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April 2011 Town Board Minutes Summary

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 12th day of April, 2011 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Dermody and the roll was called with the following results:

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

ABSENT: Councilman Gary Chase

Also present were Superintendent Gary Zeh and 47 interested citizens present.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

- Gerald Wood- the funding received from them is to go to the ALS Program.
- Richard Amedure- possible violation of the open meetings law & other violations of law
- Margaret Sedlmeir- pressure washer issue
- K. B. Cooke- pay the highway superintendent the \$10,000.00 in last year's budget for highway clerk
- Mr. Bowdish- thank Gary and his crew for by doing one tremendous job
- Jost Nickelsberg- thank Gary Zeh for helping us keep our taxes down and our roads fit to travel on; stop harassing him
- Richard Tollner- run the Town "like a business"

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on March 8, 2011, the Work Meeting of March 3, 2011; Public Hearing of March 3, 2011; 2nd by Supervisor Dermody.

Correction was made to the March 3rd meeting indicating that it was Councilman Bolte who spoke to the Department of Health

*A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to approve the March 3rd Work Meeting minutes as amended; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

Correction was made to the March 8th meeting to add the words "from that point forward" to her motion to make the Highway Superintendent follow the procurement policy

Correction was made to indicate that the motion did not carry.

*A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the March 8th Regular Town Board Meeting as amended; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes, (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

*A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing held on March 3, 2011; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

TRANSFERS: *A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to make the following transfer:

From	To	Amount
SS8110.4 Sewer Administration	SS8130.4 Sewer Treat/Disp.	\$61.60

To pay Central Hudson

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

ABSTRACT 2011-04 -VOUCHERS, BILLS: The General Fund - 91,604.58; Highway Fund - 37,198.92; Lighting Districts - \$632.27; Sewer District - \$528.71; Water District - \$790.28; Fire Protection District (Rensselaerville) - \$50,000.00, Trust & Agency - \$809.20. Grand Total

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*Library Bookmark**What's New?***Weekend Film Series at Conkling Hall:**

Please note that June movie for children will return to Friday night.

Friday, June 10 at 6:30P.M. - *Gnomeo and Juliet*. Runtime: min. Rated: G

Saturday, June 11 at 7P.M. - *The Kings Speech* Runtime: 119min. Rated: R

Suggested donations: \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Snacks and drinks also available for purchase.

Students, Need Help Preparing for Final Exams? The library is offering free tutoring after school. The tutors are certified teachers of various grades and subjects. If you are interested in this program, please call the library (797-3949) or visit the web site at www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/?page_id=236 with the following information: name, grade, and phone number of interested student, the subject(s) for which tutoring is required, the days of the week (M-F) that the student is available to come to the Rensselaerville Library for after-school tutoring. If you are interested in becoming one of our tutors, please call the library.

June 2 at 6:30pm - Zach Wellstood will provide a program about linguistics and language and how he created his own.

Financial Management Workshops at the Library offered by Maria DeLucia-Evans of Cornell Cooperative extension. **June 9 at 6:30pm** "Making Ends Meet", an overview of developing and using a household spending plan. **June 23, at 6:30pm** "Control Credit, Manage Debt" provides strategies for selecting and using credit wisely, paying down debt and understanding a credit report. Light refreshments will be provided.

Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest Workshop June 21 at 1pm at the Library. Discover your roots with Kim Graff who will provide an overview of these databases and how to access them on the Library computers.

The Library's **Annual Cocktail Party** is **June 25th**, 5-8pm at Stonecrop Estate Home, Rensselaerville Meeting Center. Tickets are \$20 and cash bar.

Summer Reading Program registration begins June 27 check the web site for more details.

READ with Helen of Troy a Therapy Dogs, Inc therapy dog - check the Library's calendar for the next date of her visit.

Saturday Story Time - No Story Time until the Fall.

The next **Festival of Writers** will take place **July 28-31, 2011**. Brochures and registration forms are available in the Library or visit the Library's website for more information. You can email the planning committee - Festival@rensselaervillelibrary.org.

The Library is located at 1459 County Route 351 (Main St.), Rensselaerville. One street parking or along Methodist Hill Rd. If you would like to contact the Library Director by email please feel free to do so - director@rensselaervillelibrary.org



The next **Library Board meeting** is on **Monday, May 16th at 7:00P.M.**

Open to the Public

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

Library Hours:

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

*Thursday & Friday:
4:00—9:00 PM*

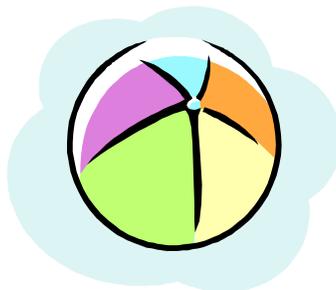
*Saturday:
9:00-1:00 PM*

rensselaervillelibrary.org

Staff:
Kim Graff,
Director

Katie Caprio,
Library Technician

Zachary Wellstood,
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Conkling Hall—What's On In June

SATURDAY, JUNE 4: Founder's Day. Look for celebrations in town.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10: Children's Movie: "Gnomeo and Juliet" at 6:30 PM. Suggested donation \$1.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11: Movie for GrownUps: "The King's Speech" at 7:00 PM. Admission \$2. BYO treats.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16: "Conkling Café" hosted by Peter Michael Boudreaux. Come hear musicians from near and far. Musicians arrive 7 - 7:30 PM. Music follows. Coffee and treats available. Free Will Offering.

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

YOGA: Tuesdays 9 - 10:15 AM. Move, breathe, relax. Good for what ails you. Open to all.

For class information call Sarah Nelson Weiss 518 239 6825.

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



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



July 28-31, 2011

FESTIVAL OF WRITERS: A SENSE OF PLACE

To benefit the Rensselaerville Library

READINGS | WORKSHOPS | BOOK SIGNINGS | EXHIBITS | FILM | DRAMATIC READING
HIKE THE HUYCK PRESERVE | VISIT THE WATERFALL | STROLL HISTORIC MAIN STREET

Featuring: HELEN BENEDICT, TIM CAHILL, NICK FLYNN, JEAN CRAIGHEAD GEORGE,
TWIG GEORGE, VERLYN KLINKENBORG, BARRY KUHAR, SUZANNAH LESSARD,
MARY MORRIS, HOWARD NELSON, STEPHEN O'CONNOR, FRANCINE PROSE, DONNA
SCHAPER, MARY TANNEN, RODERICK & WYATT TOWNLEY, AND MARIA TUCCI

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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.

Please Take Notice

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on Monday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day

Volunteer News and Events

Medusa Volunteer Fire Department

Monthly Meeting: Monday, June 6th, at 7:30PM
Company Drill: Monday, June 13th, at 7:00 PM
Work Night: Monday, June 20th at 7:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

Calls as of May 10, 2011: 20

MEMBERS NEEDED - Please join us at a meeting or drill...there is a job for everyone!

June:

1st - 7:00 pm Ladies Battalion Meeting
6th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
13th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
19th - 8-11 am - Father's Day Breakfast
29th - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

Special Events

- 6/19 - Join us for our Father's Day Breakfast - 8:00 am - 11:00 am

July:

11th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
18th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
27th - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department

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

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, June 15th at 7:00PM



Extra Helpings Food Buying Club — Available to Everyone

JUST A REMINDER THAT THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST CHANCE TO ORDER. THE EHP PROGRAM WILL BE ENDING AS OF JULY-2011

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. The final Extra Helpings menus are as follows:

Extra Helpings Menu: \$21.00

- 1.25 lbs. Turkey Tenderloin
- 1 lb. pkg. Canadian Bacon
- 3 lb. Bag I.Q.F. Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breast
- 1 lb. pkg. Salmon Burgers (4-1/4 lb. Burgers)
- 1 Pint Grape Tomatoes
- 1 Pint Fresh Blueberries

Special #1: \$13.50

5 lb. Block White American Sliced Cheese

Special # 2: \$15.50 (Pastas pre-packed in 1 box)

- 18 oz. Stuffed Shells
- 12 oz. Sun Dried Tomato Stuffed Rigatoni
- 12 oz. Spinach Stuffed Rigatoni
- 13 oz. Large Round Ravioli
- 16 oz. Tri Color Tortellini
- 18 oz. Manicotti
- 13 oz. Pierogies w/Potato, Swiss & Jack Cheese
- 2 (1qt.) Casa Visco Spaghetti Sauce

Meat Box: \$32.00

- 2 lbs. Beef Chuck Pot Roast
- 3 lbs. IQF Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breast
- 2 lb. Sweet Italian Sausage Rope (2/1 lb.)
- 3 lbs. Pepper Steaks (8/6oz.)
- 2 lbs. Bulk Breakfast Sausage (4-8 oz. rolls)

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

PLEASE NOTE: Orders *with payment* are due at the HCRC office by **June 9th** for pick-up on **June 28th**. 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.

TRY OUR
****NEW ITEM****
SALMON BURGERS
This item can be found in the
Extra Helpings Menu



Waste Oil Collection Day:

Saturday, May 28th
 Saturday, June 25th
 7AM—Noon

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You are cordially invited to attend

Founder's Day

Saturday, June 4
4:00 pm
Catalpa House front lawn
Main Street
Rensselaerville

Founder's Day is the day in which the community gives recognition to a person who has made a significant difference to the quality of life in Rensselaerville community.

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RHDA
Rensselaerville Historic District Association
 A Green-to-Save Community

Middleburgh Library Happenings

Drop-in Storytime - No Storytime in June.

6/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinee - Celebrating Fathers- 6/1 "I Am Sam" (PG-13) - 6/8 "Cheaper By The Dozen" (G) - 6/15 "When Did You Last See Your Father?" (PG-13) - 6/22 "Little Miss Sunshine" (R) -

6/29 "Taking Father Home" (Not rated).

6/2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 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.

6/2 - 7:00 PM - What is Dowsing? - Bill Getz has been dowsing water wells and finding 'good' water for 50+ years. In this interesting and informative class, Bill will discuss the history of dowsing and how he got started. You'll learn about dowsing tools and what dowsing can be used for, besides finding water. **Registration is required.**

6/4 - 9:30 AM - Needling Felting - Backyard Birds - Sharon Costello from [Black Sheep Designs](#) returns to the library for another wonderful workshop. Learn the basics of sculpting with wool using a felting needle. This workshop will take you through the steps of creating a bird ornament while teaching you basics techniques that can be used to create many different pieces. Please note* there is a \$5.00 materials fee for this class. **Registration is required.**

6/7, 14, 21, 28 - 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.

6/9 - 7:00 PM - In Concert - Kapriol - The Dutch/Frisian band Kapriol! presents a unique and rich swinging program of dance melodies and songs consisting of either Dutch traditionals, or their own compositions. Their music also has influences from several other styles like renaissance music and world music. The musicians of this group are all multi-instrumentalists. Suggested Donation \$10.00 for adults.

6/9 and 6/21 - 6:30-8:30 PM - Children's Health Insurance Program Assistance - by Bassett Health-care. An outreach worker will be available to answer your questions and give you free personal assistance. No appointments are necessary.

6/16 - 6:30 PM - Helping Your Pet Alleviate Negative Behaviors - In this 2-hour class animal communicator, Coryelle Kramer, will teach you how to help your pet stop their negative behaviors and show you how to get your power back in unwanted behavior situations. **Registration is Required.**

6/17 - 5:30 PM - Dinner & A Movie "True Grit" (PG-13) - We'll provide the pizza and drinks and you bring a dessert to share. *Please note: this movie is rated (PG-13) and is not appropriate for young children.* This one fills up quick so register soon. **Registration is Required.**

6/18 - 9:00 to 2:00 - Drop-In Craft - Drop-in and follow the instructions to make an origami frog and balloon.

6/18 - 11:00 AM - Family Film - "Gnomeo & Juliet (G) - Caught up in a feud between neighbors, Gnomeo and Juliet must overcome as many obstacles as their namesakes.

6/20 - 1:30 PM - Registration for Summer Reading Club Begins - Stop by the library, grab a reading record, sign up for fun programs and read all summer long to win great prizes.

6/28 - 7:00 PM - Family Film - "The Rescuers Down Under (G) The world's bravest mice, Bernard and Miss Bianca, answer a call for help from deep in the heart of Australia's vast and unpredictable Outback.

6/30 - 1:00 PM - Aunt Helen's Closet - Storyteller Ellen Mnich of Loudonville will bring her museum approach to education to our Summer Reading Program with her Aunt Helen's Closet interactive presentation. Mnich's Aunt Helen traveled the world for over 60 years gathering mementos, artifacts and souvenirs that she saved over the decades. **For kids is grades Pre - K - 5th.** Part of our Summer Reading Club - **Registration is required.**

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

A Report from the Supervisor

At the May 10th Town Board Meeting, Gary Zeh announced his resignation as Highway Superintendent effective May 13th due to personal and financial reasons. In such a difficult economy, he was indeed fortunate to find full-time employment at better pay elsewhere. I extend good wishes for success in all his future endeavors. At a Special Town Board meeting held on May 18th, the Town Board unanimously accepted Gary's resignation and appointed Dave Potter as Acting Highway Superintendent and Mark Chase as Deputy Highway Superintendent.

Dave brings 25 years of knowledge and experience in highway issues to the position. He and Mark expect to rise to the challenge and continue the fine work of the highway department. I thank them both for their willingness to accept the positions and hope the transition will be a smooth one.

The newly formed "Garden Committee" held its first meeting on May 18th. This committee's purpose is to re-landscape the VFW memorial garden in front of Town Hall. Joining me for this meeting were VFW officials Otto Metzger and Walter Schloen as well as Dave Bowdish, Jim Glorioso, Jack Kudlack, and Fred Stettner. Jim, who was named Chairman, submitted a sketch of what he thought our goal could be. Only needing minor revisions due to logistical factors, this plan was embraced by the committee. We are now invigorated to get the plans in motion.

To this end, we are accepting donations in the hopes that we will be able to complete this project entirely with voluntary contributions and volunteer labor. Letters will be going out to area merchants seeking donations of money as well as materials. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the garden project, please make your check payable to the Town of Rensselaerville and write "garden project" on the memo line. Send it to the attention of Kathy Hallenbeck, Town Clerk, at 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120. We'll keep you posted as work gets underway.

We continue to work with the accountant from Pattison, Koskey, Howe and Bucci CPAs on the 2010 Annual Update Document (AUD). We have been delayed due to critical accounting errors from previous bookkeepers, but are working to get them corrected. In speaking with a spokesman from the Albany County Department of Budget and Management, they are more interested in us getting this report right rather than getting it done quickly. Although they encourage us to submit it as soon as possible, there is no penalty to the Town for taking the time necessary to do it right. Our goal is to submit an accurate report as soon as possible.

The Town Board has unanimously agreed to enter into a business relationship with eWASTE Alliance Network for the collection of electronic equipment which can no longer be disposed of in NYS landfills and transfer stations as of April 1, 2011. The company will provide us with a pallet for the collection of such items as computers, TVs, monitors, keyboards and mice, fax machines, printers and scanners, cell phones, VCRs and DVRs, etc., and then, when filled, will pick up the pallet. This service comes at no charge to the Town or the taxpayers and will enable residents to dispose of such items on a more frequent basis than the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in the Town of Bethlehem. More information will be forthcoming once the program is up and running.

Training continues for the MUNIS financial accounting software. It is quite intensive, to say the least, and we still have a lot to learn. We hope to "go live" as of July 1, 2011, or very soon thereafter. And once again, I must thank Albany County Comptroller Mike Connors and his office for the incredible amount of support and assistance we have received as a result of the collaboration between his office and the Town.

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

Marie



RENSSELAERVILLE FESTIVAL OF WRITERS 2011 A SENSE OF PLACE

***MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN* AUTHOR TO APPEAR AT JULY 28-31 WRITERS FEST**

From Rensselaerville's Huyck Preserve and Voorheesville's Helderberg Workshop to communities nationwide, outdoor educators have built courses around Jean Craighead George's survival classic *My Side of the Mountain*.

As part of the 2011 Rensselaerville Festival of Writers (July 28-31), the Newbury Award-winning author of more than 100 books will be treated to a tribute. Now in her 90's, Ms. George will be guest of honor at a staged reading of her work, directed and performed by lovers of her fiction. Open to the public, this event will run from 4 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 30 in historic Conkling Hall at 8 Methodist Hill Road, Rensselaerville.

On Saturday afternoon, the author and her daughter, author Twig George, will visit the Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve and Biological Research Station for an exclusive book signing with children who take part in a free naturalist workshop. This workshop is open to a limited number of registered summer reading program participants. Summer reading program registration is in June. Contact the Rensselaerville Library for details.

My Side of the Mountain is about a New York City runaway who survived in the Catskills. The novel was adapted into a film, which will be screened on Thursday, July 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Conkling Hall.

The first of four sequels, the novel is partly based on the Outlet Falls at Thacher Park and the Rensselaerville Falls - a short walk from the historic hamlet that is hosting the Festival. The four-day celebration of literature includes readings, book signings, writing workshops, discussions, exhibits, a book sale and a gala cocktail party with the authors.

The line-up features: Helen Benedict, Tim Cahill, Nick Flynn, Verlyn Klinkenborg, Barry Kuhar, Suzannah Lessard, Mary Morris, Howard Nelson, Stephen O'Connor, Francine Prose, Donna Schaper, Mary Tannen, Roderick & Wyatt Townley, and Maria Tucci.

**For more information: (518) 797-3949 * e-mail: Festival@rensselaervillelibrary.org
www.rensselaervillelibrary.org * www.facebook.com/RensselaervilleLibrary**

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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

TRINITY CHURCH BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION CONTINUES

All invited to celebration events to take place at Trinity Episcopal Church-Rensselaerville

Join us as we continue to celebrate the Bicentennial of the founding of Trinity Episcopal Church, the little white church on the hill above the Ten Mile Creek.

Please join us as we use the Prayer Book from the era's past to celebrate communion at the following services:

May 29, 2011

- 11 am Celebration of 1911 Communion Service, Centennial Anniversary Commemoration at Trinity Church

Also plan to join us on Founders Day for an entire day of events:

June 4, 2011

- Noon - 3:30 pm: Day long Church Tours, discover the fascinating history of your village church.
- Noon - 2 pm: Cemetery Tours (Graveyard Gambling, Scavenger Hunt)
- 4 pm: Founders Day Bicentennial Celebration
- 8 pm: Concert and Gala Reception with champagne and dessert, Conkling Hall with music by "The Lost Radio Rounders" American folk band.

June 5, 2011

- 11 am: Celebration of 1811 Communion Service

For more information contact Fr. Jay North at 797-3058.



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Summer in the Park!!!

Community Chalk Art
Festival

Sat. July 2nd

12pm-5pm

All are welcome! Categories and prizes for adults and children. FREE bouncy house, hotdogs, cotton candy, snow cones, and more. Live music, all is FREE! (bring your own chalk).

Chalk art competition will close at 4:00 for judging.

call: (518)263-4478 for pre registration
or more details



Wednesday Nights in the
Park!

6pm-7:30pm

Every Wednesday starting July 6th through the month of Aug. We will be meeting under the pavilion for live worship, and simultaneously holding children's clubs with crafts, games bible stories and more! Every third

Wed. we will have a pot luck barbeque and stay together for a family oriented night of games and more! (rain location Potter Hollow Union Church Fellowship Hall).

**Sponsored by
Potter Hollow Union Church**



Other Events

Potter Hollow Union Church

Ephesians 4:15-16

Sundays:

**9:30 Youth & Adult Bible
Studies**

10:30am Morning Worship

The Old Country Church

SWAP Shop open

Wed. & Fri. 10am -2pm

Located in our historic building
at the start of Scott Patten Rd. in
Potter Hollow

ANTSHILLVANIA



Family Musical

June 12th 6pm

*Bring out the whole family for
a night you are sure to
remember!*

VISIT US in our Fellowship Hall! 4824 Potter Hollow Rd. Potter Hollow NY.

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

or look for us on FACEBOOK!

A Note from Marion Cooke

Well as most of you have probably heard by now, Gary Zeh has resigned his position of Highway Superintendent. I would like to thank him for the job he did on the roads during the time he served and wish him and his family the best of luck in the future. I am sure his family will enjoy having him home more as he was always out working nights and weekends. He certainly was the most qualified Highway Superintendent we have had in a long time. As one speaker at the Town Board meeting stated, if you have someone that is qualified and has the knowledge to do the job correctly, you have to pay the person what he is worth. I wonder now if the majority of the Town Board could have gotten past the politics and gave him the raise he asked for at budget time if it would have made any difference. The highway employees received raises through the union contract (and with their overtime pay some of them make nearly as much as the Superintendent does), the Assessors received a raise, Justice Clerks received a raise, the Town Clerk received a raise and the Recycling Coordinator received a raise for this year. Some of those pay raises were on top of raises they received in 2010. I guess we all can read between the lines. We all know that the Town of Rensselaerville salary for the Highway Superintendent position is the lowest paying around compared to other neighboring towns. In fact with the responsibilities that position carries, in my opinion, it is why out of line with some of the other salaries we are paying.

As I am writing this letter on May 12th, I wonder who the majority of the Board has in mind to replace him. By the time this newsletter comes out we will all know. Whoever it is, I hope that he is treated with a whole lot more respect. As Gary stated when he resigned, the politics have to stop if this Town expects to move forward. He treated every resident fairly (regardless of politics) and tried to address any concerns anyone had about problems on their roads.

Did he make mistakes? Of course he did - but then so didn't we all. If there is anyone that can state they didn't, I would like to know who that person is. From corrections in the minutes, errors I have admitted making myself, to corrections in financials reports and apparently for the lack of corrections in the 2009 Annual Report, we still don't have the 2010 Annual Report done. Whose error is that and who didn't get their job done there?

So as the business of the Town of Rensselaerville moves on, let us all remember that while the choice to resign was ultimately only Gary Zeh's, 567 people had a hand in electing him but less than a handful of people played a bigger hand in his decision to resign.

As always, these are my opinions only and I am certain this time, they do not reflect the opinions of the rest of the Town Board.

Until next time-----
Marion

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Help Wanted ...

The Planning Board for the Town of Rensselaerville is seeking letters of interest from any Town resident to fill a vacant seat on the Board. This is to fill an unexpired term ending on 12/31/2013. The Planning Board meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm as needed. The Planning Board's primary responsibilities are to review all minor/major subdivision requests and to ensure responsible land use within the Town.

All letters of interest should be addressed to Kathy Hallenbeck, Town Clerk, at 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120 or faxed to 518-239-6339 or emailed to townclerk@rensselaerville.com. Letters of interest are due in the Town Clerk's office no later than June 30, 2011.



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- \$181,563.96.

The Abele voucher for the excavator rental and utilization rates were discussed

*A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to pay all signed vouchers including the vouchers discussed; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

CORRESPONDENCE

- Albany County Office of the Executive - Block Grant
A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack authorizing Supervisor Dermody to send a letter of support for the Small Cities Grant to Mr. Lawlor, Commissioner/CEO, NYS Homes and Communities Renewal; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
- NYS Department of Taxation & Finance - Assessor Interim Certificate - assessor certification
- Town of Rensselaerville Ambulance Squad and the Fireman Association of the State of New York - budget items Workmen's Comp.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR DERMODY

- OPERATING STATEMENTS: Supervisor Dermody distributed copies of the Operating Statements ending March 31st, the Abstract of Audited Vouchers, March 9th - April 12th, and the Account Summary as of today.
- Councilwoman Cooke questioned budget line "Control of Dogs." Supervisor Dermody will talk to the Bookkeeper in the morning.
- PAYROLL AUDIT: The January audit was done by Councilman Chase, the February audit was done by Councilman Bolte. They found no errors. Councilwoman Cooke will do the March payroll audit.
- LIGHTING UPGRADE: Supervisor Dermody reported that the lighting upgrade has been completed.
- AED CABINET: We received the cabinet. CEO Overbaugh has agreed to mount it on the wall by the Town Clerk's office.
- MARCH WASTE OIL COLLECTION: We collected 54 gallons.
- AUD: The accountants are working to get the AUD done.
- JOB DESCRIPTION - RENSSELAERVILLE WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT - TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR: The job description was discussed.
- 2010 CENSUS: Supervisor Dermody reported that as a result of the 2010 Census, the Town has seen a 6.8% decrease in population, from 1915 in 2000 to 1843 in 2010. Based on this decrease, we are projected to receive \$39,342.00 less in sales tax revenues for this year.
- OPEN MEETINGS LAW: Supervisor Dermody spoke to Bob Freeman, who said the error was in signing the letter with their official capacity. For that they apologize, as she speaks for the other two members who were involved in that letter. It will not happen again.
- EWASTE RECYCLING: Supervisor Dermody explained that they would provide us with a pallet and a box and we would collect TVs, keyboards, monitors, computers, etc. When the pallet is full, they will come and pick it up free of charge. They would fill out all the paperwork for DEC.
- WORK PLACE VIOLENCE: Supervisor Dermody attended a training session in the Town of Coeymans on Work-place Violence and Sexual Harassment. Supervisor Dermody has ordered a DVDs on these issues. Once they arrive, she will be setting up mandatory training for all employees, elected officials, and appointees.
- FEMA: Supervisor Dermody reported that she filed the last FEMA report on March 30th. It was for the water control facility.
- GREEN FIBER: For the month of March we collected over ten tons.
- PAY PHONES: The pay phones at the Bayard Elsbree Park and Town Hall each have a call volume of about 44 calls a year. The cost per month is \$82.68 or about \$22.50 per call. Do we want to keep the pay phone?
- RIGHT TO FARM LAW: Mr. Glorioso presented ten Right to Farm Law signs to Supervisor Dermody for the Town. Supervisor Dermody has contacted the State and County concerning the permits.
- CAR AND BUS AGREEMENT: Westerlo has sent us two signed agreements.
Attorney Catalano mentioned that this agreement will be in effect until the end of this year.
*A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to enter into this agreement with the Town of Westerlo for the shared use of the bus and car with the prices indicated in the agreement and that the Supervisor is authorized to sign it; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
- BOARD OF ETHICS - VACANCY
*A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to re-appoint Georgette Koenig to the Board of Ethics for a five year term; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
- SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that we are in the process of setting up this program. This year the youths will only work 3 hours a day for 4 weeks.
- MAIN CARE & OLD FURNACE: Supervisor Dermody reported that she received a message from Main Care that it is time to start thinking about replacing, especially Unit 3.
*A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept the Supervisor's Report; 2nd by Councilwoman

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

TOWN ATTORNEY

- **CODIFICATION:** Attorney Catalano reported that he is working on the law to authorize the Codification.
*A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept Attorney Catalano's report, 2nd by Councilman Bolte.
Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- **ROUTE 85:** Superintendent Zeh mentioned that the State is going to do some paving on Route 85 this year. He thinks it is only going to be the letter "S" portion of it. He recommends that residents write letters to DOT.
- **SALT & SAND/FUEL & GAS:** Superintendent Zeh mentioned that there is only about \$6000.00 left in sand and salt budget. They were using about \$8000.00 a month for gas and fuel; that number will go up.
- **MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS:** Superintendent Zeh reported that last month they spent about \$6800.00 in repairs on the trucks and equipment.
- **RFP/RFQ:** Superintendent Zeh asked when he has to come to the Town Board to get permission to send out RFPs or RFQs.
-Attorney Catalano mentioned that if it is over \$1000.00, you need 2 written quotes, \$3000.00 you need 3 or more. For things that can be planned in advance, there should be RFP or RFQ. Send them to him and he will help with the wording. We have to keep that as a process that is consistent. The RFP is how you are requesting the quotes, and the quotes depend on the RFP. How you word the RFP is something that could be identified in an audit.
- **BULK OIL:** Superintendent Zeh mentioned he sent out quotes for motor oil and hydraulic oil that they use large sums of. He got two quotes. He had the bulk tank filled before the price went up. It is over \$1000.00.
-Attorney Catalano, this is one of these instances where you can call the Board and get a special meeting scheduled or pay less than \$1000.00. Superintendent Zeh feels that you should trust him to spend the money in his budget up to \$10,000.00 like the procurement policy reads as long as he submits the supporting documents.
- **STATE CHIPS FUNDING:** CHIPS money can no longer be used for oil and stone or chip seal treatments.
- **HIGHWAY MATERIAL BIDS:** Superintendent Zeh mentioned that Main Care and Otsego Iron & Steel did not notarize their Non-Collusive Bidding Certificates. This leaves us only one price on fuel, gas and pipe.
-Attorney Catalano mentioned that we could reject all bids on those items and rebid them.
-The Town Board discussed the fixed price versus the fluctuating price for fuel and gas.
*A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to reject all bids for fuel oil, gas, diesel, heating contracts and re-bid; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
*A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to authorize the bidding of the fuel and furnace related items to be opened on May 5th and notice a Special Meeting to award the bids; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.
Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)
*A motion as made by Councilman Bolte to accept the analysis on all the rest of the low bids for highway materials; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. (Bid analysis attached) *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
- **RFP - USED HYDRAULIC POWER TILT BUCKET POSITIONER:** Superintendent Zeh would like to submit this out for an RFP so we could use our excavator more effectively.
-Supervisor Dermody asked if getting this means that you won't have to rent an excavator and will the excavator handle the work.
-Superintendent Zeh, correct. They will have to do some work on the excavator but the cost will be under \$1000.00.
-Discussed briefly was to advertise for both a new or used positioner. Only a used positioner will be advertised for.
*A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to put out for quotes for a used hydraulic power tilt bucket positioner; quotes to be received by May 5, 2011, 6:45 PM, and opened at 7:05 PM; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
- **NEW 12 FT CARBIDE-TIPPED SCARIFIER GRADER BLADE:** Superintendent Zeh explained what this piece of equipment does. It will be attached to our 1998 Champion 720A Grader. The cost should be under \$3000.00. This will be used quite often because we have a lot of dirt roads.
*A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to put out quotes for a scarifier grader blade; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. (Quotes to be received by May 5th, 6:45 PM, opened at 7:05PM) *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
-Superintendent Zeh asked that Councilman Kudlack ratify his decision to purchase the pressure washer since it was in the best interest of the Town when he purchased the pressure washer.
-Discussion ensued.
-Superintendent Zeh suggested that the Town Board get together, send out the RFP, and purchase it yourselves.
-Supervisor Dermody asked where we are with our seasonal roads, the training program, and the Highway

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Agreement.

Superintendent Zeh, the roads are all opened. The training program, not yet. He will have the Highway Agreement for the next Town Board Meeting.

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

TOWN CLERK:

Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported the following collected and paid out for the month of March 2011; Town Clerk Department - Total Collected - \$407.00. Paid to the Supervisor - \$353.60. (fees); Paid to NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets - \$26.00 (Dogs - State Surcharge); Paid to NYS Departmental Conservation - \$27.40 (sporting license); Paid to NYS Department of Health - \$0.00 (marriage license). Water Rents Collected - \$1646.83. Sewer Rents Collected - \$4856.15. Tax Collection - Albany County - \$175,000.00 (toward settlement).

*A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of March 2011; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR:

CEO Overbaugh reported the following collected for the month of March 2011: 1 - Zoning Residential Use - \$10.00. (Zoning Residential Use - Denied)

CEO Overbaugh also reported that they have been working on the problems with some of the 911 numbers. They are working on the open building permits, especially the expired ones, to see if the work is done. The Zoning Review Committee has worked for 20 months on the 2007 Zoning Law. They have gone over it from cover to cover at least three times. They now have a document that is semi-complete; the two attorneys are reviewing it.

*A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept CEO Overbaugh's report; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT:

Assessor Pine thanked CEO Overbaugh for cooperating with the Assessing Department and sharing a clerk between the two departments has been beneficial. They have been updating assessments. If you have questions or problems, please come see them. Grievance Day is May 24th, 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 PM (tentative). Forms are available at the Town Hall. The tax roll will be on line after May 1st. NYS is not including any money in the budget for REVAL. There will be a new 2% cap on STAR savings. Assessor Pine had some forms on equalization rates for Greenville and Middleburgh School districts.

Assessor Pine mentioned that on the Right to Farm Law all the subdivisions must be stamped with that information.

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

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE:

- ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2010: Again this year we are fault for one item, the THMs. Chairman Long is recommending that we ask our engineer to investigate a way to get rid of the THM's.
- TREATMENT OFFICER CERTIFICATION: Supervisor Dermody received a letter from Doug Story; he is working toward certification but is unable to give a definite timeline on when he will get certified.

Supervisor Dermody received an email from Thomas Brady, Assistant Director, Albany County Department of Health. He feels that Mr. Story is making a good faith effort to get certified. Mr. Brady also spoke to Mr. Budrow of Fraser Associates concerning exploring hiring an outside firm to over see the water treatment process. This is a good idea and in many ways a more reliable course. It involves a continuing expense.

- SEWER DISTRICT: Chairman Long reported that they had a failure in one of the pumps at the plant. J. Hall Ltd. came in and replaced the pump.
- IMPOUNDMENT DAM - RCAP LOAN: Attorney Catalano mentioned if the Board would like us to present the application for the RCAP loan, he needs the Board to adopt a resolution that authorizes the Town Supervisor and the Town Attorney to prepare the application and submit it on behalf of the Water District.

*A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to adopt a resolution that authorizes the Town Attorney and the Town Supervisor along with Jack Long to prepare an application for the RCAP Loan to pay for the cost of the Impoundment Dam Project to be submitted on behalf of the Water District; 2nd by Supervisor Dermody.

-Attorney Catalano mentioned that it doesn't commit the Town to anything. We don't have to accept the loan if we don't like the terms; it is just another form of financing that is out there. At least we would be in the system.

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

-Attorney Catalano, the next requirement is that the Town Board holds a public hearing on the proposed repairs. After the public hearing, then we can decide whether to authorize the financing and to go ahead with the project.

PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION: R2011412WS-1 *Councilman Bolte moved that we adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the water supply dam that is a necessary component of the water supply system for the Town water district is in need of reconstruction and repair due to age damage and flood damage that has

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occurred in recent years; and

Whereas, the Town Board has commissioned an engineering report, map and plan together with the cost for the water supply dam reconstruction and repair; and

Whereas, the Town Board has identified a proposed plan that is suitable to correct the problems with said dam and has received the necessary permit for the Department of Environmental Conservation; and

Whereas, the Town Board desires to hold a public hearing on the proposed rehabilitation or reconstruction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Town Board hereby orders that a public hearing be held on May 10, 2011, at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall on the proposed map, plan and construction estimate for the rehabilitation, repair and/or reconstruction of the water supply dam located in the Ten Mile Creek that is a necessary component of the Rensselaerville Water District No. 1.
2. The Town Board hereby orders the Town Clerk and Town Attorney to prepare, publish and post a notice of the aforesaid hearing as required by law.

2nd by Councilman Kudlack.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results;

Supervisor Dermody-AYE, Councilman Bolte-AYE, Councilwoman Cooke-AYE, Councilman Kudlack-AYE

- **ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID RESOLUTION - R20110412WS-2**

Attorney Catalano, this is to authorize the advertisement for bids for the water supply project. He will notify the Town Board when the Bond Counsel and Engineer feel they would be opened.

*Supervisor Dermody moved that we adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the water supply dam that is a necessary component of the water supply system for the Town water district is in need of reconstruction and repair due to age and flood damage that has occurred in recent years; and

Whereas, the Town Board has commissioned an engineering report, map and plan together with cost estimates for the water supply dam reconstruction and repair; and

Whereas, the Town Board has identified a proposed plan that is suitable to correct the problems with said dam and has received the necessary permit from the Department of Environmental Conservation; and

Whereas, the Town Board has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed dam project rehabilitation or reconstruction pursuant to Town Law; and

Whereas, given the relatively short window of time in which any construction work has to be completed pursuant to the DEC permit, it is appropriate to authorize the bidding process for such project so that if the Town Board desires to proceed with the project after the public hearing, there will be time to complete the project pursuant to the permit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes the advertisement for bids for the above-described water supply project for Town Water District No. 1 pursuant to the plans and other documents prepared by Fraser and Associates, the Town engineers for the project.

2nd by Councilman Kudlack;

-Councilman Bolte mentioned that the previous letter states that we need a new pipe from the Impoundment Dam to the Treatment Facility. Is that going to be taken care in these drawings?

-Attorney Catalano mentioned that is one of these issues that he is working out with Bond Counsel and the Engineer because they are going to see if they can include it as an add-on.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Supervisor Dermody-AYE, Councilman Bolte-AYE, Councilwoman Cooke-AYE, Councilman Kudlack-AYE

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to accept the report of the Water/Sewer Committee; 2nd by Councilman Cooke. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Cooke, Bolte, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

TOWN JUSTICE ANNUAL REPORT:

JUSTICE MILLER: Councilwoman Cooke has been working on the Annual Report. She handed her report to Supervisor Dermody who will give it to Justice Miller and his Clerk. They will write a response explaining the discrepancy.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR

- Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of March: Green Fiber - 10.6 tons of magazines, cardboard, newspapers. Rensselaerville Iron & Steel - None. Tires - 42 (some of these tires the highway department picked up, people are throwing them on the side of the road. Keep your eye open, get license plate numbers of these people, and they will be reported), City of Albany Landfill - 53.09 tons, Sierra Fibers - 3.73 tons and oil collected - 54 gallons.

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- Electronic Recycling - The first of April the law changed. Anyone who sells electronics must take the old equipment back.
-Supervisor Dermody and Recycling Coordinator will go over all the information from eWASTE Alliance before committing to the program.

Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported that the Girl Scouts had a cookie sale a couple of weeks ago. Everything went well and they made a lot of money.

*A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to accept the monthly report from Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck; 2nd by Supervisor Dermody. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

CURRENT EVENTS:

- Middleburgh VFW will host their monthly breakfast, April 17th, 7:30 to 11AM, \$5.00, all you can eat.
- Go Green Day - Albany County Cooperative Extension, Voorheesville, NY - April 30th, 11am to 3pm.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

- CLEANING POSITION: *A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to appoint Kayla Lee to the cleaning position at \$10.20 per hour, four hours per week with a 90-day probationary period; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
- WORKPLACE VIOLENCE POLICY: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that Attorney Catalano came up with this draft policy which should have been in place in 2009. The Town Board discussed the policy and revisions.
- NON-HARRASSMENT POLICY: Councilwoman Cooke asked who is going to investigate this.
-Georgette Koenig asked if it would come to an ethics charge, would it fall under the Ethics Board.
-Attorney Catalano mentioned that it doesn't fall under their jurisdiction now, but it is an interesting point that they would expand the Ethics Board. This issue was discussed.
-That's an idea that we could expand the Ethics Board authority and jurisdiction to include a workplace violence committee. Attorney Catalano suggested that Georgette Koenig correspond with the Ethics Committee and see if that is something that would be acceptable and report back to him and the Town Board.
- JCAP AWARD: Justice La Plante got this award from JACAP consisting of a closed circuit TV system for the Court. The provider was from Scott Alarm System for \$3129.00; he got 100% of the award. We have already received the funding.
-Scott Alarm's policy is 50% down on the onset of the project and the other 50% when the job is done.
*A motion was made by Councilman Bolte giving the Supervisor the authority to pay 50% of the cost of the Judge's camera and equipment when it is delivered; the rest gets paid when the job is completed; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

BAYARD ELSBREE MEMORIAL PARK - CEILING REPAIR:

The Bayard Elsbree Park Committee would like to purchase materials for the repair of the ceiling in the pavilion. Supervisor Dermody read the material list for the RFP. The estimated cost is \$1500.00. She asked if we could authorize the Treasurer of the Committee to award the purchase of the materials from the lowest responsible bidder. Attorney Catalano mentioned that you can do that as long as the proposal from the vendor is provided to us.

*A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody that we put out this RFP for building materials for the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park for the ceiling pavilion repair and that all proposals be submitted on or before April 25th and that we authorize the Treasurer of the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Committee to select the lowest responsible vendor for this project and submit all proposals to the Town Board; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

RENSELAERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY - NEW MEMBER - ERIC WILSON

*A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to add Eric Wilson to the Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company's membership list; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

RENSELAERVILLE GARAGE SALE DAY - RENSELAERVILLE PLAYGROUND

The Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Battalion will be holding their Annual Garage Sale Day on May 21st. Supervisor Dermody received an email from Mrs. Tanner asking for permission for a vendor to use the Playground as was done last year also.

*A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to allow this person to use the park with the same conditions as last year; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Georgette Koenig spoke concerning the pay phones; there is no service here
- K. B. Cooke spoke about the pressure washer; mentioned that the superintendent did the job of the highway

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- clerk last year. It was in the budget for \$10,000.00. He believed that he should receive the money.
- Robert Sieger asked why the highway superintendent sits here and the previous superintendent sat up front. He hasn't asked to sit up here.
- Mr. Seiger spoke about partisan politics.
 - Supervisor Dermody, she has committed herself to the best of her ability to do what is right even if it is not popular.
- Mr. Parker spoke about the anti-violence policy as being more or less anti-gun
- Jeff Pine has a mcell at his house for improved cell service.
- Superintendent Zeh thanked the highway men for working with him and doing a great job.
- Steve Wood asked Superintendent Zeh to explain footage and hours on machines
- Susan Lewis thanked Mr. Glorioso for the Right to Farm Law signs and asked that the Town look into their own Right to Farm Law.
 - Supervisor Dermody, we've talked about that and the Attorney felt that any Town law would be a duplicate of the county law.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to go into Executive Session at the request of the Highway Superintendent and that Superintendent Zeh and Attorney Catalano be invited to attend; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. (10:20pm) *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

*A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to come out of Executive session; 2nd by Supervisor Dermody. (10:32pm). *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

HIGHWAY CLERK: *A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody authorizing Superintendent Zeh to appoint a Highway Clerk with a 90-day probationary period; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

-Councilman Bolte asked if he could make a motion to pay the Highway Superintendent the Clerk's salary instead of hiring a clerk.

-Supervisor Dermody, no, as far as she is concerned those salaries were posted in a legal notice as part of the budget process and we all knew what our salary was when we took the job.

-Councilman Bolte, he agrees with that; it is in Town Law. Can he have two positions?

-Attorney Catalano will have to look at that. The thing is, you get elected, you propose a budget, there is a public hearing on it, the budget is approved and then you raise your salaries; that can't be done.

ADJOURNMENT: *A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 PM; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried.*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

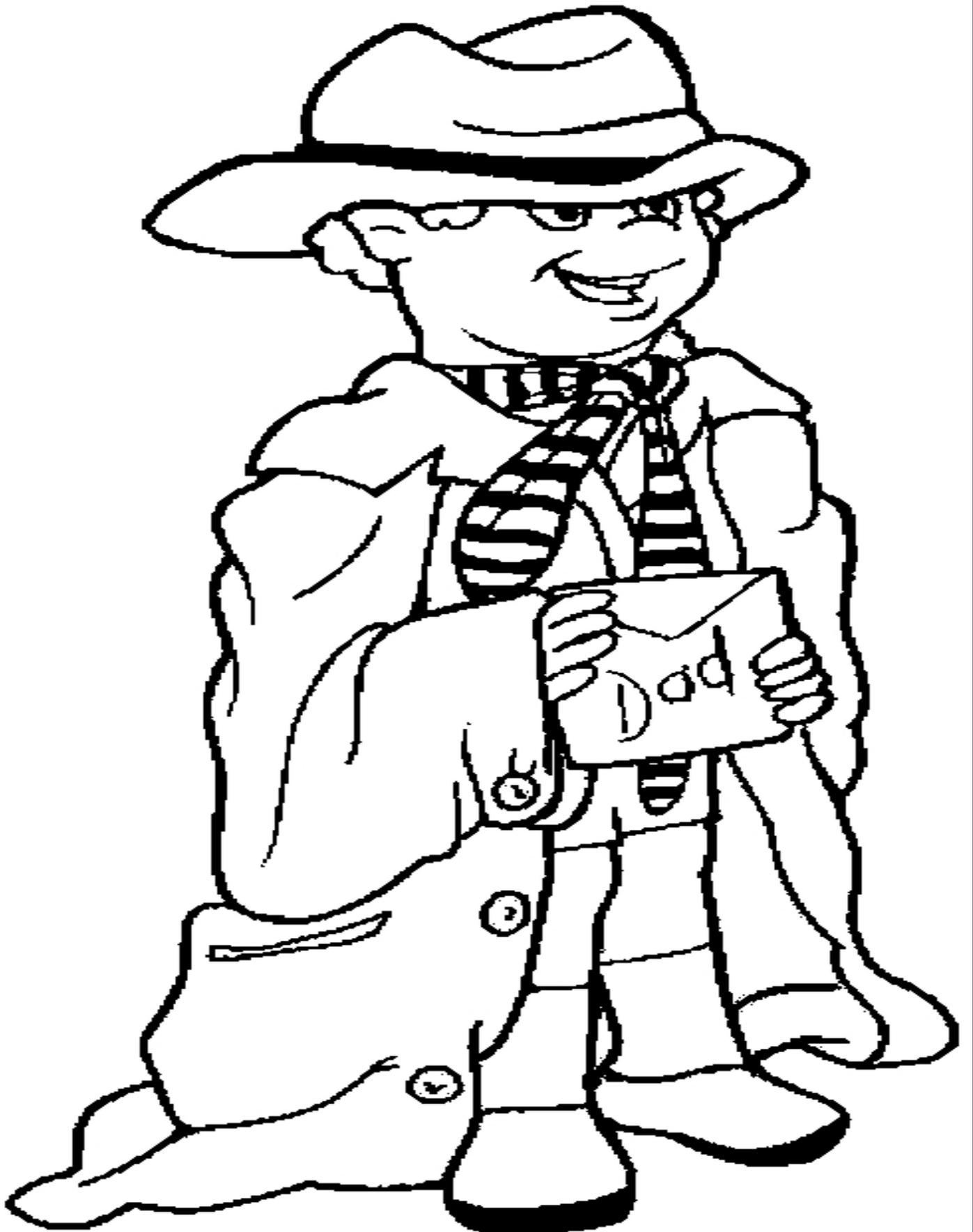
Kathleen A. Hallenbeck
Town Clerk

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



Happy Father's Day

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.



NEW Important Contact Information

Town Board Meetings
Second Tuesday 7:00 pm

Working Meeting
Thursday preceding regular meeting
7:00 pm

Town Justice Court
Mondays 7:00 pm

Planning Board
First and third Thursdays 7:30 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals
First Tuesday 7:00 pm

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

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

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

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

Assessors' Clerk Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday morning

Dog Control Officer
Cheryl Baitsholts
518-797-5201

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

Water/Sewer District Meeting
Fourth Thursday 7:00 pm

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

Bookkeeper
Sarah Hunt

Town Clerk & Collector
Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Town Justices
Victor La Plante
Timothy Miller

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

Building Inspector
& Code Enforcement Officer
Mark Overbaugh

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

Highway Superintendent
Gary Zeh

Planning Board
Muriel Frasher, Chairperson
Kathy Wank, Secretary

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

Deputy Town Clerk
Dee Andrus

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Social Number - 797-3218

Tri-Village Fire Company, 911
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765-5979
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Rensselaerville Vol. Ambulance, 911
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