



Town of Rensselaerville

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April Town Board Minutes Summary

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 9th day of April, 2009 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Nickelsberg and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Jost Nickelsberg, Councilman Gary Chase, Councilwoman Marie Dermody, Councilman J. Robert Lansing, Councilwoman Sherri Pine, Highway Superintendent G. Jon Chase, Town Attorney Joseph Catalano, Town Clerk Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

There were 36 interested citizens present.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: There were no comments from the audience at this time.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 12, 2009; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

TRANSFERS: No transfers were received from the Bookkeeper.

Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that a letter was received from the CPA concerning payment. They will not do any further work unless they receive 50% of the remaining \$6000.00.

The Town Board discussed the funding that has been put into CDs for legal issues. There is about \$21,540.00 in the CD for legal issues. They would like to cash it out and put it in that line item for the CPA. If the funding is not all used, put it back in a CD.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to cash in the General Insurance CD that is presently at \$21,540.11 (dated March 31) and put it in line item A1320.4 Independent Auditing; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg to pay 50% of what we owe for the Risk Analysis to the CPA firm which would be \$3000 from the CD that we cash which would be about \$21,000; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

VOUCHERS/BILLS: WARRANT 2009-04

General Fund - \$56,378.76; Highway Fund - \$21,719.87; FEMA - \$15,718.32; Lighting Fund - \$573.49; Sewer Fund - \$5,779.99; Water Fund - \$5,589.23. Total - \$105,760.16.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to pay all signed vouchers; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Jon Whitbeck, Recycling Coordinator, would like the Town Board to appoint Ed Pizzigati as one of the substitute recycling coordinators to take over for him when he is not here.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to appoint Ed Pizzigati as a substitute recycling Coordinator for the Recycling Department; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that we have a copy of the An-

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Library Bookmark

The Board of Trustees and Staff of the Rensselaerville Library would like to extend a big thank you to all of our friends and neighbors who supported us at our recent Cocktail Party. The overwhelming generosity of the community is part of what makes Rensselaerville the special place that it is, and the Library greatly appreciates your support.

Our newly redesigned web page is up and running! Visit us on the web at www.rensselaervillelibrary.org. (NOTE: This is a new domain name.) You can check your library account, renew items, and order items off of the Upper Hudson Catalog to be picked up at your convenience. You can also keep apprised of the latest Library acquisitions, as well news and events.

First Friday Movies Continue: Please join us at **Conkling Hall on Friday, June 5 at 6:30P.M.** for *Paul Blart: Mall Cop*. When a shopping mall is overtaken by a gang of organized crooks, it is up to the mild-mannered security guard to save the day. Runtime: 91 minutes. Rated PG for some violence, mild crude and suggestive humor, and language.

Join us also for our new **Second Saturday Movie Series at Conkling Hall on Saturday, June 13 at 7:00P.M.** **Movie and further details to be announced.** Stay tuned to the new Library website, www.rensselaervillelibrary.org, for details.

Summer is finally here! Once again, the Library will run the **New York State Summer Reading Program** for children of all ages. This year's themes are "Be Creative @ Your Library" and "Express Yourself @ Your Library". We will kick off the program with a **Sign-up Party on Saturday, June 20 at 10:00A.M.**, to be immediately followed by a drop-in **Craft Hour at 11:00A.M.** Each child who signs up for the program will receive a free book. Interested children and teens can also sign up for the Summer Reading Program online at www.rensselaervillelibrary.org.



Staff:

Candy Wilson, Director;
Katie Caprio, Assistant;
Barbara Husek, Assistant;
Zachary Wellstood, Page

The next **Library Board meeting** is on **Monday, June 15th at 7:00P.M.**

Library Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday: 10:00 AM to Noon, 4:00-9:00 PM

Thursday & Friday: 4:00-9:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00-1:00 PM



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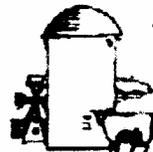
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Friday, June 5: First Friday Movie, Children's entertainment sponsored by the library at 6:30 PM. Children \$1.00; Adults \$2.00.

Saturday, June 13: Second Saturday Grown-Up Movie. A special ARTIST'S CHOICE: Katherine Dieckmann will present one of her favorite movies and tell us why she likes it so much. 7:00 PM, Admission \$2.00.

Friday, June 19: Noteworthy Coffeehouse. Doors Open at 7:30 PM. Music at 8:00 PM. Coffee and sweets available. Admission: \$10.00.

Tuesday, June 23: TEEN DANCE sponsored by Azalea Blossoms, Inc. as a benefit for SAFE Through the Arts. DJ is Richard Tollner. 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Refreshments will be for sale. \$5.00 admission.

Pilates: Saturdays 9 - 10 AM Mat class. Strengthen your abdominals, gain long, lean muscles and work with good alignment. Appropriate for all levels. Open to all. Call Sarah Nelson-Weiss 239 - 6825 for more information.

Yoga: Tuesdays 9 - 10:15 AM. Move, breathe and relax. Good for what ails you. Open to all. Please call Sarah Nelson-Weiss at 239-0825 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.



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DO NOT MISS THE VILLAGE VOICES CONCERT. SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 4:00 PM. We are so fortunate to have a fine ensemble of our friends and neighbors. A wonderful program of Dvorzak and Purcell. \$5.00. Held at the Presbyterian Church.



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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.

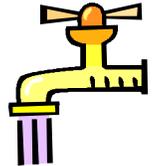
Senior Van: Tuesday: Bryant's Center, Greenville
Thursday: Cobleskill (Wal-Mart)
Monday, Wednesday and Friday: Van is available to travel to doctor appointments. Call Ann Vogel at 797-3376 regarding scheduling and/or arranging for van pick up.

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.

Rensselaerville Water District

The Consumer Confidence Report has been completed by the Albany County Department of Health and will be mailed by first class mail to all water users by the end of May.



If you do not receive this report in a timely manner, contact the Town Clerk's Office and a copy will be mailed to you.

Support Your Farmers!

We now have two Markets in our town for your convenience!

**Fridays 4-7 pm
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From May 22



**Saturdays
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Rensselaerville

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From June 13

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. Extra Helpings has changed the prices and the menus being offered. Anyone is welcome to purchase any or all of the package options. The menu for each month's Extra Helpings' offerings will still be published one month in advance. June's Extra Helpings menus are as follows:

June's Regular menu: \$21.00

- 1.5 lbs. Bacon-wrapped Pork Medallions
- 2 lb. bag Chicken Tenders
- 3 lbs. pkg. Sweet Italian Sausage Rope
- 1 lb. 90% Lean Ground Beef
- 1 pint Grape Tomatoes
- 1 pint Fresh Blueberries

Special #1: \$ 13.50

- 1 lb. box I.Q.F. Butterfly Breaded Shrimp (16/20 count)

Special # 2: \$ 15.50 PASTA BOX

- 18 oz. Stuffed Shells
- 12 oz. Sundried Tomato Stuffed Shells

- 12 oz. Spinach Stuffed Rigatoni
- 13 oz. Lg. Round Ravioli
- 16 oz. Tri-color Tortellini
- 13 oz. Potato and Cheese Pierogi
- 18 oz. Manicotti
- 2 qts. Casa Visco Spaghetti Sauce

Special #3: \$32.00 MEAT BOX

- 3 lbs. 90% Lean Ground Beef (3 - 1 lb. pkgs.)
- 2.5 lbs. IQF Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breast
- 2 lbs. Sweet Italian Sausage Rope
- 3 lbs. Salisbury Steaks
- 2.5 lbs. Gourmet Meatballs / fully cooked

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

PLEASE NOTE: Orders with payment are due at the HCRC office by June 5th for pick-up on **June 23, 2009**. HCRC distributes Extra-Helpings at the Rensselaerville Firehouse from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. and at St. Bernadette's Church in Berne from 11:30 to 12:00 p.m. on delivery days. The pick-up site must be noted with each order. 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.



We are citizens of various party affiliations interested in promoting ethical, honest, and competent local government in the Town of Rensselaerville.

We support the election of officials who put the Town and its citizens **FIRST** regardless of party affiliation!

The most important thing you can do to improve Town Government is to **VOTE** for change this November. If you are not registered to vote in Rensselaerville you can find the forms you need at the Albany County Clerk's office. Links to all the forms for your use can be found on our website (URL below). You can reach us by standard postal mail, e-mail, or telephone. If you haven't received our May newsletter it is available on our website or contact us for a copy.

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

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

Notes from the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park

Much has been going on at the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park in Preston Hollow. The Little League has been real busy. The grass is mowed beautifully. There are some new picnic tables, and the pavilion floor has been pressure washed.

Start making your summer plans! There will be music in the park every Friday night during July and August. Come and be entertained by the Ghost Riders.

If you wish to reserve the pavilion for a party or other special occasion, please call Rosemary Donato at 239-4895.

Submitted by Clara Potter





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 Mass

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The Town Clerk's Office will close at 11:00am on June 26th to attend the County Town Clerk's meeting.

RENSELAERVILLE GRIST MILL MUSEUM OPENS FOR SUMMER

Janet Haseley, edhase@aol.com (mailto:edhase@aol.com)

The Rensselaerville Grist Mill Museum will open for the summer season on Saturday, May 23, with a bake sale and guided tours of the Mill. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 23 and thereafter the Saturday hours will be noon to 2 p.m. through Labor Day weekend. The Mill will also be open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until mid-October. There is no charge to visit.

The Grist Mill Museum has an extensive archive of genealogy records and ledgers, wills, photos, and other historical items from the Town of Rensselaerville's past. Wednesdays are the best days for genealogy researchers to visit because Wednesday is the day that the Research Group meets each week and there will be several knowledgeable volunteers on hand to help visitors find information.

The Rensselaerville Grist Mill is the only remaining mill of 29 water-powered mills that once were in the township of Rensselaerville and tours are always available during hours the Mill is open.

One of the new exhibit items is a large oil portrait of Addison Cook Niles who was born in Rensselaerville on July 22, 1832 in the Rensselaerville house now known as "The Manse" (near the Rensselaerville fire house on the present Rt. 85). He went to Nevada City, California, in the 1850s and never returned to Rensselaerville. He was a lawyer, served on the California Supreme Court from 1872 through 1880, and died in San Francisco on January 17, 1890. The California town of Niles (now part of the city of Fremont) was named for him. More information about the portrait and Addison's life will be on exhibit with the portrait and will also be published in the spring edition of the Rensselaerville Historical Society newsletter, The Rensselaerville Press.

Donations of baked goods for the Bake Sale will be appreciated. They can be brought to the Mill at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 23, or arrangements can be made for an earlier day or time by calling Marion Williams at 797-5016 or Irene Olson at 239-4345.

Potter Hollow Union Church News

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

Sunday Morning Activities

Morning Worship
 10am

Mustard Seed Coffee Hour & Adult
 Bible study
 11:30am

Youth Bible Hour
 11:30am

Thursday Night Bible Study
 6:30pm - call for location



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 April 7th-June 23rd
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 6pm-8:30pm

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Classes will be facilitated by Carol Miles. Carol was a pastor wife for 28 years, before loosing her husband to cancer, and learning to deeper rely on Jesus her one and only. Carol is a mother of three, her two sons both now serving in the pastorate.



Free Community Party!

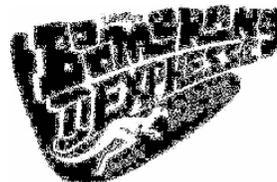
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Volunteer News and Events Medusa Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Monday, June 1st, at 8:00 PM
Drill & Work Meeting: Monday June 8th and 15th at 7:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

The days are beautiful in the summer SUN, won't you join us, help neighbors & have fun?
Calls as of May 6, 2009: 22

June:

- 1st - 7 pm Company Drill
- 3rd - 7pm Ladies Battalion
- 8th - 7pm Company Drill
- 21st - 8 am-11 am Fathers Day Breakfast
- 24th - 7:30pm Company Meeting

Special Events - June:

6/21 - 8 am to 11 am The 2nd annual FATHER'S DAY Pancake Breakfast!!
Bring Dad out for a special treat on father's day!!!

Looking into the future:

- 9/12 - Begin Hill-town Resource Center FOOD DRIVE
- 9/20 - 8 am to 11 am - Battalion Pancake Breakfast.
- Meet up with your neighbor's for a social breakfast

Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, June 3rd at 8:00PM



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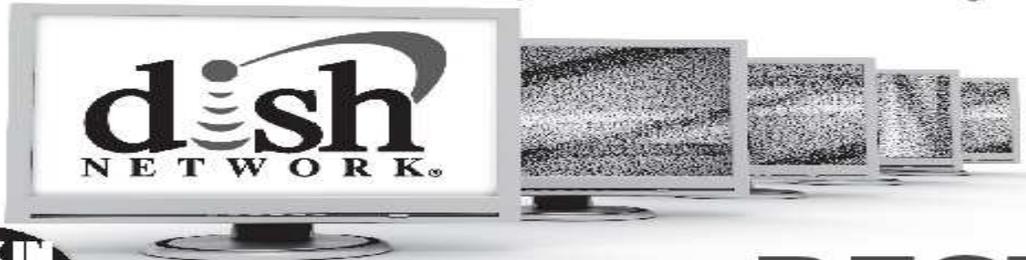
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April Town Board Minutes Summary

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nual Report for 2008 that we are about to send into the Comptroller's office. The Town Board discussed the Annual Financial Report. There are a couple of items that need to be checked with the Bookkeeper before it is sent in. Supervisor Nickelsberg will discuss these items with Bookkeeper Cornwell.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Superintendent Chase read the following report;

1. We are working on patching the holes in roads throughout the town. This will take some time, but if we miss some, let us know.
2. Sweeping off the intersections and roads is being done with a rental sweeper. We are working with the county on that.
3. We have compiled information from the December 2008 ice storm. Our PACPAL for our area took back our information and will return this week for more. The goal is to have the work and bookwork done by the end of April. The overtime the men are working will be paid by FEMA so the work can be done in the time frame allowed. It must be done by June 1st.
4. I have called and submitted projects for the Stimulus Package. I will check on this progress before the next meeting.
5. The various bids submitted have been looked over and are ready for decisions.
6. I am asking for permission to attend the Highway School in Cornell in June with expense reimbursement. It runs from Sunday night May 31, 2009 until Wednesday afternoon, June 3, 2009.
7. Discussion about change in the Pearson Road culvert project.
8. Report on Water District work done by the highway department.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody authorizing Superintendent Chase attend the Cornell Highway School, May 31 to June 3, 2009; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Nickelsberg NA, Councilman Chase AYE, Councilwoman Dermody AYE, Councilman Lansing AYE, Councilwoman Pine AYE,

BIDS - STONE, SAND, SLUICE PIPE, GAS, OIL, ETC.

Superintendent Chase had prepared a comparison of the bidders and projects bid out and explained the comparison to the Town Board. Supervisor Nickelsberg asked how these bids compare to the County bid prices.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to award the bid to Carver Sand & Gravel LLC, 494 Western Turnpike, Altamont, NY 12009 the low bidder for the following items:

Screenings, 1B washed, 1A washed, 1ST Washed, 1 & 2 Mixed, 2, 3A, 3, 5 railroad ballast, Stone Fill Light, Stone Fill Medium, Stone Fill Heavy, Gabion Stone, Crusher, Stone Blend, Road Sand, Rip Rap, Blue Shale, Screened Gravel, Gravel, 403.11 Base Course, 403.13 Binder Course, 403.1701 Top Course Marshall 6F, 403.18 Top Course 7, 403.1901 Top Course Marshall 7F; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Nickelsberg NA, Councilman Chase AYE, Councilwoman Dermody AYE, Councilman Lansing AYE, Councilwoman Pine AYE

A motion was made Councilwoman Dermody to accept the bid from Callanan Industries, Inc. P.O. Box 15097, Albany, NY 12212 for 403.201 Winter Mix Cold Patch; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Nickelsberg NA, Councilman Chase AYE, Councilwoman Dermody AYE, Councilman Lansing AYE, Councilwoman Pine AYE

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the bid from Cobleskill Stone Products, Inc., P.O. Box 220, Cobleskill, NY 12043 for 403.201 Winter Mix Cold Patch; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Nickelsberg NA, Councilman Chase AYE, Councilwoman Dermody AYE, Councilman Lansing AYE, Councilwoman Pine AYE

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the bid from Chemung Supply Corporation, P.O. 527, Elmira, NY 14902 for woven; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Nickelsberg NA, Councilman Chase AYE, Councilwoman Dermody AYE, Councilman Lansing AYE, Councilwoman Pine AYE

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the bid from The Gorman Group, Gorman Brothers Inc., Church Street, Port of Albany, Albany, NY 12202 for emulsion dust layer, road oil, liquid calcium and asphalt emulsions; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Nickelsberg NA, Councilman Chase AYE, Councilwoman Dermody AYE, Council-

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man Lansing AYE, Councilwoman Pine AYE

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the bid from Town & County Bridge and Rail, P.O. Box 16395, Albany, NY 12212 for the new and used guide rail material; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Nickelsberg NA, Councilman Chase AYE, Councilwoman Dermody AYE, Councilman Lansing AYE, Councilwoman Pine AYE

The Town Board discussed at length the cost of the fuel, fixed versus fluctuating cost.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg to accept the bid from Main-Care Energy, P.O. Box 11029, Albany, NY for mid-grade gasoline, diesel fuel, #2 fuel; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A vote was taken and unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the bid from Main-Care Energy for a service contract on each heating unit for \$399.00 per unit; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept Superintendent Chase's monthly report; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Pearson Road - Superintendent Chase is going to have Attorney Catalano discuss this issue.

Attorney Catalano mentioned that since this concerns negotiations, he would like to discuss it in executive session plus he has an enforcement issue to discuss. This will be done at the end of the meeting.

TOWN CLERK: Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported the following collected for the month of March 2009; Total collected for the Town Clerk's Department - \$1063.40, Paid to the Supervisor (fees) - \$689.00, Paid to Albany County (Dog Lic.) - \$11.75, Paid to NYS Ag. & Markets (spay/neutering program) - \$3.00, Paid to NYS Environmental Conservation (Sport Lic) - \$314.65, Paid to NYS Department of Health (Marriage Lic.) - \$45.00. Water Rents collected - \$6975.80. Sewer Rents Collected - \$1259.98.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of March 2009; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Catalano mentioned that he has nothing to report at this time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Code Enforcement Officer Overbaugh reported the following: 1 new home construction, 1 commercial new construction, 1 accessory building, 1 building repairs, and 1 building new accessory. CEO Overbaugh also reported that the roof shingles of the Town Hall addition are basically in good shape, but there are some places where the plywood joints together are starting to lift up which will cause premature failure to the shingles. The primary thing to start with is to do the ceiling and get the right insulation in the right places and a put in some roof vents.

Councilwoman Dermody asked if we received any response from the newsletter article looking for volunteer workers. No responses were received. Councilwoman Dermody asked Supervisor Nickelsberg if he has checked with the insurance company to see if volunteer workers are covered by insurance. Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that we have done it in the past and they are covered.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to accept Code Enforcement Officer Overbaugh's monthly report; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT: Assessor Pine reported that they have begun reassessing. We have had our first foreclosure in many months; it was not related to the economy. If you have any questions, please stop in at the assessing office.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Assessor's monthly report; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: No report.

CURRENT EVENTS

There will be a Blood Drive on April 18, 2009, 7:30 AM to 12 Noon at the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Building.

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The Medusa Fire Department will hold their last breakfast on Saturday.

Poetry reading at Conkling Hall on April 18th.

April 18th Presbyterian Church at Conkling Hall - One Great Hour of Sharing.

Tax Day - Tea Party - April 15th in Greenville, Albany, Washington, and Atlanta.

WIND POWER COMMITTEE: Noel Abbott reported that the Committee has voted to recommend to the Town Board an extension to the six-month moratorium that is due to end June 3rd. The Committee voted to recommend a 3-month extension to the moratorium for non-commercial wind and a 12-month extension for large scale commercial wind. The Committee gave a brief summary of what they have been doing. They will have more information on these issues at their informational meeting on May 5th.

BOARD OF ETHICS: Georgette Koenig reported that she and Diana Hinchcliff will co-chair the Board of Ethics; they will have a rotating secretary. They would like the Town Board to set up an email address. Their meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Town Hall. They will need a key and code access to the Town Hall in case they run past 9 PM. The committee is presently working on forms to make claims.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to give Dianna Hinchcliff and Georgette Koenig access to the building with a key and code; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to accept the Ethics Board report; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

BUS & VAN: The old van was discussed briefly. Bookkeeper Cornwell did a cost analysis on the bus; it cost us \$1.05 per mile to run. Bob Bolte went to the Town of Westerlo Board meeting concerning them using the bus. They are in favor of it and are willing to give the Town of Rensselaerville up to \$5000.00 a year to help pick up some of their senior citizens. The Town of Westerlo has no plans to purchase their own bus.

Mr. Bolte mentioned that he received a call from Senator Breslin and he got a \$15,000.00 for the Town for the purchase of a mini-van or whatever we want to purchase. We still have to go through the process and the paperwork needs to fill out.

Attorney Catalano mentioned that we will need a written agreement between the Town of Rensselaerville and Westerlo to share the bus. He will contact the Westerlo Town Attorney and work on an agreement. On the smaller van, it will require a request of bids. You have to come up with specifications on what the Board would want. The agreement with the Town of Westerlo and the purchase of a small van were discussed at length.

BIDS - PARKS - MOWING & PORTABLE TOILETS - TOWN HALL - MOWING

Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that we have the bids that were due today for the Town; she would like to make a motion to reschedule the opening of these bids for a special meeting on April 16th so that the bids that were requested for the Preston Hollow Park have been collected and we will invite the Park Committee in so we can open them all at the same time.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to reschedule the opening of the bids for mowing of the parks, portable toilets, and mowing of the Town Hall grounds for a Special Meeting on April 16, 2009 at 7 PM at the Town Hall; no other bids will be accepted by the Town; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

CLERK1/BOOKKEEPER - PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that there is a discrepancy between the payroll schedule on the Organizational Meeting minutes versus the clerk agreement.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody that we amend the Clerk 1/Bookkeeper agreement to a weekly payment schedule to be in line with the determination of the Organization Meeting of January 1, 2009; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Councilwoman Dermody will e-mail Clerk1/Bookkeeper Cornwell a copy of the amended agreement. Supervisor Nickelsberg was given a copy of the amended document.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE: Ray Welsh Letter: Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that Supervisor Nickelsberg was going to write a letter to all members of boards and committees thanking them for their volunteer service but reminding them that their attendance is important for the forward movement of the board business. This has not yet been done. This topic was discussed briefly.

WATER COOLER/WATER SERVICE: Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that at our last meeting we talked about

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Chris's Coffee Service letting us buy the water coolers for \$90.00 each. The concern was the life span and condition of the coolers. If we choose to buy them both for \$180.00 (rental fee is \$250.00 a year), if either one of them required service, they would provide labor and mileage free of charge. The only thing we would have to pay for is parts.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody that we buy outright the 2 water coolers and our lease with the understanding that Chris's Coffee Service provides the labor and mileage free and we pay for parts; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

COMPUTER BACKUP: Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that we talked last month about subscribing to iDrive as an online backup service at \$49.95 a month or \$499.00 a year and give it a 90-day trial. In the interim, we got a proposal from Radical Systems and she requested that we invite Radical Systems to our April 16, 2009 Special Meeting to discuss this proposal. Radical Systems is willing to provide us with online backup service for \$10.00 a week.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody that Arnie Cavallaro, Radical Systems, be added to our agenda for the special meeting to be held on April 16th to discuss their proposal for backup; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

PETTY CASH: Councilwoman Dermody asked how the petty cash fund is working. It is working fine.

PAYROLL AUDIT: Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that Deputy Supervisor Tollner is doing a monthly payroll audit. She would like to make a formal request that the Town Board be given a monthly payroll audit report.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody that the Town Board be given a written monthly payroll report from Deputy Supervisor Tollner; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

THERMOSTATS : Councilwoman Dermody asked where we are with the thermostats? We need to know if it is legal for volunteers to do the work.

Attorney Catalano, volunteers are legal as long as we have checked with the insurance carrier and they say it is fine. Supervisor Nickelsberg will call again and ask this question.

NEW BUSINESS

CLEANING: Cleaning of the Town Hall was discussed. Councilwoman Pine mentioned that she found someone in Greenville who quoted \$20.00 per hour; she cleans houses. Councilwoman Pine asked her to call and set up an appointment to look over the building and get a quote to us for cleaning.

PHONE SYSTEM - CORNERSTONE: Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that she has had a couple of conversations with our new account manager at CornerStone; he checked on our history of phone use in the Town and he mentioned that we don't need unlimited calling on our phones. He suggested that all of those lines get knocked down to \$9.95 a month, charge us \$0.015 a minute for local call and \$0.041 cents per minute for long distance. They will give us one month free of line charges and a second month for resigning. It is estimated that we will save \$125.00 a month on our phone bill.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody that we authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with CornerStone Telephone Company for a three-year extension on our contract; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WATER & COMPUTER COLLECTION DAY - MAY 2, 2009

The Town of Bethlehem is offering a Household Hazardous Waste & Computer Collection Day on May 2, 2009. If we decide to participate in the program, the people wishing to bring items to the Town of Bethlehem site must get a coupon from the Town Clerk's Office.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract with the Town of Bethlehem for their Hazardous Waste & Computer Collection Day to be held on May 2, 2009 in the Town of Bethlehem; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

WIND POWER - EXTEND MORATORIUM: Attorney Catalano mentioned that at the request of the Wind Power Committee who felt that they needed more time to study the issue and provide recommendations. Attorney Catalano

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presented to the Town Board a local law that will extend the existing moratorium which will expire on June 3, 2009. This law will take effect on June 3rd extending a moratorium on non-commercial and residential for 3 months and 12 month moratorium extension on all commercial applications.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to introduce Local Law No. 1 for 2009, based on a three-month extension for non-commercial and a 12-month extension on commercial wind conversion systems; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to hold a Public Hearing on Local Law No. 1 of the year 2009, Moratorium Law of 2009 of the Town of Rensselaerville for 7 PM on May 14, 2009 at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, prior to the regular Town Board meeting; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

SPECIAL MEETING - APRIL 16, 2009 - BIDS - MOWING & PORTABLE TOILETS

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg to hold a Special Meeting on April 16, 2009, 7 PM at the Town Hall to open and/or awards bids for the mowing and trimming of the parks, mowing and trimming of the Town Hall grounds, portable toilets for the parks, and the quote from Radical Systems for computer backup; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Items discussed during the audience comment period were: Superintendent's conference, cleaning of the building, stimulus money, cocoa mulch, and a compliment to the Wind Power Committee for the professional and diligent manner concerning the wind power information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and an enforcement issue; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg. (9:40 PM)

A vote was taken and unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to come out of Executive Session; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody. (10PM)

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

PEARSON ROAD CULVERT PROJECT: Attorney Catalano mentioned that the Town Board had awarded the bid for the Pearson Road Culvert Project to Dan's Hauling and Demolition; that company has defaulted on the bid requirements with respect to the contract, no performance bond or certificate of insurance. Therefore it is no longer a viable bid. The Town Board should make a motion to rescind the notice of bidding award to Dan's Hauling and demolition.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg to rescind the contract notice of awards with Dan's Hauling and Demolition; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Attorney Catalano mentioned that the Town's option is to go to the next lowest bidder which is Schoenecker Construction Company LLC, 106 Farm Lane, Schoharie, NY 12157. They must comply with the bid requirements within 10 days of awarding the bid.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to award the bid to Schoenecker Construction Company, LLC for the Pearson Road Culvert Project, giving them 10 days to comply with the bid requirements; 2nd by Councilman Lansing.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Attorney Catalano mentioned that we should make a motion to award the bid to the next lowest bidder if Schoenecker Construction Company LLC cannot comply with the bid requirements that the Town Engineer be authorized to send a notice of award to the next lowest bidder.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase that if Schoenecker Construction Company LLC is unable to comply with the bid requirements that the Town Engineer be authorized to send a Notice of Award to the next lowest bidder; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Councilman Chase to adjourn the meeting at 10:10PM; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg. Motion Carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Town Clerk

NOTE: Full Town Board Minutes can be found on the Town website (www.rensselaerville.com) or at the Town Hall.

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
Wednesdays 10am - 12 pm
Home office 7 days 7:30am - 10:30pm

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

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Jost Nickelsberg

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Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

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Albany, NY 12248
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County Legislature, 39th Dist.
Alexander (Sandy) Gordon
144 Beebe Road, Berne, NY 12023
518-872-2602

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

Rensselaerville Fire Company, 911
Social Number - 797-3218

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

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

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

Albany County Sheriff, 911
518-765-2351

State Police
Rensselaerville and Hilltowns, 911
518-477-9333

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