January 8: Second Saturday Movie for Grownups. The last of the Steig Larrsen trilogy, "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest". 7:00 PM. Admission \$2. BYO treats.

Saturday, January 22: "A SENSE OF PLACE: STORYTELLING AND MUSIC"

Begins a three part (three month) series. The power of storytelling is unquestionable. Jeannine Laverty and Dan Berggren bring us stories and folk songs. 7:00 - 9:00 PM. In the coffeehouse space. \$10 per event or the three performances for \$25. (Following performances are 2/26 and 3/26.) Dessert and Coffee available for a fee.

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. We send frequent 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.



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

Thank You....

We would like to thank everyone who donated their time, baked goodies, and those who made donations at the Tri-Village Firehouse on Election Day. The Park is proud to announce we collected over \$400.00 to benefit our beautiful park, The Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park.

We really appreciate each and every one of you for being so generous.

Thank you.
The Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park Committee

(NOTE: This Thank You notice was inadvertently omitted from the December 2010 issue. I apologize for the oversight. -MCD)



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.

All ads MUST be an attachment to an email addressed to newsletter@rensselaerville.com and townclerk@rensselaerville.com. The attachment can be in .doc or .pdf ONLY. All others will not go into the newsletter.

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.

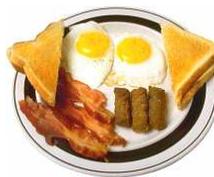
Attention All Ice Skaters

It has been brought to our attention that many people in the area and surrounding areas, would like to see ice skating brought back to Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park.

Mr. Jones, of Roney Road will plow the way to the skating rink and maintain the rink for the duration of the season. **This will be of no cost to the Town.**

In order to pursue this at all, we must see enough interest. Please contact Clara Potter at 239-8265 if you would like to see ice skating in our area this winter.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary M. Donato
The Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park



All You Can Eat BREAKFAST

Free Will Offering

**JAN. 15th
FEB. 19th
MAR. 19th
APR. 16th**

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. January's Extra Helpings menus are as follows:

January's Regular menu: \$21.00

- 6-7 lbs. Roasting Chicken
- 1 lb. Mild Bulk Sausage Roll
- 1 lb. Pkg. Canadian Bacon
- 2 lbs. Boneless Pork Chops
- 2 lb. Bag Onions
- 5 lb. Bag Potatoes

Special # 1: \$14.25

- 6 lb. Sweet Italian Rope Sausage
(2/3 lb. boxes.)

Special # 2: \$17.00

- 10 lbs. Fresh Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast

Special # 3 Meat Box: \$32.00

- 2 lbs. Pork Roast Netted
- 2.5 lbs. Stew Beef (2/1.25lb. Packages)
- 3 lbs. Chicken Tenders (2/1.5 lb.)
- 2 lbs. Maple Breakfast Sausage Links
- 3 lb. Ground Beef 90/10 (3/1 lb. Packages)

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

PLEASE NOTE: Orders with payment are due at the HCRC office by **January 10th** for pick-up on **January 27th**. 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.

TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS:

Your 2011 property tax bill is expected to be mailed on or before January 3, 2011. If you do not receive a bill by January 10, please contact the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. If you are in escrow with a bank, the bill will be sent to them. (The bank must request the bill in writing.) The receipt will be sent the property owner. If you no longer own the property and receive a bill, please send it to the new owner. Partial payment may be accepted from those who currently receive senior exemptions. Please contact the Town Clerk/Tax Collector for more information concerning this. When paying by mail, please send the entire bill along with your payment. A receipt will be returned to you if the appropriate box is marked.

Tax Collection hours are as follows;

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9AM to 4 PM
- Thursday: 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM
- Friday: 9 AM to 3PM.

Additional hours:

- Saturdays: January 29th, February 26th, and March 26th - 10 AM to 1 PM.

Any questions please call Kathleen A. Hallenbeck, Town Clerk/Tax Collector at Town Hall, 518-797-3798 or 239-4225.

HCRC Holiday Program A Success

THANK YOU, **Thank You**, thank you to all who helped to make the Hilltowns Community Resource Center's Holiday Programs a success. Thanks to our individual sponsors, family sponsors and sponsoring organizations who adopted families in need. Thanks to those who helped with cash contributions so we could provide a brighter holiday to families who were not sponsored. Thanks to those who specified donations go to our senior citizens. We were able to continue making a small monetary gift to each of our participating seniors. Indeed, without the support of caring individuals and organizations, we could never accomplish as much as we do. As numbers continue to rise, we continue to be grateful for what you do for us, so we can continue serve the growing needs of others.

On behalf of the staff and clients of the Hilltowns Community Resource Center, may 2011 be a blessed New Year for you.



Middleburgh Library Happenings

Jan. 4, 11, 18, & 25 - 3:30 PM - Reading with Indy - This program is designed to allow kids the chance to read to a non-judgmental listener, one who will accept the story exactly as they read it. Indy handler is Karen VanDyke.

1/5, 12, 19, & 26 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinee - A Tribute to Leslie Nielsen - "The Naked Gun" (PG), "Forbidden Planet" (G) - "Harvey" (Not Rated) - "Chilly Dogs" (PG-13).

1/6, 13, 20, & 27 - 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.

1/13 - 7:00 PM - Camera for Christmas? Confused? Questions? - Whether you received a camera for Christmas or you just can't figure out the one you already have, Shelly Peavey-Wood from [Creative Classics Photography](#) can help decipher your point and shoot camera. Bring your questions and your camera. Space is limited and **registration is required**.

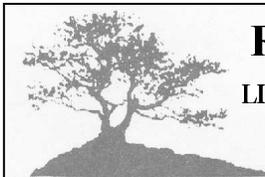
1/15 - 9:00 to 2:00 PM - Drop-in Craft - Create a Winter Wonderland - Use precut foam shapes, stickers, markers, crayons and more to create beautiful Winter Wonderland Pictures. No registration is required.

1/15 - 11:00 AM - Family Film - "Despicable Me" - Gru delights in all things wicked. Surrounded by an army of tireless, little yellow minions, and armed with his arsenal of shrink rays, freeze rays, and battle-ready vehicles for land and air, he vanquishes all who stand in his way. Until the day he encounters the immense will of three little orphaned girls who look at him and see something that no one else has ever seen: a potential dad.

1/18 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion - "Welcome to the Monkey House" by Kurt Vonnegut. a collection of stories and essays first appearing as magazine articles, stretching "funny" beyond the normal bounds of humor.

1/27 - 7:00 PM - DSLR Camera Basics Workshop - Shelly Peavy - Wood of [Creative Classics Photography](#) will teach a 4 part workshop on using the manual settings of your Digital Single Lens Reflex camera. **Registration is required and space is limited.**

More programs may be planned. Stop in the library, or visit our web site at www.middleburghlibrary.org for more information.



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INFLUENZA (FLU) UPDATE: DECEMBER 2010 NATIONAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION WEEK

The week of December 5th - 11th is National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW). This national observance, instituted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), seeks to highlight the importance of flu vaccination, which is the single best way to protect against the flu. This year's key message, "The Flu Ends With U," emphasizes that getting vaccinated not only protects you from the flu, but it can prevent you from spreading the flu to friends and family as well. NIVW provides an ideal opportunity to update the community on the progress of this year's flu season and to encourage everyone, age 6 months and older, to receive this year's flu vaccine.

To date, overall flu activity across the nation remains low, but we are seeing a steady increase in the number of people reporting flu-like illness as well as the number of people testing positive for flu, particularly in the southeastern states. In Albany County, the number of documented flu cases is currently low. We anticipate seeing a continued steady increase in flu activity, both locally and nationally. Peak flu activity typically occurs sometime in January or February, although this can vary from season to season.

Unlike last year's flu season, when the 2009 H1N1 flu virus was the primary flu virus circulating, this year three different flu viruses are circulating and causing illness. The 2010-2011 flu vaccine protects against all three circulating flu viruses. To be adequately protected against all flu viruses this flu season, it is important to get this year's flu vaccine.

For those who have not yet received the 2010-2011 flu vaccine, now is an appropriate time to get vaccinated, before flu activity increases and the risk of getting sick also increases. During this time of year many people are traveling, getting together with family and friends for the holidays, and gathering in crowded public settings such as shopping malls - events which create opportunities to spread illness and for more people to get sick with the flu. It takes about two weeks after receiving the flu vaccine for the body to develop immunity to protect against infection so the sooner one gets vaccinated the better.

Types of flu vaccine available:

- The flu shot - The flu shot is approved for use in anyone 6 months or older, including healthy people, people with underlying medical conditions and pregnant women. The main side effect is soreness at the site of the injection.
- The nasal-spray vaccine - The nasal spray is approved for use only in healthy people (with no underlying medical conditions, including asthma), ages 2-49 years, who are not pregnant. The nasal vaccine is a good alternative for people who fit this category and who prefer not to get a shot. The main side effect is nasal congestion or a runny nose.

Where to get vaccinated against the flu:

- 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. To locate places near you that are offering the flu vaccine you can go to: <http://www.google.org/flushot>
- 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 Line at 447-4505, between 8:30 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday.

For more information about seasonal flu or about the flu vaccine please visit:

- <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm>
- <http://www.albanycounty.com/health/flu.asp>
- <http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/seasonal/>
- <http://www.preventinfluenza.org/>
- <http://www.immunize.org/vis/2flu.pdf> (for information on the flu shot)
- <http://www.immunize.org/vis/liveflu.pdf> (for information on the nasal spray)

A Report from the Supervisor

There has been a flurry of activity swirling around Town Hall again this month. We've embarked on the first phase of the GIS grant funded by the New York State Archives with a kick-off meeting and department interviews on December 15, 2010. We can expect to see the Needs Assessment report sometime in January 2011. We will then be able to apply for another grant to implement the recommendations of the Needs Assessment in the next round of grant applications.

On December 8, 2010, I met with Mike Allen of Alliance Energy Solutions, a contractor for Central Hudson. We did a walk-through of the Barger Road facility - the offices, the meeting room, the courtroom, the highway garage, the highway break room, and the recycling building - for an energy audit of our lighting. The Town has now entered into an agreement with Alliance Energy Solutions for the upgrading of 67 light fixtures in the above-mentioned areas, with Central Hudson paying 70% of the cost and EPACT paying the remaining 30%. Although the projected cost of this project is over \$4400, the bottom line is that the Town will incur less cost for lighting the building (an estimated \$1500/year savings) and the upgrades will cost the Town absolutely nothing.

Mark your calendars! On January 11, 2011 (with a snow date of January 13, 2011), Lou Castelli, a principal in a company called Advantage Three, is scheduled to make a presentation to the Town Board regarding a relatively new concept for funding called municipal marketing. After a brief PowerPoint presentation, there will be a Q&A with the Town Board and audience regarding this venture. The Town Board will then have enough information to make an informed decision regarding this funding stream.

EMT Dennis Wood is graciously assisting me in the registration and certification of the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) that was secured for the Town by the hard work of Eagle Scout Justin Nevins. We hope to schedule staff training for a Monday in January 2011.

A special public thank-you goes out to Mr. Otto Metzger for his extremely prompt response to my request for a new flag for in front of Town Hall. One phone call and the flag was delivered almost immediately. The old, battered flag can now be disposed of in the proper manner and with the respect it deserves. Please be sure to thank Otto when you see him

After much debate and negotiation and compromise, the Town Board authorized the purchase of a new plow truck for the highway department, a 2011 International. By the time you receive this newsletter, the truck will probably have already been put into service plowing snow from Town roads.

The 2011 Town Board Organizational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 2, 2011, at 5 PM at the Town Hall. We bid a fond farewell to Councilwoman Dale Dorner, a voice of calmness and reason on the Town Board for 2010. And we welcome new Councilman Robert Bolte. We look forward to his service in helping the Town Board continue its forward progress.

As always, I continue to keep regular office hours and I'm always available by phone and/or email. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if there's a matter you wish to have addressed.

As we enter the new year, I wish you and yours a happy, healthy 2011 and a year of peace and contentment.

Marie



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
Candle -Light Service**

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

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

Household	Tier I \$	Tier II \$
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



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

PO Box 159, Rensselaerville, NY 12147
518-797-3296

<http://groups.google.com/group/concerned-citizens-of-rensselaerville>

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Please take notice:

Town Board Final Meeting of 2010:
December 30, 2010 - 5 PM.

Organizational Meeting:
January 2, 2011 - 5 PM.



**Request for Proposals: Audit
Town of Rensselaerville**

Please take notice that the Town of Rensselaerville is seeking proposals from qualified accountants and/or accounting firms to conduct an audit of the Town's financial records for the Town's 2010 fiscal year and to prepare the 2010 Annual Update Document (AUD) for submission to the NYS Comptroller. Experience in municipal accounting is preferred.

All proposals are to be in writing (5 copies) and mailed or delivered to the Town Clerk's Office on or before close of business on January 11, 2011. Please address all proposals to Town Supervisor, Town of Rensselaerville, Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120. Please contact the Town Supervisor at 518-797-3798 or 239-4225 with any questions or for further information.

Dated: December 14, 2010
Marie Dermody, Supervisor/Chief Fiscal Officer

Refuse Center Holiday Schedule

Because both Christmas Day and New Years Day fall on Saturdays this year, for your convenience the Refuse Center will have regular hours (7 AM—3:45 PM) on:

- Monday, December 27, 2010
- Monday, January 3, 2011



Please Take Notice

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

CLAM CHOWDER



AT THE MEDUSA FIRE HOUSE

**JANUARY 7th
FEBRUARY 4th
MARCH 4th**

**PICK UP AND/OR LUNCH
11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM**

**MANHATTAN OR NEW ENGLAND
CHOWDER**

\$5.00 PER QUART



PRE-ORDER OR LATE PICKUP

CALL 797-3455

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when the motion was made to move the budget to the preliminary budget at the meeting on the 26th; she did not vote.

The vote on October 26th will be corrected stating 4 Ayes and 1 Abstention (Councilwoman Cooke).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes for October 14, 2010, Regular Meeting of October 12th, Work Meeting, and Special Meetings for October 18th, 20th, 21st with no corrections and October 26th with corrections; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack.

Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)

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

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A7310.4 Rensselaerville Youth	A7140.4 Rensselaerville Playground	\$ 615.00
A4560.4 Paramedics	A8110. 4 Cemeteries	1,250.00
We budgeted for three and we have five.		
A 5010.12 highway Clerk	A Health Insurance	3,600.00

CHIPS Revenue - Supervisor Dermody mentioned that in order to pay the CHIPS, we are short \$41,000 because we only budgeted \$85,000 and we have spent \$126,000. In order to pay those bills we have to increase the revenue line. Clerk 1 Cornwall needs a copy of the award letter as well as proof of filing the application for it.

Superintendent Zeh mentioned that the paperwork is on his desk.

Lighting District - Loan - The street lighting budget lines are short. In order to get through the rest of the year, each lighting district will need will need about \$650.00. If the general fund gives them that money, how do we get it back?

Attorney Catalano, you would get it back by the special district tax revenues next year.

Supervisor Dermody, can we increase the budget line since it is already in preliminary.

Attorney Catalano, yes. You can do an inter-fund borrowing and then pay yourself back next year. We can do something at the end of the year to reserve that.

2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

ABSTRACT 2010-11 VOUCHERS BILLS:

Pre-Pays (10/25/10) - The General Fund - \$2725.27. Pre-Pays (11/26/10) General Fund - \$13,305.54; Highway Fund - \$9,027.02, Sewer District - \$58.50. Total \$22,391.06.

Abstract 11/09/10 - General Fund - \$13,802.10; Highway Fund - \$109,528.30; Lighting District - \$652.77; Sewer District - \$1,557.82; Water District - \$1,369.08. Grand Totals for 11/09/10 - \$126,910.07.

Abstract 11/10/10 - General Fund - \$1,775.00, Highway Fund - \$339.04, Agency & Trust - \$148.84. Total - \$2,262.88.1

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to pay all signed vouchers and the one Highway bill will be paid contingent upon discussion between Supervisor Dermody and Superintendent Zeh; 2nd by Councilwoman Dorner. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

CORRESPONDENCE

- Greenville Central School: January Meeting
- Judy Griffith: Commenting on Fleming Road improvements
- Claire Neutorth: A thank you and a generous donation for the Senior Bus

All correspondence is available for public viewing.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR DERMODY

- **FINANCIAL REPORT:** The Town Board reviewed the account summary, the October operating statement and the November one which is attached to the transfers.

Councilwoman Cooke asked how much more work is to be done on FEMA.

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that they are on the last road.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorner to accept the financial report; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

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- WASTE OIL COLLECTION: Supervisor Dermody did not get a report from the last collection; the next collection day will be the last Saturday of the month.
- PAYROLL AUDIT: Supervisor Dermody reported that Councilman Chase completed the September payroll audit and Councilwoman Dorner will do the October audit.
- DVD: Supervisor Dermody asked for the DVDs from Mr. Tollner.
- GPS: Supervisor Dermody reported that the Town has received a donation of a GPS, a Magellan unit for use in the senior vehicles; it was donated by Patricia Kane of Sayville, NY, who is the niece of Ann Vogel.
- POTTER HOLLOW BUILDING; The disposal of this building is about 50% complete. The ground needs to be hardened a bit in order to get the refuse out because the truck is getting stuck.
- ON STAR SAFE & SOUND PROGRAM: This program for the little car has been renewed.
- GRANT FROM NYS ARCHIVES: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that we have received the tentative awarding of a grant from the New York State Archives. We haven't gotten the final award notification yet but in filing the grant we had to submit the names of vendors who are willing to do a needs assessment for GIS service. The company out of Albany who offered the least amount of money was Bowne Management Group for \$14,000. We were approved from the State Archives for \$13,846. The problem that we have now is that we are waiting for final approval. Supervisor Dermody has been advised that these notices have recently been mailed. The needs assessment must be done before the second round of grant applications which start in February can be submitted. Supervisor Dermody is asking for authorization to sign the contract after it has been reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney. There would be no money out of our pockets.

Councilwoman Cooke asked what this is.

Attorney Catalano, GIS is an information tracking system. It provides you with a mapping system that ties your tax mapping map to your zoning map to your individual applications for land use, subdivisions, things like that; it will track the history of a property.

Supervisor Dermody, this is the first phase, a needs assessment. Then we can go to Phase 2. We are not committed to go to Phase 2 if we don't get the grant for Phase 2.

Councilwoman Cooke asked if we had to put this out to bid.

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that we didn't have to put it out for bid because it is professional services based on a grant, but we did seek quotes; we have three vendors, Supervisor has the applications.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorner authorizing Supervisor Dermody to sign the contract contingent upon the approval of the Town Attorney and that the contract be reduced to the \$13,846.00; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- THE EDMUND NILES HUYCK PRESERVE, INC.: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that we have had a request from the Preserve for a resolution supporting their grant application. Chad Jenison, Director of the Preserve explained that they are applying for a grant that will improve their existing trail system. It will focus on making the trails from the visitor's center to the lower falls bridge wheelchair and handicapped accessible by widening it and making sure the surface is firm. They will also build a small bridge over Hagemans Creek; at Lincoln Pond they will build a boardwalk at the back of the Pond.

Councilwoman Dorner asked if there is any obligation on the Town's part.

Supervisor Dermody, no, we are simply supporting the application.

Municipal Endorsement Resolution No. R11.09.10A

Councilwoman Dorner made the motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve, Inc. is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for a grant under the Recreational Trails Program for a trail project to be located at the Huyck Preserve, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Board; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town Board of Rensselaerville hereby does approve and endorse the application of The Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve, Inc. for a grant under the Recrea-

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tional Trails Program for a trial project known as "Huyck Preserve Core-Trail Access Improvement" and located within the this community.

2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- **PAY PHONES:** Supervisor Dermody mentioned that she has been investigating the pay phone situation. There is one here and one at the Preston Hollow Park. We are paying \$161.00 a month for both phones. Customer service mentioned that our yearly average per phone is 44 calls for the year. Supervisor Dermody has sent out emails to private payphone companies to see if they have any interest in providing the service at lower or no cost to the Town.
- **GREEN FIBER:** Supervisor Dermody reported that our first week was a tremendous success.
- **BUDGET MEETING:** A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to schedule a meeting for November 17, 2010 at 5 PM to discuss and vote on the 2010 Town Budget and other matters before the Board; 2nd by Councilwoman Dorner. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Attorney Catalano mentioned that the matters he needs to discuss are further down on in the agenda.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Superintendent Zeh, first he would like to give thanks to the Veterans and the freedom they fought for and secondly his condolences to Kathy Hallenbeck and her family on the passing of her mother.

- **LAST MONTH’S WORK:** They paved Siebert Road. Albany County let them borrow the widener for the shoulders. Superintendent Zeh asked if the County needs to borrow a backhoe, can this be done? Do we need to pass a resolution?

Attorney Catalano, for inter-municipal cooperative arrangements, you need to have something in writing. It is up to you to determine if it is an appropriate trade-off.

Fleming Road, the stone sub-base is completed; Camp Winsockie Road, two culverts have been installed, trimmed back some trees, completed ditching. Cooley Road, they fixed a good size washout. They have graded unpaved roads. Mike Case is moving our street signs and stop signs closer to the intersections so that emergency vehicles can see the street signs

- **ROUTE 85:** They are having budget hearings; they are only budgeting half of the money they need to do the paving that is scheduled for next year.
- **REPAIRS:** They spent about \$2700.00 last month. Some of that was for modifications that they did to the new used medium duty truck.

Supervisor Dermody asked if this is on the 2004 F550. She recalls that when we were discussing the purchase of this, she had asked if there would be any other costs incurred as a result of purchase of the truck, you told us no, except for the emblem. We have a voucher for \$1300.00. That adds to the truck that was over what was authorized.

Discussed were the items put on the truck.

- **PLOW TRUCKS:** Superintendent Zeh has a lead on a couple of plow trucks. Is there a quicker way for us to make a decision on a plow truck other than waiting for a Town Board meeting?

Attorney Catalano mentioned that the best you can do is call the Supervisor and she can call a special meeting within 48 hours.

- **LIMITED USE HIGHWAYS:** The Town Board reviewed the seasonal roads. A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorner to adopt the Highway Superintendent’s recommendation for Limited Use Highways as follows: No Maintenance December 1, 2010 to April 1, 2011 -

ROAD	FROM	TO
Edwards Hill Road	NYS Rte 145	Top of Hill
Gulf Road Extension	Gulf Road	North End of State Land
Kenyon Road	Roney Road	Albany Co. Rte 359
Rivenburg Lane	Albany C. Rte 354	Dead End
Roney Road	Last Residential Structure	Kenyon Road

ROAD	FROM	TO
	(In from Pearson Rd)	

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Scutt Road

South End of State Land

CCC Road

2nd by Supervisor Dermody.

Councilwoman Cooke asked if there is a house on that section of Kenyon Road between there and CR 359. Superintendent Zeh, No.

Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)

- HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE: Superintendent Zeh mentioned that he had eleven applicants for the highway job opening. He rated them in six different categories.
- SIEBERT ROAD: Superintendent Zeh mentioned that he will get there; he explained what he will be doing on the road.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to accept Superintendent Zeh's report; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

TOWN CLERK: Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported the following collected and paid out for the month of October 2010; Town Clerk Department - Total Collected - \$3,016.05. Paid to the Supervisor - \$810.05 (fees); Paid to the Albany County Clerk - \$10.57 (dog license); Paid to NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets - \$0.00 (spay and neutering Program); Paid to NYS Departmental Conservation - \$2,195.33 (sporting license); Paid to NYS Department of Health - \$0.00 (marriage license). Water Rents Collected - \$778.31. Sewer Rents Collected - \$2,681.94.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of October 2010; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR: CEO Overbaugh was not present to give his report.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT: Assessor Pine spoke on the Cold War Veterans explaining the periods that are eligible for this exemption. Assessor Pine also spoke on the Senior Star Exemption. If you are going to turn 65 next year, you should check to see if you qualify for the exemption.

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept the Assessors report; 2nd by Councilwoman Dorner. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE: No Report.

CURRENT EVENTS: No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

LOCAL LAW NO. 3 - DOG LICENSING AND CONTROL LAW OF THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE: Attorney Catalano mentioned that we held the Public Hearing on this proposed law. There were no comments in support or opposition of the law. The Town Board has the option to adopt it or table it. If we make any changes to it, we will have to hold another public hearing or wait until next month.

Councilwoman Cooke asked about the enumeration fee. If you have your dog licensed, why should you be charged for that money when the other people don't have a license?

Attorney Catalano mentioned that the enumeration fee would only be charged to those who have been found to have unlicensed dogs.

RESOLUTION: R11.09.10B: A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorner to adopt the following resolution as read; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack;

WHEREAS, recent amendments to the Agriculture and Markets Law that take effect on January 1, 2011, places the burden of the licensing of dogs completely on local town governments and requires a local law in order for the town governments to have the authority to implement a licensing program; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is necessary to provide a fee schedule for the licensing of dogs in order to pay for the additional administrative burden on the Town of Rensselaerville due to the State discontinuing its administration of a dog licensing program; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has accordingly introduced a local law that sets forth procedures and requirements for the licensing of dogs as well as a fee schedule in order to pay for the cost of administering such program and has held a public hearing on said law;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2010 has been duly closed prior to the introduction of this resolution and said hearing provided those who wished to be heard regarding said proposed Law a full and fair opportunity to be heard.
2. The Town Board determines that the adoption of the proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2010 is an action that is defined in the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) as a Type 11 action and, as such, nor further environmental review is required.
3. The Town Board adopts Local Law No. 3 of 2010, regarding the licensing and control of dogs in the Town of Rensselaerville.
4. The Town Board hereby orders the Town Clerk and Town Attorney complete the filing form and file Local Law No. 3 of 2010 with the Secretary of State's office as required by law.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)

LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2010 – COLD WAR VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION LAW OF THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE: Attorney Catalano read proposed Local Law 4 to the Town Board.

RESOLUTION – R110910C: A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to adopt this resolution as presented for Local Law No. 4 of 2010; 2nd by Councilwoman Dorner.

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has enacted recent amendments to the Real Property Tax Law that authorize to provide certain real property tax exemptions for Cold War Veterans defined as those that served in the United States armed forces during the time-period of September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has decided to take this opportunity to recognize the sacrifices and services provided by those veterans by enacting the tax exemptions authorized by State law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has accordingly introduced a local law that sets forth the eligibility requirements and exemptions for the Cold War Veterans who own property in the Town of Rensselaerville and has held a public hearing on said proposed law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The public hearing on proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2010 has been duly held and closed prior to the introduction of this resolution and said hearing provided those who wished to be heard regarding said proposed law a full and fair opportunity to be heard.
2. The Town Board determines that the adoption of the proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2010 is an action that is defined in the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) as a Type 11 action and, as such, nor further environmental review is required.
3. The Town Board adopts Local Law No. 4 of 2010, regarding the provision of certain tax exemption to be effective starting the 2011 tax year for eligible Cold War Veterans who own property in the Town of Rensselaerville.
4. The Town Board hereby orders that the Town Clerk and Town Attorney complete the filing form and file Local Law No. 4 of 2010 with the Secretary of State's office as required by law.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)

BUDGET – SPECIAL MEETING: A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody that a Special Meeting be set for Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at 5PM for the purposes of finalizing the 2010 Budget and other matters that may be before the Board; 2nd by Councilwoman Dorner. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

NEW BUSINESS

WATER DISTRICT RE-LEVY: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that it is for the unpaid water rents for the Water District in the amount of \$6156.03.

Councilwoman Cooke asked what is done with it.

Attorney Catalano mentioned that it is given to the County and it is added to the person's land tax bill.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to authorize the Re-levy for the Rensselaerville Water District in the amount of \$6156.03 as submitted by the Tax Collector; 2nd by Councilwoman Dorner. *Motion*

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Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)

SEWER DISTRICT RE-LEVY: This is for the unpaid sewer rents in the amount of \$6218.52.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to accept the Re-levy as presented by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$6218.52 for unpaid Sewer Rents; 2nd by Councilwoman Dorner. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Gerald Wood, Preston Hollow Fire District: asked the Highway Superintendent why Rivenburg Lane is on the seasonal road list. Mr. Wood thought that the house has been bought and someone may be living there; you should check it out before making it a seasonal road.

Superintendent Zeh mentioned that no one lives on it. He will check on this further.

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that we can modify that motion at our next meeting if we have to.

I have a question about the dog renewal, I just received my dog license renewal.

The Board mentioned to do it now before the fees go up.

Attorney Catalano mentioned the reason for the difference in the fee is that the State was providing all support help and all the Town Clerks had to do was do the paperwork and send it into the State. Now, the town clerks do all the work, the letter, tags, etc. The town will incur additional cost in purchasing items needed to run the program. We still have to give a surcharge to the State.

- Chad Jemison mentioned that the Preserve has s functioning GIS System at the research station. The Town may be able to save some funding, by sharing with the Preserve. The Board discussed this issue briefly.
- Richard Amedure: spoke on the budget concerning the raises and Superintendent Zeh's pay.
- Jost Nickelsberg: spoke relative to Gary Zeh's pay and REVAL
- Ken Cooke: mentioned that the town roads are looking very good
- Richard Tollner: spoke on the rainstorm that washed out Pond Hill Road about 4 or 5 weeks ago; he also asked if the Town Board is willing to say yes in one year's time to addressing all the comments made by Mike Conners office.

Supervisor Dermody, when the Town Board has had a chance to read the report, they will discuss it.

Attorney Catalano mentioned that the report was from 2005 to 2009; there are a lot of things noted in that report that the Town Board has already put in place.

- Jeff Pine: we need to appreciate competence; we need to appreciate a good job. Kathy Hallenbeck is dedicated, hard working and the lowest paid town clerk in the County. When we had great times, revenue coming in, records sales tax revenues, she didn't get a raise; we have the chance to make it right, I say we do it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and that Superintendent Zeh and Attorney Catalano join the Town Board; 2nd by Councilwoman Dorner.

Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to come out of Executive Session; (9:06PM) 2nd by Councilwoman Dorner. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE: A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody that we hire Charles Welch for a full time Highway Department employee effective on or before November 22, 2010 and based on a satisfactory license abstract as well as drug testing; 2nd by Councilwoman Dorner. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Dorner, Kudlack; Nays (0).*

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorner to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried.*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Deidra Andrus, Deputy Town Clerk

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

NEW DOG LICENSING PROGRAM

Effective January 1, 2011, New York State will no longer be doing the dog licensing program. Each municipality will be doing the licensing of dogs. On November 9, 2011, the Town of Rensselaerville adopted Local law No. 3 of the year 2010, a local law entitled "Dog Licensing and Control of the Town of Rensselaerville." This local law provides for the licensing and control of dogs in the Town of Rensselaerville.

If everything flows smoothly in this transition, we will be sending out notices for dog licensing renewals due in January 2011. We will not be able to license these dogs until January 1, 2011 when the law becomes effective.

New Fees: Spayed or neutered dog - \$8.00.
Unspayed or unneutered dogs - \$15.00.

When renewing please provide the Clerk with rabies information. When licensing a dog for the first time, please provide the Clerk with rabies information and spaying or neutering certificate.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 518-797-3798 or 239-4225. Local Law No. 3 is on file at the Town Clerk's office and on the Town's web site for anyone interested.

Thank you.



Volunteer News and Events

Medusa Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Monday, January 3rd, at 8:00 PM
Drill & Work Meeting: Monday, January 10th and 17th at 7:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

Happy New Year to all
Calls as of November 10th : 46

January:
3th - 7pm Company Drill
5th - 7pm Ladies Battalion
10th - 7pm Company Drill
26th - 7:30pm Company Meeting

Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, January 5th at 8:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, January 19th at 7:00PM



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

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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
Gary Zeh

Planning Board
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Kathy Wank, Secretary

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Kathy Wank, Secretary

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518-239-6715, 518-239-6710

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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
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518-765-2351

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Rensselaerville and Hilltowns, 911
518-477-9333

Hilltown Community Resource Center
518-797-5256

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